DDS/Provider Partnership Opportunity

April 1, 2019
Scope

- Establish a statewide network of specialized providers to offer high quality community-based supports to individuals with intellectual disability and complex mental or behavioral health needs.
- Support providers in developing person-centered environments in which individuals are treated with respect and dignity and are afforded the appropriate supports to facilitate healing and recovery.
- Expand provider capacity to rapidly and planfully develop appropriate ongoing supports for individuals with intellectual disability and complex mental or behavioral needs.
Goal

- Support a specialized provider network in developing ongoing services for individuals who may be transitioning back to community-based supports from higher levels of care, or requiring supports to be put in place in community-based settings in order to prevent crisis escalation.

- Pilot the specialized provider network with at least one provider in each Region.
Minimum Provider Qualifications:

- The provider should have at least 3 years of experience administering programs for individuals with complex mental or behavioral health needs.
- The provider should have, either on staff or subcontracted:
  - A licensed psychologist or licensed psychiatrist with at least 2 years of clinical experience supporting individuals with intellectual disability and mental or behavioral health needs, or
  - A licensed clinical social worker, or clinician with a master's degree in psychology or special education with at least 4 years of experience supporting individuals with intellectual disability and mental or behavioral health needs.
The provider must commit to participating in this award for a **minimum of 2 years**.

The provider must commit to partnering with DDS and other private providers in trainings, workgroups and consultations related to this award.

The provider must commit to supporting individuals, in consultation with and as requested by DDS.
Provider Requirements cont.

- The provider must **retain staff with the clinical skills required** to review the mental or behavioral health needs of an individual and develop a clinical behavioral support program based on their complex needs.

- The provider must **retain readily available and appropriately trained direct support staff** to provide supports to individuals with complex mental or behavioral health needs, including implementation of clinical behavioral support programs.
Provider Requirements cont.

- The provider must have or develop **a rapid response team**
  - clinical and direct support staff
  - development of emergency supports within one week of notification
  - NOT a mobile crisis team; NOT responsible for 24/7 immediate response to crisis calls
- The provider must have the ability to transition an individual with complex needs to community-based supports from the DDS Step Up/Down Unit.
  - participation in the ongoing development of a clinical behavioral support plan
  - participation at weekly rounds and monthly Regional Director Meetings
  - participation in the planning, transitioning, and follow-up into the community-based support setting
- The provider must have clinical and direct support staff readily available to transition individuals with complex needs back to community-based supports from other higher levels of care settings.
DDS Expectations

- DDS will work with each selected provider to detail a ramp-up plan and timeline.
- DDS clinical staff will provide guidance, training and clinical consultations to the awarded providers.
- DDS will determine, in consultation with the assigned provider, the most appropriate residential setting in which to support each individual. **DDS may assist the provider in finding an appropriate residential setting**, taking into consideration individual/family home, available DDS sites, provider vacancies, and third party rentals.
Funding

- DDS will provide **enhanced funding through the one time process** for two years based on a negotiated amount between DDS and the awarded provider.
  - The negotiated amount will be based on the needs outlined in the provider plan.
  - Allowable expenses will include programmatic, clinical and administrative needs required to implement the outlined program.
  - Beginning in year three of the program, DDS will review utilization and may revise payments accordingly.
- **DDS will work with awarded providers to develop enhanced rates**, in order to maintain the expanded capacity within the provider network to offer high quality community-based supports to individuals with more complex needs.
Letter of Interest –
Required Information

- Description of provider’s experience supporting individuals with complex mental or behavioral health needs.
- Brief summary of existing programs.
- Description of clinical resources.
- Detailed explanation of the provider’s programmatic, clinical and administrative needs in order to successfully expand community-based supports for individuals with complex mental or behavioral health needs.
Letter of Interest – Budget Description

- Providers should use the RFP budget summary form.
- Detail any start-up costs that will be needed to develop or expand the provider’s capacity.
Deadline

- Letters of interest are to be submitted by email by 4:00 p.m. on April 12, 2019.
- Proposals should be submitted to David.David@.ct.gov
Questions?