



Inclusion

1. Page 12 Clarify instructions for completion of Matrix of Services. Can Matrix of Services be initiated prior to 8 weeks of intervention? For example, if a child has had an ASQ and it is clear from observation, the child needs to be referred, can you initiate matrix simultaneously?

Answer: **The Matrix is designed as a follow up service once the 8-week intervention process has been completed. If it is clear from the observation the child needs to be referred, referral would be the next step in addition to initiation of the 8-week intervention process.**

2. Page 13 Clarify “provide a sample reporting form that may include child identifier, DOB, interventions, center name, etc.

Answer: **This sample reporting form would represent a suggested format for the monthly required reports.**

3. Does Early Learning Coalition Miami-Dade/Monroe (ELC) provide a budget template?

Answer: **A sample budget template is available on the ELC website.**

4. Can letters of support be provided as additional information?

Answer: **Yes, letters of support can be added as additional information.**

5. Does additional information count in page limits?

Answer: **No, the additional information will not count against the 6 page narrative. Please put additional information where appropriate in the exhibits or attachments section of the response.**

6. Does the sample reporting form count in page limits?

Answer: **No, the sampling does not count in the page limit.**

7. Are the sample reports AWI mandated or internally – developed forms?

Answer: **The sample reports will be internally-developed forms.**

8. In the program response the maximum number for pages is 6 pages double spaced. We would like to confirm that it is double spaced not single spaced.

Answer: **It is double-spaced.**

9. What is a rate schedule – is there a form you want to include in the budget/rate schedule section?

Answer: [Rate schedule refers to salaries, hourly, etc](#)

10. Is there a specific format for the budget?

Answer: [No, there is no specific format for the budget, however, there is a sample template available on the ELC website.](#)

11. Will there be start up funds available before hiring and implementing services? If so, when will these be available and what percentage is this likely to be?

Answer: [If start up funds will not be made available, adequate start up planning time will be provided as part of the contract initiation date implementation and deliverables.](#)

12. If the first year of this comprehensive Proposal is successful, is there a continuation of services likely for an additional 3-5 years?

Answer: [There will be a review and an opportunity to renew for an undetermined amount of time.](#)

13. Private pay children are listed as receiving inclusion services in the “second level” in paragraph 1 on page 11. It is unclear whether they jump straight to Matrix services or simply that they have a secondary/alternate entry into the system through teacher referral and begin with the same 8 week intervention plan. Please clarify.

Answer: [Private pay children will enter through teacher/provider referral and begin with screening/observation and if determined necessary, the 8-week intervention plan.](#)

14. Priority for children ages 0-3 years (over 3-5 yrs) is given in Paragraph 1 on page 11. It is not clear as to whether this refers to the private pay children just listed or to all the children screened. Please clarify this priority.

Answer: [Priority for children ages 0-3 years refers to the private pay children; and then services for ages 3-5.](#)

15. The proposal anticipates that 1800-2000 children will have a verified concern and require an intervention plan (page 12). How many additional children do you anticipate will have been identified as having a concern red flagged by their ASQ, yet NOT requiring an intervention plan after follow up with the teacher interview and child observation eliminated the need for further intervention?

Answer: [Current data from the past 2 years indicates that the 2000 children is the number of children with verified concerns and approximately 800 additional children red](#)

flagged on the ASQ but did not have a verified concern. Those children received no further services.

16. Does the “1800-2000 children needing a plan” on page 12, include the private pay children or are only subsidized children?

Answer: That number is only School Readiness (subsidized) children. Current trends from the past 2 years indicate less than 75 private pay children received inclusion services and are included in the total number.

17. The proposal anticipates 500 children qualifying for Matrix support. Does this include private pay children or only subsidized children?

Answer: The 500 children is anticipated to be the total number of children needing Matrix support. Since the Matrix is a new model this year, the Coalition anticipates working closely with the vendor to monitor actual needs.

18. Please clarify the cost reimbursement system. Will it be a constant monthly billing or based on numbers of contacts, screenings, plans, matrixes etc completed each month?

Answer: Cost reimbursement will be set up on a monthly basis for services rendered based on the number of contacts, screenings, plans, matrixes etc completed each month.

19. Is there a map of the 1580 CDS child care centers located on the ELC website that will help with planning services?

Answer: Location and identification of School Readiness providers can be provided to you.