

**Request for Proposals  
Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q1.** It looks like the for Level II JCPC-Endorsed Dispositional Option Program RFP has advertised for Home-based Family Counseling (a specific program type) for the Piedmont whereas the Alternative to Commitment Program RFP has not identified this service as area specific. Is that right?

**A1.** Applicants may apply for any services listed in paragraph 2 of the RFP in addition to those listed on page 6 under attachment B. Providers need to examine the number of distinct juveniles in the Level II RFP Data found in the RFP and consider needs of juveniles by district and county. Also, the General Statute identifies dispositional option programming that specifically relates to disposition options for this target population. The Alternative to Commitment RFP identifies “residential and/or community-based intensive services for Level III youth who are committed to the Division for placement in a YDC, Level III youth who are re-entering the community after receiving commitment programming in a YDC, and Level II youth who are most at-risk of a Level III disposition and commitment to a YDC and/or who are re-entering the community from a residential or other out of home placement.” Providers should consider the level of service needs based on the population being served. Residential programming types have been identified as a Priority Need on Attachment B.

**Q2.** “I am budgeting gas cards for the project as we have many parents that have transportation barriers. Would I list that in line 250 as Vehicles Supplies & Materials (which is where I usually list fuel costs) or in 390 Other Services?”

**A2.** Line item 390 Other Supplies and Materials would be an appropriate section for the budgeting of the gas cards. If the gas cards are used as incentives to remove barriers to treatment or increase family engagement, describe how families earn the gas cards and indicate documentation of how the cards are earned. A logical place for this is in Section III, Youth and Family Interaction. The incentive should also be included in the Individualized Service Plan.

**Q3.** Is the Endorsed Level II Dispositional Alternatives Program RFP also one we can apply for? And if so, can we propose the same services in both RFPs for the same population—Level II or

youth with high needs at risk of detention or YDC placement?

**A3.** Yes. You can apply for both and propose the same service for both RFPs. There are subtle differences between the target populations in the RFPs. The Level II RFP can serve Level II or Level III youth and Level I adjudicated youth with Medium/High Risk or Medium/High Needs scores. The ACP RFP can serve Level III youth who are committed to Youth Development Centers (YDCs), transitioning from YDCs or Level II youth who are most at-risk of a Level III disposition or youth or re-entering the community from a residential or other out of home placement. The ACP application can only request up to \$100,000.

**Q4.** PFS is collaborating with the FCT Foundation (nonprofit) for the RFP. The Foundation has tried to go into the NC Allies website to begin looking at the requirements in that system for the RFP and they have been unable to access. What do they need to do?

**A4.** The NCALLIES link included in the RFPs is as follows:

[http://www.ncdps.gov/Juvenile-Justice/Community-Programs/Juvenile-Crime-Prevention-Councils/Program-Agreement-](http://www.ncdps.gov/Juvenile-Justice/Community-Programs/Juvenile-Crime-Prevention-Councils/Program-Agreement-Information?a=000003%2C002476%2C002483%2C002482%2C002514)

[Information?a=000003%2C002476%2C002483%2C002482%2C002514](http://www.ncdps.gov/Juvenile-Justice/Community-Programs/Juvenile-Crime-Prevention-Councils/Program-Agreement-Information?a=000003%2C002476%2C002483%2C002482%2C002514) ) will lead one to the NCALLIES resource page. It includes instructions for applying in NCID if the provider does not already have an NCID. It also includes how to register in NC ALLIES and how to create a program agreement. ACP applications should choose JCPC Alternatives to Commitment Programs program agreement application as funding source. Level II applications should choose JCPC Level II Dispositional Alternatives as the funding source application. If the grant writer still has difficulty accessing NC ALLIES after reading the information on the page link above, he/she can contact an area office to gain assistance.

**Q7.** We would need to obtain letters of support from each of the JCPCs in your five counties. I noted previously that we will be working collaboratively with the Family Centered Treatment (FCT) Foundation for this RFP. What do we need to do to obtain the letters of support?

**A7.** Any qualified applicant (*501 (c)(3) non-profit, public agency or public housing authority*) should reach out now to the JCPC Chair in the counties they propose to serve.

**Q8.** The Level II RFP lists Distinct Juveniles with a Level II Disposition. My county had 34 Level II juveniles. Then the ACP chart lists Level II Distinct Juveniles and my county had 10.

Can you please tell me the difference between these two things?

**A8.** The Level II data counts in the Level II RFP attachment are of all Level II youth each year. The Level II data counts in the ACP RFP are of only youth with an A1 or higher offense class associated with their level II disposition. Please read the data note at the top of the ACP data table.

### **New Questions Proposed in 2019**

**Q1.** What types of services can be applied for? If programs are not specified in the RFP for a specific area, does that mean those programs cannot be applied for in that area?

**A1.** The Level II RFP is limited to certain service types (Attachment B of LII RFP lists specific service types needed by Districts). If a service is not listed for a particular district, it may already be adequately provided in the community (ex: JCPC, other funding source). The Alternatives to Commitment RFP is more open. In the ACP RFP, Residential and Vocational services are considered a Priority Need, but the RFP is open to other services. Please refer to Attachment B (Page 6) of the ACP RFP for the Service Types eligible under that funding stream. All applications that fall under the service types listed may be accepted, but approval will be based on meeting needs.

**Q9.** If a program is only providing services in one county, what is the likelihood of obtaining funding?

**A9.** It is important to pay attention to the gaps, needs, and target population of the area you are serving, whether it be one county or across a district. You will need to pay attention to and address the number of youths that would benefit from the service.