

**State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

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SOLICITATION NUMBER	RELEASE DATE
<b>RFI Combined Services</b>	<b>May 9, 2018</b>
OPENING DATE AND TIME	PROCUREMENT CONTACT
<b>June 12, 2018 2:00 p.m. Central Time</b>	<b>Michelle Thompson</b>

This form is part of the specification package and must be signed in ink and returned, along with information documents, by the opening date and time specified.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

**SCOPE OF SERVICE**

The State of Nebraska (State), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) for the purpose of gathering information for a service that includes Agency Supported Foster Care, Family Support, Supervised Visitation, and Parenting Time services.

Written questions are due no later than May 17, 2018, and should be submitted via e-mail to [dhhs.procurement@nebraska.gov](mailto:dhhs.procurement@nebraska.gov).

Bidder should submit one (1) original of the entire RFI response. RFI responses should be submitted by the RFI due date and time to [dhhs.procurement@nebraska.gov](mailto:dhhs.procurement@nebraska.gov).

RFI responses should be received in Department of Health and Human Services by the date and time of RFI opening indicated above.

*\* Please note that we acknowledge that we are also in receipt of the questions submitted by Providers & answered by NE DHHS.*

**BIDDER MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING**

By signing this Request For Information form, the bidder guarantees compliance with the provisions stated in this Request for Information.

FIRM: Father Flanagan's Boys' Home (Boys Town)

COMPLETE ADDRESS: 13603 Flanagan Blvd, Boys Town, NE 68010

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 402-498-3343 FAX NUMBER: 402-498-1125

SIGNATURE: *Robert Fink* DATE: 6/4/2018

TYPED NAME & TITLE OF SIGNER: Ex VP & Director of Youth Care

## Request for Information – NE DHHS Combined Services

Boys Town understands that foster care can no longer focus just on the Child in placement, rather, must become a service that wraps around the Child's entire Birth/Permanency Family.

Each and every foster Child, as well as Birth/Permanency Family is different. Each Child and Family requires and deserves access to individualized services based upon strengths as well as barriers that are present. Due to these individualities, Boys Town encourages NE DHHS to set Combined Services up in a manner in which this individualization is addressed. When a child is placed within a Foster Home, the Child, as well as Birth/Permanency Family should be able to get all services necessary to address the barriers that are currently keeping the Child out of the Birth/Permanency Family's Home. Boys Town encourages the state to allow Foster Care cases to be staffed by Providers to determine what wrap around services the Child as well as Birth/Permanency Family is in need of to safely reunify within their own Family Home.

Through the use of a holistic approach to services, the level of support needed both for the Child as well as the Birth/Permanency Family will be determined and additional resources will be wrapped around the Birth/Permanency Family based upon the needs that are presented. It is advised that both formal and informal assessments as well as family input are utilized to develop goals to move the Birth/Permanency Family towards success. Effective strategies and interventions based upon evidenced based practices will also help move the Birth/Permanency Family to successful family outcomes.

Through the array of services offered barriers will be addressed that allow the Child to be placed safely back into their Birth/Permanency Family home. This means that Birth/Permanency Families may not only be receiving support from Foster Parents, but also from Family Support Consultants and additional Boys Town staff members.

Boys Town also advises the state to take into consideration that whatever service expectations for Combined Services are developed, they must align with NCR rates.

It will also be of great importance that Providers are able to take the following components into account when offering Combined Services to the Child and Birth/Permanency Family:

- Timely access to assessment services
- Timely access to an array of services
- Service needs for the foster youth AND the birth family
- Tailored services designed to address their needs and so that timely reunification can occur
- Access to planned AND unplanned respite services to preserve placement
- Build upon strengths
- Collaboration as a team (youth, birth parents, foster/kin/relative/ judicial, case worker, service and community providers, mental health professionals)

- Well-being of social and emotional needs
- Address the trauma impact related to maltreatment
- Increase the role of family overall
- Engage all team members to advocate on behalf of the child and family
- Provide support during and following foster placement once reunified
- Ensure reasonable and prudent parenting standards are met by all
- Seek prevention services and develop a prevention plan so that youth can remain at home prior to removal or placement

It is also of importance that services offered to Children and Birth/Permanency Families within Combined Services must fall in line with Well-Support, Supported and Promising Practices as we look toward the future of services based upon the federal Family First Prevention Services Act.

## Form A

### Vendor Contact Sheet

#### Request for Information Number Combined Services

Form A should be completed and submitted with each response to this solicitation document. This is intended to provide the State with information on the vendor's name and address, and the specific persons who are responsible for preparation of the vendor's response.

Preparation of Response Contact Information	
Vendor Name:	Father Flanagan's Boys' Home
Vendor Address:	13603 Flanagan Blvd Boystown, NE 68010
Contact Person & Title:	Sarah Miller, Mgr. of Contracts & Grants
E-mail Address:	Sarah.miller@boystown.org
Telephone Number (Office):	402-498-3343
Telephone Number (Cellular):	402-490-2733
Fax Number:	402-498-1985

Each vendor shall also designate a specific contact person who will be responsible for responding to the State if any clarifications of the vendor's response should become necessary. This will also be the person who the State contacts to set up a presentation/demonstration, if required.

Communication with the State Contact Information	
Vendor Name:	Father Flanagan's Boy's Home
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