

RFQ Clarification Note Regarding Minimum Qualification Score: Proposals must achieve at least 70% of the point total, per external reviewer panel, in order to be eligible for funding.

Help Me Grow Early Care and Education

Request for Qualifications

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1. Are the service targets per year? Or over 2 years? Or?

Answer: The service targets are per year. These targets will be re-examined in the second year.

2. Service outcome 3: How will “developmental gains” be measured? Is 100% realistic?

Answer: Developmental gains will be assessed through the scheduled periodic re-screening of each child, as the intent is this information will begin to be tracked at the child level. The outcome goals and measures outlined in the RFQ and in the long-term vision are to some extent aspirational. As we implement the project, gather information, and improve over time the goals can be re-examined and adjusted if necessary.

3. Is there any additional funding for evaluation? Eg. Tracking ASQ gains?

Answer: Not at this time. Evaluation activities should be woven into the activities of the funded entity. First 5 will be working with the funded entity to utilize a database being developed for ASQ tracking. Also see answer above, i.e. developmental gains will be assessed through the scheduled periodic re-screening of a child so should not involve a great deal of additional administration resources.

4. Do the 50 sites refer to a one year period or does it span over two years?

Answer: The service targets are for the first funding year and will be re-examined in the second year.

5. What is meant by successful service linkage?

Answer: The intent is for children at the highest level of risk to be receiving some type of formal early intervention service from either Golden Gate Regional Center, SFUSD, and/or community based therapeutic supports. It may also be that as a result of tracking over time through ASQ and school readiness measures, we see effectiveness of less formal early intervention supports happening on-site (ECE, FRCs, medical homes) and this will be informative as well. Again, the outcome goals and measures outlined in the RFQ and in the long-term vision are to some extent aspirational. As we implement the project, gather information, and improve over time the goals can be re-examined and adjusted if necessary.

6. Does the language “moderate to “high risk” follow ASQ Scoring?

Answer: Yes.

7. With regard to service targets for number of sites and/or children served - What happens when the family accepts support services but the sites decline (and vice versa)?

Answer: It is for this reason that we are seeking a skilled provider who has depth in experience, relationship building and skills in communication as they work with families and providers. However, we do anticipate that this situation will come up in the course of delivery of services and we will document it and learn from it in order to improve engagement rates over time.

8. Does the pathway include both family child care and center-based ECE settings?

Answer: Yes, both Family Child Care and Center-based ECE settings, receiving city funding, will be the focus of the services outlined in this RFQ. We have prioritized a list of sites who have been rated through the QRIS and have received either a 1,2, or 3 in the area of Developmental and Health Screening. The list will be reexamined for prioritization at the start of the initiative and over time as additional sites are rated and/or there are changes in the QRIRS matrix.

9. Could we have the electronic copies of the QRIS self-assessment tools for Family Child Care/ ECE Center-based?

Answer: Yes, self-assessment tools are public information.

10. Could we have the list of the Family Child Care Centers who were rated for the 16-17 program year and could we have the list of scheduled ratings for the 17-18 program year?

Answer: No, list of Family Child Care Centers that have been rated or are scheduled to be rated are not public information at this time.