

Memo to the CPMT
September 27, 2019

CONTRACT ITEM C1a Child Specific Contract Request for Youth Villages

ISSUE: Department of Family Services Foster Care and Adoption (DFS-FC&A) request Community Policy & Management Team (CPMT) approval of a child specific Agreement for the Purchase of Services (APOS with Youth Villages for Residential Treatment of Harmony #138841.

RECOMMENDATION: The CSA MT recommends CPMT approval of a child specific APOS with Youth Villages for Harmony #138841 for the Residential Treatment.

PROVIDER:

Youth Villages
4865 Dorsett Shoals Road
Douglasville, GA 30135
901-251-4947

MEDICAID ENROLLMENT: Youth Villages is not a Virginia Medicaid participating provider.

LICENSE/ACCREDITATION: Youth Villages Inner Harbour Campus is licensed to operate a residential mental health facility by the Georgia Department of Community Health.

INSURANCE STATUS: Youth Villages is insured at appropriate levels per Fairfax County standards.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Youth Villages Inner Harbour Campus is one of Georgia's largest psychiatric residential treatment programs for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances. Serving young people throughout the Southeast since 1962, the Inner Harbour Campus merged with Youth Villages in the fall of 2009.

The 1,200-acre woodland setting just outside of Atlanta offers a therapeutic environment that includes a lake, a sports field with a running track and playgrounds for recreational activities. Hiking trails, canoeing activities, a ropes course and equine therapy enhance treatment as well.

Youth Villages Inner Harbour Campus specialize in treating children and adolescents with significant psychiatric illness and impairment in behavioral, cognitive, emotional, familial, and/or social functioning.

A high staff-to-child ratio (5:1) allows for counselors to pay close attention to each child and provide individual therapy. The goal of treatment is to have children learn new, more positive

behavior patterns that will allow them to do well in the community. The ultimate goal is to allow children to return to their families as quickly as possible, whenever possible.

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) is the treatment model utilized at Inner Harbour. This is a clinical approach for people who are experiencing intense, negative emotions that interfere with their daily lives. These emotions may be expressed outwardly in destructive ways such as angry outbursts, or inwardly by self-destructive behaviors such as suicide attempts, substance abuse, or impulsive actions. The goal of DBT at Inner Harbour is to teach youth more effective ways to regulate their emotions, deal with distressing situations in their lives, and to improve relationships with the people around them.

Their model of Evidentiary Family Restoration aims to restore a supportive family system working with the youth, family and community simultaneously. This program works off DBT concepts and provides weekly individual, family, and recreational therapy. The program also offers bi-weekly group therapy, and daily Milieu support and monitoring. The program model uses data to track youth after discharge provides the evidence basic for their model aiming to decrease recidivism and destructive behaviors.

The campus provides general psychiatric treatment for males and females ages 5-21. Special programs are offered for boys and girls who have:

- Low IQ (50 and above)
- Problem sexual behaviors
- Co-occurring medical conditions
- Suicidal and self-harming behaviors
- Aggressive behaviors that are the result of severe emotional problems
- Chronic runaway behaviors with high risk of harm to self or others
- Psychotic symptoms and behaviors
- Significant developmental challenges
- Neurodevelopmental disorders including autism, pervasive developmental disorder NOS, Asperger's, learning disabilities and organic brain syndrome

Treatment Components:

- 24-hour nursing care and supervision by a child and adolescent psychiatrist
- Group, individual and family therapy with master's-level counselors
- A highly structured environment
- A 5:1 staff ratio
- Brain-based services for children with significant
- developmental challenges

OTHER CONTRACTED PROVIDERS CONSIDERED:

All clinically appropriate providers currently under open contract were considered and none were available or appropriate based on the youth's diagnosis and situation.

The child has been denied by placements in Virginia, in addition to multiple out of state placements. The child has aggressive tendencies that have made it difficult and unsafe for him to be stepped down from a residential facility. Relevant local resources and existing CSA contracted providers have been explored and found to be unable to meet this child's/youth's current needs.

Based on these steps, there are no appropriate Medicaid providers of residential treatment services for youth under contract able to serve this youth.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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| Psychotherapy, physician | \$22.43 |
| Psychotherapy, clinician | \$23.30 |
| Group Psychotherapy, clinician | \$15.51 |
| Family Psychotherapy, clinician | \$23.26 |
| Intake Assessment | \$0.80 |
| Plan Development | \$4.72 |
| Other therapy (art, music, equine, etc.) | \$116.28 |
| Medical Supplies | \$2.36 |
| Nursing Services-24 hour | \$35.84 |
| Incidentals-Outings/Personal Items | \$16.63 |
| Room & Board | \$269.90 |
| Milieu & Education | \$68.97 |

Total Daily Rate - \$600/day

1:1 Supervision (optional/medically indicated) - \$82.00 per bed day

2:1 Supervision (optional/medically indicated) - \$332.00 per bed day

Estimated total for 4 months of services: \$72,000

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CONTRACT ITEM C-1b Child Specific Contract Request for The Auburn School

ISSUE: The City of Falls Church Public Schools requests CSA Management Team (CSA MT) approval of a child specific Agreement for the Purchase of Services (APOS) for Private Day School Education with The Auburn School for Harmony # to be assigned.

RECOMMENDATION: The CSA Management Team recommends approval of a child APOS with The Auburn School for Harmony# to be assigned for Private Day School Education.

PROVIDER:

The Auburn School
3800 Concorde Parkway
Suite 500
Chantilly, VA 20151
Phone: 703-953-9353

MEDICAID ENROLLMENT: Education is not a Medicaid Reimbursement eligible service.

