

Request for Information



State of Alaska
Department of Health and Social Services

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SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT

Introduction:

The Alaska Department of Health (DOH) is assessing interest from qualified Specialty Substance Use Disorder Treatment entities that would be willing to prioritize referrals of adult and youth requiring referral to treatment based on screening results, with minimal wait time. Qualified means a credentialed Substance Use Treatment facility with at least two years providing services to Alaskans. Such referrals would come from Subrecipient SBIRT grantee sites, such as health centers, hospital systems, preferred-provider organizations (PPOs) health plans, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), behavioral health centers, pediatric health care providers, children's hospitals) and schools. This activity is critical to the SBIRT project to increase treatment engagement and maintenance of those diagnosed with SUD.

Background Information:

The purpose of this program is to implement the Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment public health model for children, adolescents, and/or adults in primary care and community health settings (e.g., health centers, hospital systems, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), preferred-provider organizations (PPOs) health plans, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), behavioral health centers, pediatric health care providers, children's hospitals) and schools with a focus on screening for underage drinking, opioid use, and other substance use. This program is designed to expand and/or enhance the uptake of SBIRT into routine healthcare and other encounters with children, adolescents, and/or adults for a system-level approach to reducing alcohol and other drug (AOD) consumption and its negative health impacts. Even when client's express readiness to consider needed SUD treatment, long wait times often mean that individuals seeking treatment from substance use disorder can wait up to six months or longer.

Response Information:

The State of Alaska is requesting letters of interest from specialized treatment services providers. Responses specific to this need must include the following:

- Scope of services offered and levels of treatment services available, per ASAM criteria.
- Description of any experience providing services for the populations listed above.
- List of wrap-around recovery supports available through the organization.
- Detailed information related to the staffing and the supervision of staff.

- Demonstration of credentialing.
- Length of time providing treatment services in Alaska.

Interested parties who believe they can provide the services described in this RFI must submit their response in writing by **2:00 pm Alaska Time on April 8th, 2024**, to the following person:

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Procurement Specialist

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Division of Finance and Management Services

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Please also copy doh.procurement.proposals@alaska.gov on the submission

It is the responsibility of the interested party to follow up with the person listed above to ensure your response was received prior to the time and date specified. Please ensure the response includes your company's name and contact information (email) for the individual(s) who should be notified if DOH releases a solicitation.

Important Notice:

Responding to this RFI is not a requirement for any future contract opportunities and there is no guarantee that any of the information provided in response to the RFI will be used for any potential future procurements. Responses to this RFI are for information purposes only and will not be evaluated. This RFI does not extend any rights to prospective contractors or obligate the state to conduct a solicitation or purchase any goods or services, nor will DOH or the State be financially responsible for any costs associated with the preparation of any response to the RFI.