



County of Los Angeles
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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Dear Proposer:

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FAITH-BASED RESOURCE PARENT (FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE)
RECRUITMENT SERVICES
CA #11-004**

County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is requesting proposals from qualified agencies for Faith-Based Resource Parent (Foster and Adoptive) Recruitment Services. This Request for Proposals (RFP) is to engage African-American and Latino faith-based organizations to help recruit and support Resource Families in order to find permanent families for older African-American and Latino Foster Youth, who may be Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Bisexual, Questioning (LGBTQ) and/or Probation Foster Youth, and will be due on January 5, 2012, at 3:00 P.M. Proposals received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The Program's objectives are to contract with a qualified agency to: 1) provide faith-based recruitment services; and 2) develop and facilitate two Interfaith Recruitment Councils; one to cover the northern half of Los Angeles County and one to cover the southern half of Los Angeles County to engage faith-based organizations to actively participate in one of the Councils. The goal of the Interfaith Recruitment Councils will be to develop and implement Resource Parent recruitment programs on an on-going basis. In addition, the Interfaith Recruitment Councils will also need to recruit other faith-based organizations to increase the number of older African-American and Latino Foster Youth, who may be LGBTQ and/or Probation Foster Youth, who reach permanency or at minimum, a permanent connection.

Faith-Based Resource Parent (Foster and Adoptive) Recruitment Services Timeline*

RFP Release Date	November 21, 2011
Deadline for submission of proposals	January 5, 2012, 3:00 P.M.

***Dates are subject to change.**

For detailed information, interested agencies may obtain an electronic copy of the RFP at DCFS Headquarters, 425 Shatto Place, Room 400, Los Angeles, CA 90020, beginning November 21, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may also access the Los Angeles County Website at: <http://lacounty.info>. Click on the right labeled "Hot Topics in LA County" then click on "Doing Business with LA County". On the left side click on "Open Solicitations" then select "View Open Bids." Finally, select "List by Department"

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from the drop down menu select "Children and Family Services/Adoption". From there you will easily be able to locate this RFP for download.

COUNTY shall not be liable for any costs incurred by proposers in connection with the preparation and submission of any proposal.

DCFS would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this process. Any questions you might have should be addressed to Maria Reza, Contract Analyst at (213) 351-5754 or via email at: rezam@dcfs.lacounty.gov or Mark Martinez, Contract Analyst at (213) 351-5731 or via email at: martiml@dcfs.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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