

Solicitation Number: 587
DOC Medical Residency Programs

Request for Information (RFI)

Correction, Dept. of

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
MEDICAL RESIDENCY PROGRAMS**

In response to Substitute Senate Bill No. 448, Public Act No. 22-133 An Act Requiring The Development Of A Plan Concerning The Delivery Of Health Care And Mental Health Care Services To Inmates Of Correctional Institutions. The Connecticut Department of Correction (CTDOC) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to higher educational institutions to gauge interest in developing clinical/medical educational training experience programs for correctional healthcare.

This request for information (RFI) is not a request for proposals (RFP) and should not be construed as such.

RFI REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Substitute Senate Bill No. 448, Public Act No. 22-133 An Act Requiring The Development Of A Plan Concerning The Delivery Of Health Care And Mental Health Care Services To Inmates Of Correctional Institutions that states;

“(16) The department shall issue a request for information to which a school of medicine may apply for purposes of providing practical training at correctional institutions as part of a medical residency program, through which residents participating in such program may provide health care services to inmates.”

The Connecticut Department of Correction is requesting information to:

1. Identify current medical residency programs that could help inform an inventory and roadmap about potential elective clinical rotations at correctional institutions.
2. Provide practical training at correctional institutions as part of a medical residency program.
3. Offer residents participating in such programs opportunities to provide health care services to incarcerated patients.
4. Offer supervision and mentorship to residents seeking potential careers in correctional healthcare settings.
5. Encourage collaboration between academic medical centers and correctional institutions in fostering a clinical workforce pipeline that will serve socioeconomically disadvantaged, vulnerable patient populations.

Please provide a response to the following questions:

1. **What clinical rotations are offered at your institution? Do you offer an elective clinical rotations, is so what are they?**
2. **Would your institution be interested in participating in a practical training program at correctional institutions as part of a medical residency program? And or developing a program for a correctional healthcare track? How would this beneficial to your institution?**



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3. **Provide a summary of an overview of what this program could entail, including course and clinical hours requirements.**
4. **Would your institution be interested offering residents opportunities to provide health care services to incarcerated patients as part of an existing residency program in place at your institution? If so, what existing program?**
5. **Would your institution be interested in entering into a collaboration between academic medical centers and correctional institutions in fostering a clinical workforce pipeline that will serve socioeconomically disadvantaged, vulnerable patient populations?**

Responses must include the name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the respondent.

Responses must be provided in searchable PDF form and uploaded to the CT Source Solicitations Board at, <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTSource/BidBoard>. The response document must be uploaded to the solicitation.

Responses are due 3:00 p.m. on December 30, 2022

Please note, as of April 1, 2021, all solicitation and contracting opportunities for state and local government entities will be posted to the CTsource Bid Board. This includes any competitive procurement opportunities posted by our agency. Registration in CT Source is required.

When registering in CTSource you will be instructed to select UNSPSC commodity codes which will automatically notify you via email when a contracting opportunity affiliated with your services is posted. Additional information can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/CTsource/Registration>. Questions regarding this registration process should be emailed directly to das.ctsource@ct.gov.

In the event that it is necessary to revise any part of the RFI, timely addenda will be posted to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) CT Source Contracting Portal. Interested respondents are solely responsible for checking these websites for RFI changes before responding.

RFI REVIEW

The State intends to review all information received in response to this RFI. This RFI is intended for information gathering purposes only and the State is not obligated in any way to use any of the information received. Generally speaking, the RFI process will assist the State in determining whether it will pursue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) with the intent to enter into a contractual agreement for such programs or services or not. Persons and/or entities responding to the RFI will not be compensated in any way. Responding to this RFI will not enhance a person or entity's chances of receiving future work from DOC. Similarly, not responding to this RFI will not be a detriment to any person or entity when responding to future competitive procurement opportunities.



