## INLAND REGIONAL CENTER

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## REQUEST FOR NEED

TYPE OF PROGRAM: Social Recreation Services (Adults and Children) with a BCBA Component

**GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION:** Riverside County and San Bernardino County

**AVAILABILITY OF START-UP FUNDS:** Start-up funds are <u>not available</u> 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 Social Recreation which includes individuals with behavioral needs, Inland Regional Center (IRC) is requesting service providers with a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst, to serve and support individuals who have a minimum of one or more Regional Center qualifying diagnosis and behavioral needs documented in their IPP. This program is only offered to individuals who **do not** live in a residential facility.

Individuals may be either ambulatory or non-ambulatory and may display moderate 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 by a BCBA. Staff will respond to these occurrences as opportunities to provide behavioral support and guidance.

This program will need to provide integrated socialization opportunities to clients by utilizing community resources and partnerships to develop a customized program for each client served. Support may be provided in a 2:1 staff to individual ratio, as approved by the ID Team. 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 a minimum of twelve (12) months prior experience providing direct supervision and special services to persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Must have a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) to provide staff training and oversight, as well as individual Functional Behavioral Assessments and direct intervention as needed. (\*Note that there may be an additional development component for the BCBA)

## **DEVELOPMENT PROCESS:**

- Submit a Letter of Intent by email to <a href="NRSPO@inlandrc.org">NRSPO@inlandrc.org</a>. 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 any documented credentials such as CPR/FA certification for the individual who will be the director of the program.
- 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