



# Redwood Coast Regional Center

Respecting Choice in the Redwood Community

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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### **Licensed Clinical Psychologist** **Licensed Educational Psychologists**

*We envision a system of services and supports that is determined by the individuals served. We envision a process that is complementary to the individual's own life, and which does not intrude upon the person's chosen lifestyle... We envision a system of services and supports that acknowledge the person's age, lifestyle preferences and culture, and which is fluid and ever changing... —From RCRC Vision*

Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC) is one of 21 locally-based nonprofit private corporations that contract with the State of California to develop and coordinate community resources and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Redwood Coast Regional Center serves Californians who reside in Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, and Mendocino Counties.

#### **Service Description:**

Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC) has immediate opportunities for licensed clinical psychologists and licensed educational psychologists as independent contractors ("vendors") to perform psychological assessments for children and adults.

The Psychologist Vendor will perform comprehensive psychological and developmental evaluations for RCRC clients and individual applying for Early Start or Regional Center Services.

An individual is eligible for regional center services based on the following:

#### **Eligibility Criteria – Ages 0 to 3**

Potential clients will be referred by Redwood Coast Regional Center based on qualifications for services in Early Start Services. Infants and toddlers from birth to age 36 months may be eligible for early intervention services through Early Start if, through documented evaluation and assessment, they meet one of the criteria listed below:

- Have a developmental delay of at least 33% in one or more areas of either cognitive, communication, social or emotional, adaptive, or physical and motor development including vision and hearing; or
- Have an established risk condition of known etiology, with a high probability of resulting in delayed development; or
- Be considered at high risk of having a substantial developmental disability due to a combination of biomedical risk factors of which are diagnosed by qualified

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personnel (California Government Code: Section 95014(a); California Code of Regulations: Title 17, Chapter 2, Section 52022).

### Eligibility Criteria – Ages 3 and Older

Diagnoses that may qualify a person for Regional Center services include the following developmental disabilities:

- Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Intellectual Disability, Epilepsy, Conditions closely related to, or that require treatment similar to, that required for an intellectual disability.

In addition, to qualify for Regional Center services, a person's developmental disability must:

- originate prior to age 18
- be expected to continue indefinitely
- be a substantial disability as defined by Title 17, Section 54001 of the California Code of Regulations, meaning the person experiences, as a result of their developmental disability, significant limitations in three or more of the following areas: self-care, language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, economic self-sufficiency.
- Additional details regarding how a substantial disability is defined can be found in ARCA's Clinical Recommendations for Defining Substantial Disability.

The Psychologist Vendor will provide the following services:

- Meet with pediatric or adult clients at RCRC offices, clients home, or other appropriate community locations.
- Conduct observation, interview, and assessment of children and adults utilizing best practice standards in the field of Autism and Intellectual Disability.
- May answer questions about developmental disabilities and related therapeutic interventions and services.
- Provide a written report in a timely fashion.
- Collaborate with Regional Center staff, including physicians, psychologists, and service coordinators.

### **Education, Experience, and Skills:**

- A current California License as a Psychologist with no record of disciplinary action.
- Knowledge of and experience with prior testing in the field of developmental disabilities is preferred.

- Knowledge and familiarity with standard tests, assessments, and tools such as: Bayley IV, Stanford Binet, WPPSI, DAYC-2, ABAS-3, ADOS-2, WAIS-IV, WISC-IV, and M-CHAT.
- Travel may be required. Valid California Driver's License (CDL)
- Must work effectively with a diverse group of people
- Bilingual assessment skills are particularly needed.

**Vendorization Requirements:**

Psychologist Vendor must be eligible for vendorization as required under California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 54300-54390, Vendorization.

The Psychologist vendor is an independent contractor. Schedule and hours are variable, however if traveling from out of area to our catchment area to provide services, preference would be 2-3 consecutive days minimum, up to a 5 day week during each instance. RCRC staff will schedule assessments based on vendor availability. Testing kits are available to utilize. If needed, mileage and travel (including airfare, lodging, tolls, car rental, per-diem) will be reimbursed. Reimbursement for services is based on statutory requirements and Medi-Cal rate structure and varies depending on scope of assessment. Unless Psychologist Vendor meets the requirements and qualifies for their Usual and Customary Fee, then reimbursement can be at Vendors Usual and Customary Fee.

**Letter of Interest and Vendorization Pre-screening Process:**

Please submit a letter of interest, Curriculum Vitae, and copy of professional license to:

Jerry Freitas at:

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If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Jerry at the above email or call 707-464-7488 x 412