



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SCHOOL BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Pitt County Schools is interested in receiving proposals for mental health agencies to provide mental health services to students in the school setting in Pitt County Schools. Pitt County Schools is only interested in proposals from licensed independent practitioners, outpatient therapy practices of Trillium network providers. The provider(s) selected will need to demonstrate the capacity to implement evidence based or best practice models, the capacity to develop relationships with the school system in order to co-locate services within the school settings. Applicants may select to provide services for all schools in Pitt County or an individual school.

The primary focus of this initiative is to provide school based services to address the treatment needs of children, through co-location of a MH/DD/SA clinician in each school with identified needs. This call for proposal will develop the Partnership for School Based Mental Health services. The clinician working in each school(s) would be identified as the local contact and provide assessment and treatment for children in the school(s). **There is no funding from the school district attached. Providers will be responsible for billing the parent/legal guardian/insurance/Medicaid for the services rendered. These services will provide greater access to assessment and treatment for children in the Pitt County Schools.**

It must be clearly understood that this call for proposals is being used as a vehicle to obtain applications from agencies that are capable of providing a full continuum of services to the target population. Interested clinicians should submit a letter of interest including their professional disclosure statement to Shawnda Cherry at cherrys@pitt.k12.nc.us by May 4, 2016. Candidates' applications will be reviewed, followed by an interview for the selected candidates. Candidates selected will be notified of selection by June 1, 2016. This should not be interpreted as a contract (implicit, explicit, or implied), nor does it imply any form of an agreement to any potential candidate. In addition, no inference should be made that Pitt County Schools will purchase and/or implement in the future any of the programs or services proposed by the respondents.

The respondent cannot eject or reject any client in need of services and must meet the criteria outlined in the credentialing process and service definition for these services. It is not the intent of the call for proposals to limit choice but instead to assure access to care. The agency or individual must have access to physician services 24/7/365 when applicable. The provider(s) approved must be in compliance with all applicable rules of licensure to include Clinical Coverage Policy 8C and eligible to apply for credentialing endorsement if required. All applicants must be credentialed with Trillium in order to be allowed to continue in the selection process.

If you have any questions, you may email Shawnda Cherry, Student Services Lead, Pitt County Schools at cherrys@pitt.k12.nc.us.