

Transcription: FPR Q and A Session 4/27/2023

Q: Regarding Enrollment and Outreach Expectations: Under this section there is a list of demographic information; is there a certain percentage of youth enrolled that should be under each category? I understand it says prioritized, but is it a specific number of youths under each of these categories required?

A: We didn't specify a number; it could look different based on the organization's service delivery model. We are hoping to see a holistic approach. If your organization already prioritizes one of these populations, we would like you to speak to that and include information about how you would expand to prioritize the other populations mentioned. We want to see enrollment of all these priority populations.

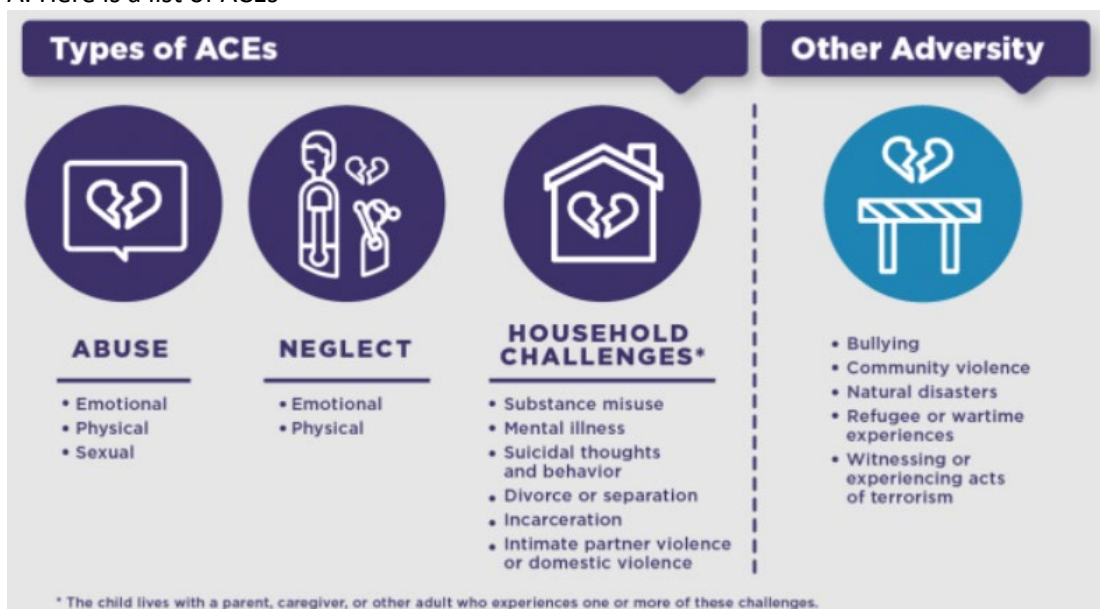
Further Clarification: This will also depend on the make-up of the school the internship coach is serving. One school may have a high student body population of one category, for example low income, and therefore interns placed that school should mirror the school demographics. Another school may have a higher student body population that are English Language Learners, and that specific population mix should be reflected in YCC internship enrollment. The demographic makeup of youths served by YCC should be like the demographic makeup of the school they attend.

Q: So, you're saying that demographic numbers depend on the program and the school?

A: Yes

Q: There's one demographic category that says, "The youth self identifies as having 3 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences" and that a list can be provided of what those are. I haven't heard that term before, can anyone speak to what those are now, or can we get a list of what that is?

A: Here is a list of ACEs



As well as a link to more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/aces/index.html>

Q: As we think about our responses to the narrative questions: we were wondering if there was a character limit?

A: Each response field allows for up to 250 words. This is the equivalent of ½ page single spaced, 12-point font or 1 full page double spaced, 12-point font in your standard 8.5x11 page.

Q: Does character limit include spaces?

A: No, it doesn't include spaces or punctuation. It is word limited only.

Q: Does funding allow for additional support services or is this just for staff? Is the allotted award also allowable for youth wages, or items outside of staff delivery.

A: That is not how it is intended. It is intended to cover the delivery of the program. Other funding resources will need to be braided for direct participant expenses, like wages for youth. Or the youths will need to be co-enrolled with another program that holds funding to subsidize youth wages and support services.

Q: Are we able to use existing YCC partnerships with employers, developed by the current provider, when working to develop internships?

A: Yes, all current and future relationships will be transferred into the software so that everyone will have access.

Q: What if we have more questions down the line?

A: You have until May 12th to submit questions via email to ecworks.rfp@ecworks.org

Q: In the RFP, for La Pine specifically, there are actual numbers, like student enrollment and staff time. This is not listed in Bend, Redmond, or 509J, is there going to be an expectation of specific numbers in any of those communities?

A: No. We are hoping to see how that develops naturally over the course of the timeframe. However, BLDS has a clear expectation that La Pine is going to be served equitably through this program and these specific numbers ensure that equity.

Q: The RFP also talks about a job fair in each school district per year. It is ok to utilize the existing model given that there are already current job fairs in each school district. Can we utilize the current partners that are already putting that on?

A: Yes. The idea is to participate and collaborate in making the existing job fairs and efforts better, not necessarily creating a new one. We would also suggest partnering with EC Works on this as well because EC Works may have more ideas.

Q: Will the recording be posted?

A: No. Just the questions and answers. The recording is only for the purpose of ensuring we've captured all questions and answers.

Q: What is the time commitment of staff time?

A: The 275,000 dollars that we are funding through this RFP is to cover the service delivery expectations that are outlined in the request, which includes two full time internship coaches in Bend La Pine District, One full time internship coach in the Redmond school district, and one full time internship coach in 509-j school district. All of that will need to be included in the application and proposal.