LICENSE/ACCREDITATION: The Auburn School is accredited by Cognia which is the parent organization of North Central Association Commission.

INSURANCE STATUS: The Auburn school is insured with the appropriate limits for Fairfax County Government.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (from the brochure):

We offer a dynamic educational program for intellectually curious students with challenges in the areas of communication, socialization, pragmatic language, and organization. Our program is appropriate for students who can learn successfully and appropriately in a small classroom setting. Auburn's program simultaneously supports the development of academic skills, social competency and pragmatic language in an engaging educational environment. To achieve this mission, The Auburn School:

- Integrates social skills and pragmatic language development throughout the curriculum and school day using research-based programs and educational best-practices
- Provides a challenging academic curriculum featuring multi-sensory instruction, research-based curriculum and appropriate student accommodations
- Offers a safe, nurturing and highly personalized learning environment for children through small class sizes, individualized learning plans and a supportive school setting
- Identifies and develops individual student strengths, talents and interests
- Seeks out, employs and supports the very best educators and staff

OTHER CONTRACTED PROVIDERS CONSIDERED:

All in-state clinically appropriate providers under contract were considered. However, most of them either denied admission or were clinically inappropriate.

| Provider Name | Telephone | Packet Sent | Reason for denial or why determined inappropriate | Accepted/ Denied Admission |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Kellar School | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Denied due to complexity of need | D |
| Katherine Thomas School | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Denied due to complexity of need | D |
| Frost School | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Denied due to complexity of need | D |
| Rivermont | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Denied due to complexity of need | D |
| Ivymount | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Denied due to complexity of need | D |
| CARD Academy | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | No response from program | |

FISCAL IMPACT:

Registration/Initial fee \$4283
Monthly rate (10 months) \$4014

Total Annual Cost: \$44,423 (daily rate based on 180 days \$246.80)

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CONTRACT ITEM C1c – Child Specific Contract Request for The Auburn School

ISSUE: Fairfax County Public Schools Multi Agency Services requests CPMT approval of a child specific Agreement for the Purchase of Services (APOS) for Private Day School Education with The Auburn School for Harmony # to be assigned.

RECOMMENDATION: The CSA Management Team recommend approval of a child APOS with The Auburn School for Harmony# to be assigned for Private Day School Education..

PROVIDER:

The Auburn School
3800 Concorde Parkway
Suite 500
Chantilly, VA 20151
Phone: 703-953-9353

MEDICAID ENROLLMENT: Education is not a Medicaid Reimbursement eligible service.

LICENSE/ACCREDITATION: The Auburn School is accredited by Cognia which is the parent organization of North Central Association Commission.

INSURANCE STATUS: The Auburn school is insured with the appropriate limits for Fairfax County Government.

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OTHER CONTRACTED PROVIDERS CONSIDERED:

All in-state clinically appropriate providers under contract were considered. However, most of them either denied admission or were clinically inappropriate.

| Provider Name | Telephone | Packet Sent | Reason for denial or why determined inappropriate | Accepted/ Denied Admission |
|----------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Kellar School | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | IEP proposed school | |
| Auburn School | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | IEP proposed school | Accepted. Current placement |

FISCAL IMPACT:

Registration/Initial fee \$4283
Monthly rate (10 months) \$4014

Total Annual Cost: \$44,423 (daily rate based on 180 days \$246.80)

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CONTRACT ITEM C1d – Child Specific Contract Request for Black Mountain Academy

ISSUE: Fairfax County Public Schools Multi Agency Services requests CPMT approval of a child specific Agreement for the Purchase of Services (APOS) for Residential Education services for Harmony # to be assigned.

RECOMMENDATION: The CSA Management Team recommends CPMT approval of a child APOS with Black Mountain Academy for Harmony # to be assigned for Residential Education retractive to September 9, 2019.

PROVIDER:

Black Mountain Academy
501 W. State Street
Black Mountain, NC 28711
Phone: 828-767-5509

MEDICAID ENROLLMENT: Status not known at this writing.

LICENSE/ACCREDITATION: Black Mountain is accredited by the North Central Association Commission.

INSURANCE STATUS: To be confirmed

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (from the brochure):

“Black Mountain Academy is a therapeutic boarding school supporting adolescent males ages 13-17 with level 1 autism or who struggle with social relationships, anxiety, and traditional academic approaches. The homelike environment of our boarding school provides students with the therapeutic and academic structure they need to reach their full potential, with the added excitement of adventure and the wilderness. Every component of the Black Mountain Academy program is designed to provide enriching experiences for students in the community, outdoors, and at home on a daily basis. Our trained and licensed therapists work with staff and students to co-create experiences that help build social skills, the ability to access friendship, and improve executive function, emotional regulation, and life skills.

At Black Mountain Academy, we help young men thrive through an integrated clinical approach that provides a combination of academic, social, adventure, and vocational activities.”

OTHER CONTRACTED PROVIDERS CONSIDERED:

All in-state clinically appropriate providers under contract were considered. However, they were determined to be inappropriate by the IEP Team.

| Provider Name | Telephone | Packet Sent | Reason for denial or why determined inappropriate | Accepted/ Denied Admission |
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| Discovery School | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Did not believe they could support the student due to identified Autism | Denied |

FISCAL IMPACT:

Monthly:

Enrollment Fee \$5,000 (Covers student's laptop, activity fees, and gym membership)

Room and Board: \$4200.00

Clinical: \$4200.00

Education: \$4000.00

Combined Monthly Tuition \$12,400

Annual Cost based on 12 months \$153,800

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