

2020-2021 Caring For Our Own Expansion Request for Application Questions and Answers

1. Can we have some clarification on the Mutual Home Assessment? If there is a county who will be licensing their own families, would the contracting agency still be responsible for the MHA? (It is our understanding that the licensing agency performs the Mutual Home Assessment)
 - a. Per Section B Item 1 on page 8 of RFA: Applicants implementing this program will offer two paths for families who participate. Both paths include the contracting agency training the family in the Caring For Our Own curriculum and completing the Mutual Home Assessments for youth eligible for KinGAP. Additionally, one goal of this RFA is to expedite the time to licensure with the contracting agency training the Caring For Our Own class and completing the Mutual Home Assessment; allowing the county child welfare agency to quickly complete the licensure process (if this is the path chosen).

2. In the RFA, under Performance Measures the third column says Baseline Value. Where would we gather this number from?
 - a. Per Section D Item 5 on Page 14 of RFA: The Baseline values would be gathered from the Caring For Our Own classes the applicant has conducted in the past 12-18 months

3. In the RFA where it mentions that there are two paths, one where the county is licensing families and the other where the contracting agency is licensing families. Do we need to choose one path or put together a proposal that narrates each path?
 - a. Per Section B Item 1 on Page 8 of RFA: The applicant will need to describe how each path would be executed; including how decisions will be made between the contracting agency and the county child welfare agency on the appropriate path, and what documents or tools will be used to formalize the path agreement.

4. Do we have to identify our target counties in the RFA now? For a number of reasons, that's tough to do this early on. Can we list all 100 counties in the RFA as potential target counties, and then narrow that down later?
 - a. Per Section B Item 3 on Page 9 of RFA: All 100 counties can be listed as potential target counties, speaking to how the applicant will reach the listed outcomes in item 3. Reference to target counties with the highest number of eligible youth could be included in the application.

5. If we have specific trainers identified for this work, and they're listed in our application, is that able to change if we aren't able to do a training in a specific geographic area where we had planned?
 - a. It is suggested that the number of trainers is identified and not individual names of trainers. The requirement of the trainer being certified to teach Caring For Our Own still remains.