

**WRAPAROUND SERVICES
NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ONLY
THIS IS NOT A SOLICITATION**

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is preparing to release a solicitation to obtain qualified Los Angeles County providers for Wraparound (Wraparound) services. Wraparound is an integrated, multi-agency, community-based process grounded in the philosophy of unconditional commitment to support families to safely and completely care for their children. Wraparound provides an individualized planning process based on the family's strengths and needs for eligible children as a family-based/community-based alternative to residential care.

The proposed solicitation will require potential Wraparound providers to: a) have the capacity to provide mental health services as a Short-Doyle Medi-Cal certified provider; b) have the ability to draw down EPSDT funds for the purposes of providing Wraparound services; c) demonstrate knowledge of the community and relationships with community organizations; and d) comply with all the requirements of the solicitation.

Prior to release of the proposed solicitation, DCFS is inviting public comment on the Wraparound services specified in the Statement of Work (SOW), a draft copy of which will be available on DCFS' Web Site at <http://dcfs.lacounty.gov/contracts/index.html> from Monday, September 15, 2008, beginning at 12:00 noon, through Monday, October 6, 2008, ending at 5:00 p.m. Prospective providers and interested parties are encouraged to review the SOW and are welcome to submit any comments via e-mail to Patricia Kirkpatrick, DCFS Children Services Administrator, Multi-Agency Services Division at kirkpp@dcfs.lacounty.gov. A link to Ms. Kirkpatrick's e-mail address will be available on the Web Site. Emailed comments should indicate "Wraparound SOW" as the subject of the e-mail.

All comments received during this period will be reviewed by DCFS, and DCFS may make revisions to the SOW based on these comments prior to official release of the solicitation. DCFS will not specifically respond to any comments provided. Following the closing of the comment period, DCFS will compile all comments received and post them on DCFS' Web Site (<http://dcfs.lacounty.gov/contracts/index.html>) by Friday, October 17, 2008, without reference to the author/provider of each comment.

While DCFS may release a solicitation for Wraparound, nothing in this letter shall be construed as in any way obligating the County of Los Angeles or DCFS to do so. Thus, the posting of the SOW draft for public comment shall in no way obligate the County of Los Angeles or any of its departments to issue a formal solicitation, negotiate a contract, or in any way obtain the services of Wraparound providers.