

STATE OF ALASKA RFP NUMBER 2024-0700-0035

AMENDMENT NUMBER 1



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RFP TITLE: Child Care Focus Group

This amendment is being issued to respond to questions received from prospective proposers:

Question 1 Can you please provide more information about the purpose of these focus groups? What does the department hope to learn from families, child care providers, and employers? Are there particular communities or populations of interest?

Response 1 The department hopes to learn from lived experience of the families, child care providers, and businesses with child care. This is to contextualize the data that the task force facilitator will be gathering.

Question 2 We encourage focus group participants to be from a wide range of communities across Alaska. Is this data collection expected to be used as part of the PDG Needs Assessment process?

Response 2 The purpose of the data collected is to inform the Governor's task force

Question 3 On page 6 – the RFP describes a need for both qualitative and quantitative research, and includes interviews and surveys, but the deliverables are listed only as focus groups. Can you please clarify the expected scope of work/deliverables?

Response 3 The expectations are to conduct the focus groups as identified and use methods such as interviews or surveys to supplement data collection as needed to ensure both qualitative and quantitative research.

Question 4 How will the information being sought from licensed providers differ from the information being collected in the Workforce Study from licensed providers?
Are there opportunities to partner/leverage the other contract so that ECE providers are only asked to contribute their time once?

Response 4 Yes potentially. The goal is to capture the relevant information needed by each study, but also be aware of overtaxing the same individuals for data and input.

Question 5 For small communities, with only one or two licensed child care providers, are other methods of collecting data acceptable, such as interviews?

Response 5 Yes

Question 6 Are reference names and phone numbers sufficient (p.11) or are letters of reference required (p.15)

Response 6 Yes.

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