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REQUEST FOR NEED

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services- Occupational Therapists (In-Home)

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: Riverside County and San Bernardino County (Greatest Need In the following Areas: Temecula, Victorville, Hesperia, Apple Valley)

AVAILABILITY OF START-UP FUNDS: Start-up funds are **not available** to support the development of this program. Applicants are responsible for all costs associated with start-up and development of program.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: Due to current and anticipated future need for Early Start Specialized Therapeutic Services, Occupational Therapy, Inland Regional Center (IRC) is requesting service providers for In-Home Occupational Therapy to serve and support individuals aged birth to age 3, who have a minimum of one or more Regional Center qualifying diagnosis. This service is being requested to be provided In-Home. Services provided must be identified in the individual's IFSP. Services provided are to increase or maintain developmental progress. Individuals may be either ambulatory or non-ambulatory and may display mild to severe behavioral challenges including, but not limited to, physical aggression, verbal aggression, tantrums, property destruction and self-injurious behaviors. Staff must be trained to effectively handle behavioral challenges and respond to them as opportunities to provide behavioral support and guidance. Within the program design shall be a section discussing equity and diversity of service provision including but not limited to, the applicant's plan to serve diverse populations and the commitment to addressing the needs of said population. Diverse populations can include culturally and linguistically diverse groups but are not limited to just those.

CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS: Must have current licensure in Occupational Therapy and a minimum of twelve (12) months prior experience providing services to children, aged 0 to 3, with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:

1. Submit a Letter of Intent by email to NRSPO@inlandrc.org. Include in the letter of intent the service you wish to develop, the age group you plan to serve and the area of service, as well as the contact information for the individual developing the service. Also please submit a resume, and documented credentials of Occupational Therapy for the individual who will be providing the services.
2. Once the letter of intent is approved, a checklist will be provided to complete the program design. Submit complete program design with the checklist as directed.
3. Further vendorization steps will be provided by IRC's Resource Development and Transportation Unit.

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Potential for providing quality, cost-effective services and supports, as detailed in the program design.
2. Regard to client choice with provision of service and support.
3. Experience of applicant.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Until IRC determines service needs are met.

For Questions, please contact Resource Development and Transportation, NRSPO@inlandrc.org