

3/14/2024

**Children's Home Network
Submitted Inquiries
The Brevard Family Partnership Family of Agencies**

RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for CHILD PLACING AGENCY SERVICES

1. Does Brevard Family Partnership (BFP) intend to select one child placing agency to assume responsibility for the licensing and re-licensing of all foster homes in Brevard County? **BFP has not made a final decision yet as to how many CPAs will be awarded the contract for licensing and relicensing foster homes in Brevard County.**
2. If not, does BFP intend to divide responsibility for licensing and relicensing Brevard County foster homes between multiple children placing agencies or between itself and one or more child placing agencies? **BFP has not made a final decision on how many CPAs may be awarded this contract or how those responsibilities will be distributed. That decision will be made once all applications are reviewed.**
3. If so, how will licensing responsibility be divided between the responsible agencies? **BFP has not made a final decision on how the responsibility will be divided between CPAs who may be awarded this contract. That decision will be made once all applications are reviewed.**
4. If so, how will BFP distribute or allocate inquiries it receives from prospective foster parents amongst the responsible agencies? **BFP licenses foster homes that come into our licensing department. The contracted CPA will be responsible for recruiting and retaining new foster homes. It is expected that the BFP Recruitment will be coordinated with the contracted provide to support unity of message and prevent duplication of efforts.**
5. Will the contract(s) awarded under this RFP include responsibility for licensing foster homes of levels two through five or some subset thereof? **The CPA will be responsible for licensing and relicensing foster home levels 2 – 5.**
6. Will the contract(s) awarded under this RFP include responsibility for licensing and operating Enhanced Level 2 foster homes? **Yes, the CPA will be required to license and relicense all levels of foster homes.**
7. Will the selected agency assume re-licensing and support responsibility for existing licensed foster homes? **No, the CPA will be responsible for the foster homes it recruits and licensed and then relicense. BFP uses the attestation model so the CPA will be reviewed by BFP staff prior to submission to DCF Regional Licensing.**
8. If so, how many existing licensed foster homes and beds will the selected agency be expected to assume? **The contacted CPA will have an annual licensing goal of home to be licensed.**
9. What is the current total number of licensed foster homes and beds by level in Brevard County? **We currently have a total of 115 licensed foster homes with a total bed capacity of 215 in Brevard County.**
 - Level 2 – 87 homes
 - Level 2 Enhanced – 16 homes

- Level 3 – 1 home
- Level 4 – 1 home
- Level 5 – 10 homes

10. What is BFP's total assessed need for licensed foster homes and beds by level in Brevard County? **It is BFP's goal to license a total of 65 foster homes annually.**
11. How many youths in Brevard County are pending placement into a higher level of care? **As of this reporting date we have less than 5 youths awaiting placement in a higher level of care.**
12. What licensing activities, if any, will be retained by BFP (i.e. background screening, licensing file review, QA reviews, FCRATS, etc.)? **The CPA will be responsible for all licensing activities of licensing and relicensing of foster homes. BFP will review all licensing and relicensing packages before being submitted to DCF for approval following the attestation model. BFP will continue to provide all licensing activities for level 1-5. Our subcontracted CPA's will be responsible for all activities of licensing and relicensing of homes. The current process for review and attestation will continue. All subcontracted families will be invited to all BFP retentions events.**
13. What role, if any, will BFP maintain in recruiting prospective foster homes? **BFP is a licensed CPA with a full in-house Licensing Team . BFP will not be responsible for recruitment of contracted CPAs prospective foster homes. BFP has a robust recruitment strategy for the continuation of expansion of foster homes in Brevard County.**
14. Will BFP consider allowing the use of other DCF-approved foster parent training curricula? **BFP will allow DCF-approved foster parent training curricula with prior approval.**