



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING WORKGROUP

Meeting. The Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup met on August 4, 2016, at the Iowa State Capitol, Ronald Reagan Room. Wendy Rickman, Department of Human Services (DHS), explained the upcoming Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Learning Labs. The official request will be issued by September 1, 2016, and responses will be due by early October. Successful applicants will begin coordinating learning labs in November. The Workgroup's legislative report is to be published by December 15, 2016.

Background. In 2015, [Senate File 505](#) directed the Department of Human Services, in collaboration with the Departments of Education and Public Health, to develop a Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup. The Workgroup submitted [a report to the General Assembly](#) in December 2015 that included recommendations for a phased approach to defining, testing, and implementing the Children's Well-Being subcommittee's multi-year strategy. The first phase includes the design and implementation of a formal learning network of three learning labs.

Minimum Requirements for Qualified Bidders. Agencies and relevant organizations responding to the Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Learning Lab RFP must have an established collaborative effort in place that addresses cross-system barriers for children with complex needs and must be able to successfully demonstrate experience with system delivery that promotes overall child well-being.

Contracts. The DHS expects to execute up to three contracts. Each contract will cover a maximum twelve-month period, and shall not exceed \$30,000. At a minimum, one contract will be for service provision in a rural area.

Feedback. At the end of the discussion of the RFP process, the DHS requested that input and suggestions for changes be submitted to the DHS by August 11, 2016, by 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting. The Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Ronald Reagan Room.

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