

Memo to the CPMT
January 25, 2019

CONTRACT ITEM C- 1 New Providers Recommended for Award of Agreements to Purchase Services

ISSUE: CPMT approval of providers for open Agreements to Purchase Services with providers new to the Fairfax-Falls Church System of Care and Children’s Services Act Program.

RECOMMENDATION: The CSA Management recommends the CPMT approve of these qualified providers for open Agreements to Purchase Services beginning February 1, 2019:

Provider Name & Location	Type of service	Type of Licenses	VA Medicaid Provider
Bluespring Health	Community based, In-Home	DBHDS	YES
Thrive Behavioral Health and Wellness	Treatment Foster Care	VADSS (Child Placing Agency)	YES

BACKGROUND:

Per Local CSA Policy, an open application period was held from September 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018 to all interested providers of services for eligible youth and families served by the Fairfax-Falls Church CPMT. Applicants were reviewed by the CSA MT per the following policy:

Before entering into any agreements with a service provider, the CPMT has tasked the CSA Management Team with screening potential providers and approving appropriate providers for the necessary services. New providers, or new services with existing providers, will be considered during a bi-annual “Open Application Period.”

Potential New Providers Applications are evaluated during a three-month period each calendar year. During this “Open Application Period,” potential providers may submit the Fairfax-Falls Church CSA System of Care Network Application to the CSA Contracts Team with all of the required supporting documentation. Once all required documentation is received, the CSA Contract Analyst for the service category will review the application, documentation, contact reference and engage staff from the CSA Work Group or Single Agency Liaison for presentation of the application.

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During the two-month application period, potential providers will be contacted if additional documentation is needed.

If the provider meets the minimum requirements for the service category, the application will be presented to the CSA Management Team for review and recommendation to the CPMT. Once approved by the CSA Management Team, the application will be presented to the CPMT for approval as an In-Network Provider.

Minimum Standards for Tier I System of Care Network Provider enrollment:

- Located in the State of Virginia
- Enrolled with the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) as a Medicaid Provider**
- Insured for appropriate limits, per the Office of Risk Management for Fairfax County.
- Licensed for the contracted services by the State of Virginia.
- Accept the SOC Practice Standards.
- Ability to provide services and treatment modalities asserted by the SOC Evidence Based Practice Work Group to be accepted by the SOC and ability to provide verification of certification in requested treatment modalities.

Three providers submitted applications. The CSA Management team is recommending award of an APOS to the two community-based providers.

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CONTRACT ITEM C-2a Lake House Academy

ISSUE: Fairfax County Public Schools – Multi Agency Services (FCPS) requests CPMT approval of a child specific Agreement for the Purchase of Services (APOS) with Lake House Academy for the educational costs of this residential program per the IEP for a private day placement retroactive to July 1, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: CSA Management Team forwards the request to CPMT for approval of a child specific APOS with Lake House Academy for the educational costs of this residential program per the IEP for a private day placement retroactive to July 1, 2018.

PROVIDER:

Lake House Academy
447 Lily Pad Ln
Flat Rock, NC 28731

MEDICAID ENROLLMENT: The provider does not participate with Virginia Medicaid. Educational costs are not Medicaid reimbursable services.

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION: Lake House Academy is accredited academically through the National Independent Private Schools Association (NIPSA) and follows all academic standards for the State of North Carolina.

INSURANCE STATUS: The Lake House Academy is appropriately insured.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Lake House Academy is a facility that provides educational and residential services to young women between the ages up to age 14. Students have experienced problems with executive functioning delays such as ADHD or LD, anxiety, loss or trauma, mood or emotional instability, divorce, family conflict, school troubles or relationship difficulties. The clinical approach utilizes theraplay, individual, group, and family therapy. The provider define success by mental health, academic achievement, and family health.

From their website:

“The teachers at Lake House Academy have a love for rekindling a girl’s desire to learn. Lake House Academy uses positive behavioral interventions and supports (PBIS). The major tenets of PBIS include a focus on redesigning the learning environment to promote a positive school climate, increasing instructional time, increasing academic achievement and building a culture of competence. Lake House Academy also embraces positive discipline. Positive discipline

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emphasizes mutual respect, seeing mistakes as learning opportunities and collaborative problem-solving.”

