

**RFP Informational Session
November 20, 2008**

Questions & Answers

What is the Justice Resource Institute?

It is a DCF & DDS jointly run program that provides residential and psychological help for both DCF and DDS consumers.

How many people live at the Justice Resource Institute?

Presently there are six, four DCF and two DDS.

How long will he stay at the Justice Resource Institute?

The average length of the program is 18 months.

How does this work if an agency puts a proposal in since there are no timeframes?

The provider that gets awarded the RFP will be meeting with the consumer and the staff at JRI and will be part of the transition discharge plan process.

Regarding the RFP is there a maximum number of consumers?

As posted in the RFP, there is one consumer with the possibility of expansion. However, the additional consumers are not guaranteed; therefore, to start, the proposal should be submitted to support individual on his own.

Is there a model that works?

You should look at the services that your agency presently provides and try to work with what you have. The expectation is that you work with the funds this consumer has to provide a safe environment for him and not for the two more people that might move in with him in the future because this might not necessarily happen.

If the provider awarded the RFP realizes after 18 months that the individual needs are higher than anticipated would the funds be higher?

No, you need to work within the allocation given to consumer; however, you can make requests for enhancement through PRAT.

Are you looking for a specific location?

We are hoping it would be close to his family if possible.

How does the school feel about his needs?

Presently he attends the public school system and is doing very well at school. Staff accompanies him on the bus.

Do you recommend we meet with him before we develop a proposal?

We need to ask the facility how this would best be done. If the facility believes this is appropriate, we would want to coordinate very carefully.

Is the expectation for coverage still 24 x 7?

Initially the supports would be 24/7 however, the expectation is that a titration plan be developed for how these supports will be decreased over time.

DDS flexible on the funding since facts, parameters, and circumstances might change in 18 months?

This is the funding and the proposal needs to be within this funding amount. In the future you can go through PRAT if the needs change.

Who is paying for his education?

If he is living in the community, the LEA where he is living has an obligation to provide an education until age 21.