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Press Release

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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ANNOUNCES REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR OPERATING CHILDREN'S CRISIS STABILIZATION AND RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – The County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency, Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) is seeking experienced behavioral health providers to administer and operate the Santa Cruz County Children's Crisis Stabilization Program (CCSP) and the Children's Crisis Residential Program (CCRP). Interested providers must submit their responses to the County's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #23Q2-001 no later than **November 17, 2023 at 3:00pm PST.**

BHSD currently provides community-based services to approximately 2,000 minors and 5,000 adults annually through its continuum of care. With the goal of expanding these critical services to children and teens under age 18, the recently acquired facility on 5300 Soquel Drive will be renovated to serve those experiencing acute mental health crises in a safe and therapeutic environment. The facility will have the capacity to serve eight youth in the crisis stabilization unit and sixteen youth in the crisis residential program at any given time. Children and teens at this facility will receive assessment, crisis intervention, and stabilization services to support restoration to an improved level of functioning and discharge planning to the appropriate level of care. These services will be available year-round, 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

BHSD seeks to work in partnership with vendors with shared values of promoting a recovery oriented, harm reduction philosophy with person-centered, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed care.

"The operation of the Children's Crisis Program at 5300 Soquel Ave is a goal of the County BHSD and community partners to bring life-saving resources to youth and families in our community. The County of Santa Cruz invites behavioral health, healthcare or social service organizations to apply for this opportunity and help us make this vision a reality," said Tiffany Cantrell-Warren, Director of County Behavioral Health.

DEADLINES

Questions regarding the RFQ can be made via email to Maralise Howze, Buyer, at maralise.howze@santacruzcountyca.gov. Questions must be received no later than October 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm PST.

Deadline to submit the RFQ Response and supporting documentation is November 17, 2023 at 3:00 PM, PST.

Submittal Location:

General Services Department - Purchasing Division

Attn: Maralise Howze

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For additional information on this RFQ, visit the County's [General Services Department Solicitations](#) webpage.

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