- “Middle school grades 4 to 8 and high school grades 9 and 10. Our academic school year is August – June. However, we enroll students throughout the school year and integrate each girl into an appropriate academic level. Our Summer School program is June-August, which may include content enrichment, credit recovery, academic remediation and high school elective credits.
- Individualized support for each student to address unique academic and social/emotional needs
- Small class size to promote individualized instruction, curriculum differentiation and executive function skills
- Experiential learning and content enrichment
- Content and special education certified teachers”

OTHER CONTRACTED PROVIDERS CONSIDERED:

Student was attending FCPS Comprehensive Services Site prior to the parental placement at Lake House Academy. The current IEP indicates a private day level of placement. (See attached guidance tool.)

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$3,680.00/EDUCATION

\$2,090.00/EDUCATION RELATED Projected Education Costs based on the IEP

MONTHLY TOTAL: \$5,770.00/MONTH

ANNUAL COSTS: \$69,240.00

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CONTRACT ITEM C – 2b Ainsworth Attachment Clinic

ISSUE: The Department of Family Services, Foster Care and Adoptions requests approval of a child specific Agreement to Purchase Services with The Ainsworth Attachment Clinic in Charlottesville, VA for evaluation services. This a Court Ordered evaluation with this provider.

RECOMMENDATION: CSA Management Team forwards the DFS request for approval of a child specific Agreement to Purchase Services with The Ainsworth Attachment Clinic in Charlottesville, VA for evaluation services per the Court Order.

PROVIDER:

The Ainsworth Attachment Clinic
914 E Jefferson St.
Charlottesville, VA 22902
(434) 984-2711

LICENSE: Clinicians are individually licensed.

INSURANCE STATUS: The Ainsworth Attachment Clinic is appropriately insured by Fairfax County standards.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

“The Ainsworth Attachment Clinic provides evaluation, and intervention-planning, professional training, and consultation regarding children from birth through adolescence who have experienced significant challenges or disruptions to their relationships and/or attachment bonds with their parents or other caregivers. Among the children who benefit from these services are those in CPS, foster or adoptive care, those having difficulties with custody/visitation arrangements, and those whose families have experienced trauma.

The Clinic also provides training to other professionals in these same types of work. Among the children who benefit from these services are those in foster care or adoptive care, those having difficulties with custody/visitation arrangements because of foster care or parental separation/divorce, those whose families have experienced a traumatic event, those with a child with a chronic medical illness and those with behavioral and interaction difficulties such as defiant and disruptive behavior problems.

Fifty years of research internationally has shown that attachment-caregiving problems are among the best early predictors of current and future emotional, behavioral, relationship, educational and legal

difficulties. Early interventions based on careful assessment of attachment-caregiving problems, including Reactive Attachment Disorders and other attachment problems, are known to reduce the likelihood and severity of these problems. They also reduce significantly the long-term health care, educational, and legal costs to a family and its community. It should be noted that the assessments and interventions by this clinic are based on academic, basic and clinical research on children and families, and are not affiliated in any way with “Holding” therapies.”

“The Evaluation:

Depending on the referral question(s), an attachment-caregiving evaluation focuses on the overall relationship between the parent(s) and child(ren), with special emphasis on the attachment-caregiving component of that relationship. The evaluation yields a detailed report that includes specific descriptions and assessment of:

- Patterns of parent-child interaction related to play and exploration, teaching, behavior management, and protection from a range of dangerous situations.
- Patterns of attachment-caregiving interactions between the child and his/her caregivers.
- Nature and severity of attachment problems (e.g., Reactive Attachment Disorder; Disorganized attachment; differential diagnosis of attachment problems vs. ADHD, ODD, or Bi-Polar disorder; differential diagnosis of attachment problems vs. developmental disability).
- The caregiver’s patterns of thought, feeling, and behavior related to attachment-caregiving and other parent-child interactions.
- Assessment of the type and level of risks associated with current patterns of interaction. Assessment of the type and level of therapeutic services needed by the family, including likelihood of positive response to treatment.
- Specific treatment goals and strategies.

Our specialized evaluation and treatment protocols require extensive training and certification. The clinic operates under the direction of Robert Marvin, Ph.D., a developmental, clinical and pediatric psychologist with over 45 years of experience in research, clinical work, and consultation in parent-infant, parent-child, and family interaction.”

OTHER CONTRACTED PROVIDERS CONSIDERED:

This is a court ordered assessment of the biological father and foster parents. An assessment has been completed by a contracted provider on the father.

FISCAL IMPACT:

- Attachment-Caregiving Evaluation for Placement and Forensic Decisions X 2 + \$ 12,000

- Preparation for court testimony-\$300/hour TOTAL NEEDED IS UNKNOWN
- Local court-related travel-\$300/hour-Approximate travel time is 4 hours round trip = \$1200
- Time in courthouse (witness waiting room or on the stand)-\$550/hour-TOTAL NEEDED IS UNKNOWN

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