

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

The Department of Health and Human Services currently provides prevention/early intervention services for at-risk children and juveniles by utilizing a variety of programs which are funded through multiple divisions within the Department. A cross system analysis is needed to examine the funding streams being utilized, and to determine whether similar services are being provided and funded through multiple divisions. State general funds are limited, and access to federal funds through grants, sub-grants, and waivers can be accessed; however, the Department needs to understand the populations being served by multiple divisions and which funding streams are being used for these services.

RFP Statute – LB 821

Section 5 of LB 820 requires the following:

The Department of Health and Human Services, with direction from the Nebraska Children’s Commission, shall contract with an independent entity specializing in Medicaid analysis to conduct a cross-system analysis of current prevention and intervention programs and services provided by the department for the safety, health, and well-being of children and funding sources to (1) identify state General Funds being used, in order to better utilize federal funds, (2) identify resources that could be better allocated to more effective services to at-risk children and juveniles transitioning to home-based and school-based interventions, and (3) provide information which will allow the replacement of state General Funds for services to at-risk children and juveniles with federal funds, with the goal of expanding the funding base for such services while reducing overall state General Fund expenditures on such services.

PROPOSAL:

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Children and Families (CFS), is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a contractor to conduct a cross system analysis of current prevention and intervention programs and services provided by the Department. The contractor shall:

- a) Identify prevention and intervention services provided by the Department for the safety, health, and well-being of children. This will include all Divisions within the Department (Children and Family Services, Medicaid, Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities).
- b) Identify state general funds being used for these services in an effort to better utilize federal funds.
- c) Identify resources that could be better allocated to more effective services to at-risk children and juveniles transitioning to home-based and school-based interventions.
- d) Provide information which will allow the replacement of state general funds for services to at-risk children and juveniles with federal funds, with the goal of expanding the funding base for such services while reducing overall state general fund expenditures for such services.

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) An independent entity specializing in Medicaid analysis.
- 2) Contractor must have an understanding of state general fund appropriations.
- 3) Contractor must have knowledge of prevention/early intervention services.
- 4) Contractor must understand the difference between state general fund appropriations and federal grants, sub-grants, and waivers.

ACCESS TO DATA:

The Department of Health and Human Services has extensive data systems across divisions. Each division's data source is different, although information can be extrapolated from each division's data base system for comparison purposes. Any data needed by the evaluator to conduct the cross-system analysis will be made available within the confidentiality parameters established by Neb. Rev. Statute and the Nebraska Administrative Code.