

Questions and Responses for RFP # 4167 Therapeutic Foster Care

1. **Is there any ability to request a waiver of the qualification of the TFC parents from the Title 48 Child Placing Standards as written below?**

R. Therapeutic Foster Homes

a. Qualifications

i. A minimum of a four year college degree plus two years experience working with special needs children or four years experience in working with special needs children.

ii. At least one of the certified Therapeutic foster parent(s) shall not have out of home employment.

Response: OJJ does not issue licenses. Any questions pertaining a waiver will have to be directed to The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) who issue licenses for our residential facilities.

2. **In the RFP on page 13, (H) does the below pertain to community based Therapeutic Foster Care programs, since Foster Homes will be the where the “program” takes place?**

H. Proposed Site and Start-up Ability

Proposers shall identify the location of the physical facility and include site and floor plans, Proof of ownership of property to be used for program or a copy of the lease or letter of commitment from the landlord for leased property to be used for the program. The physical facility must be within the State of Louisiana. The proposed site needs to be appropriate and well suited to the program being offered. Square footage should be adequate to the needs of the youth served. The Proposer should indicate that the site will be ready to start the program within 30 calendar days of notice or receipt of signed contract, whatever is later

Response: The program will need to have a main office where documentation will be stored and training will take place. This site will also be where the Contract Monitor will make monthly visits to review documentation. This site as well at the Foster Homes must be within the State of Louisiana. As stated above, the homes will need to be adequate to the needs of the youth served.

3. **Since this issuance of a similar RFP September 2015, does the need for 60 slots in 2016 mean that the 66 slots from the 2015 RFP have been filled and the need has grown to include 60 more TFC slots?**

Response: Our initial RFP only filled 38 of those 60 slots. Our current providers have a limited number of beds in operation. We currently have access to 2 of those homes so we still have a great need for Therapeutic Foster homes.