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Confidential Information. The respondent understands that due regard will be given for the protection of proprietary or confidential information contained in all responses received. However, respondents should be aware that all materials associated with this RFI are subject to the terms of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") and all corresponding rules, regulations and interpretations. It will not be sufficient for respondents to merely state generally that the proposal is proprietary or confidential in nature and not, therefore, subject to release to third parties. Those particular sentences, paragraphs, pages or sections that a respondent believes to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA must be specifically identified as such. Convincing explanation and rationale sufficient to justify each exemption, consistent with Section 1-210(b) of the FOIA as it may be modified from time to time, must accompany the submission. The rationale and explanation must be stated in terms of the prospective harm to the competitive position of the respondent that would result if the identified material were to be released and the reasons why the materials are legally exempt from release pursuant to the above-cited statute. The State has no obligation to initiate, prosecute or defend any legal proceeding or to seek a protective order or other similar relief to prevent disclosure of any information that is sought pursuant to a FOIA request. Respondents have the burden of establishing the availability of any FOIA exemption in any proceeding where it is an issue. The State shall have no liability for the disclosure of any documents or information in its possession which the State believes are required to be disclosed pursuant to the FOIA or other requirements of law.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

CTDOC is a recognized leader in the provision of institutional and community correction services. It is one of only six state correctional agencies in the country with a combined system of pre-trial jails for accused inmates and prisons for sentenced inmates. Thus, Connecticut has an integrated jail and prison system, with approximately 39 percent accused and 61 percent sentenced inmates detained in the facilities. CTDOC strives to provide healthcare services in accordance with the [American Correctional Association \(ACA\)](#) and the [National Commission on Correctional Healthcare \(NCCHC\)](#) standards, as well as prevailing professional practices and community standards of care. The department also follows the guidelines established by the U.S. Preventative Services Taskforce (<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/>).

The Department incarcerates approximately 9,297 offender inmates throughout the State of Connecticut. CTDOC is responsible for incarceration of youth, male, and female sentenced and un-sentenced individuals, as well as ensuring appropriate community supervision of 3,140 offender inmates residing in the community prior to completion of their criminal sentences.

[Note:] Respondent(s) will not be responsible for the provision of healthcare to the individuals supervised in the community.

The CT DOC is one of only six state correctional agencies in the country with a combined system of pretrial jails for accused offenders and prisons for sentenced offenders. The Department houses its offenders throughout fourteen (14) facilities and/or campuses and is responsible for incarceration of youth (in the adult court system), male, and female



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sentenced and un-sentenced individuals.

Inmates are classified in level 2 (minimum) through level 5 (maximum) security statuses. Most facilities house inmates in several levels, while the newer celled facilities house predominantly level 4 and 5 offender inmates. The number of persons supervised by CTDOC at any given time fluctuates and the number of facilities operated by CTDOC is subject to change. Information about all CTDOC facilities can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOC/Miscellaneous/Facilities>.

Additional information regarding DOC and its facilities can be found at <http://portal.ct.gov/DOC>.

CTDOC Administrative Directives can be found on the DOC website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOC/Common-Elements/Common-Elements/Directives-and-Policies-Links>.

All inmates must have access to healthcare services that meet the Department's standards of care and reasonable accommodations as specified in Chapter 8 of the Administrative Directives or modifications are made in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act to allow inmates with disabilities the same opportunities for access to care as non-disabled inmates. Information about CTDOC standards of care can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOC/AD/ADChapter-8>.

CTDOC currently provides primary healthcare services by healthcare professionals who are appropriately licensed and/or credentialed in their appropriate field of practice by the State of Connecticut. CTDOC provides a full continuum of services including medical, dental and behavioral healthcare services at all levels of clinical acuity which is available for inmates beginning with the initial intake process and throughout their incarceration. Services for inmates range from preventive and primary care to hospital inpatient and outpatient including chronic and specialty care, i.e., podiatry, optometry, infectious disease, cardiology, obstetrics/gynecology, neurology, end of life/hospice/palliative care, medication-assisted treatment, etc. Medical personnel have access to translation services (language and services for the hearing or visually impaired) in order to ensure proper assessment and care. All medical and behavioral health services include access to 24 hour on-call coverage to address emergent/critical care issues. Healthcare providers perform services under the supervision of the Chief Medical Officer.

Offenders are classified according to their medical needs. CTDOC defines criteria for assigning medical levels:

- M1 - No medical problems that require nursing attention, other than problems that might arise in the future due to illness or injury.
- M2 - Are not expected to require nursing care on any regular basis; have some sub-acute or chronic disease that requires occasional nursing attention, but not on an urgent basis.
- M3 - Need predictable access to nursing care for 16 hours a day, 7 days a week (Any need for directly observed therapy at least once a day qualifies as M3).
- M4 - Need 24-hour access to nursing care, but most of the time do not actually access that care. There is a reasonable likelihood that from time to time they



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- will need 24-hour actual nursing care (not just access to it).
- M5 - Need 24-hour nursing care, possibly for an extended time.