

Vermont Department of Corrections

Request for Proposals

Project Title: Community Based Therapist, Vermont Treatment Program for Sexual Abusers - Rutland, VT Area

Contract Period: 09/30/2015 – 10/01/2017

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Bidders Conference: N/A

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Community Based Therapist – Rutland, VT
Vermont Treatment Program for Sexual Abusers**

I. Introduction

The Vermont Department of Corrections (DOC) is seeking therapists to provide community based clinical services for the Vermont Treatment Program for Sexual Abusers (VTPSA) for the Rutland, VT area.

II. Program Description

The VTPSA is a cognitive-behavioral treatment program for convicted sex offenders. There are currently three institutional programs for male sex offenders. There are community based treatment programs in 11 counties. The major goals of the program are to help offenders (1) accept responsibility for sexual offending, (2) modify distorted thinking patterns, (3) enhance victim empathy, (4) control deviant sexual urges, (5) improve social competence, (6) develop relapse prevention skills, and (7) develop community support networks. The institutional and community based programs are a continuum and adhere to common philosophy and practices. The community-based programs are mandatory for participants, as detailed in their probation warrants, furlough agreements, or reentry plans. Supervision of the offenders is provided by the Department of Corrections and the probation and parole officers receive specialized training in how to supervise sex offenders.

III. Contractor Requirements

The applicant must have the following qualifications:

1. Contractor will maintain a current State license, certification or registration to provide mental health services in Vermont.
2. Contractor must hold an advanced degree in a mental health discipline.
3. Experience working with offender populations with skill delivery in relapse prevention, cognitive-behavioral group therapy techniques in the treatment of sex offenders and knowledge of current sex offender assessment tools will be beneficial to applicants interested in responding to this RFP.

IV. Contractor Functions

1. Provide group therapy to DOC referred sex offenders in the VTPSA community based treatment program using program guidelines and manuals.
2. Provide documentation for DOC referred sex offenders including risk assessment, treatment monthly reports, progress assessments, individual case plans, progress notes, treatment reviews, termination summaries and reports to the Parole Board.
3. Testify in court as required

4. Participate in weekly treatment team meetings.
5. Consult with probation and parole officers.
6. Provide training and support services to family members and others during transition planning.

V. Organization Description

Please describe your organization or individual experience. It's purpose, structure, manner of staff supervision and certifications. Private vendors please provide a cover letter and resume. Please describe the experience of the staff that will provide the service.

VI. Financial Requirements

The successful applicant will be reimbursed according to the qualifications presented.

VII. Location of Services

Services needed in Rutland County with groups to be run in Rutland.

VIII. Contact Process

Proposals are due by **August 28, 2015** at **3:00 p.m.** eastern time. Please send cover letter, resume and response to section V and VI as well as any other pertinent information that will assist us in determining an award to this RFP.

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