



**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

Provider Requirements

- 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?