

## Redwood Coast Regional Center Proposed Projects

### Community Resource and Development Plan (CRDP) FY 20/21

#### **1. Foster Family Agency (FFA) for Children.**

**A) Identification of Community Resources Needed:** Development of a Foster Family Agency for children, licensed with Community Care Licensing in Humboldt County. This will be a new service. The total grant request is \$100,000. This service will provide children the opportunity to live in a family environment long-term or as a crisis bed option. The Start-up funding will be used to recruit specialized families, training, and meet the CCL FFA certification process. This service will be licensed under the foster family regulations and will support children whose families can no longer support their children in their own homes. This service would support 100% deflection. The children supported will require skilled supports such as utilizing alternative communication methods and positive behavioral supports. The Request for Proposal will reflect this need for skilled support in their home communities.

**B) Results of Outreach Activities:** RCRC received feedback from RCRC vendors and community members on 5/22/2020 during a weekly community call with over 60 participants from RCRC's 4 county catchment area, that there was a need for additional residential options for children utilizing a family model.

**C) Justification:** RCRC does not currently have a licensed FFA in Humboldt County to support RCRC's specialized population. RCRC has needed to seek out-of-home placement that resulted in out of area placements for children. RCRC currently supports approximately 1400 children, and only has a total of 10 children's beds in facilities throughout our catchment area. In order for RCRC clients to remain in our local catchment area and near their families, a need has been determined for another living option that can support children in a family environment.

**D) Track Progress:** During the development phase RCRC will meet with the contractor monthly and offer technical assistance, as needed, to assure that the contractor is meeting timelines and project milestones as required per CRDP guidelines and contract agreements with RCRC.

#### **2. Development of Disaster Preparedness Centers:**

**A) Identification of Community Resources Needed:** Development of disaster preparedness locations in six locations throughout RCRC's catchment area. This will be a new service. The total grant request is \$350,000. This service will provide a safe site based or mobile location for RCRC clients during State and local emergencies such as fires, inclement weather, and power shut-offs. Emergency preparedness centers will be developed in Crescent City, Eureka, Fort Bragg, Ukiah, Lakeport and Clearlake for a total of six sites or mobile options. These centers will be developed and available for the clients who have been identified as the most vulnerable during disasters such as homeless populations and those receiving minimal support services. Each site location would open during disasters to provide a safe environment to serve as a point of contact for RCRC clients to access food, housing/shelter resources, medical equipment/phone

charging, medication assistance, cooling and heating, and other support needs identified for each individual served. Funds will also be used to purchase technology such as laptops, notebooks, or Kindles so that individuals can stay connected with their families and other supports during closures due to Covid-19 or other natural disasters.

**B) Results of Outreach Activities:** RCRC received feedback from RCRC vendors and community members on 5/22/2020 during a weekly community call with over 60 participants from RCRC's 4 county catchment area, that there was a need site based and/or mobile emergency support services due to natural disasters, power-shut offs, and shelter in place orders due to Covid-19.

**C) Justification:** RCRC does not currently have disaster preparedness centers to serve vulnerable RCRC clients. 7% of RCRC's population receives minimal support, such as ILS, and 2% of RRC's population is homeless. These target populations are the most vulnerable during emergency situations. Some individuals in this category may resort to illegal activity to get their needs met; these sites will provide a safe and reliable resource for people served.

**D) Track Progress:** During the development phase RCRC will meet with the contractors monthly and offer technical assistance, as needed, to assure that the contractor is meeting timelines and project milestones as required per CRDP guidelines and contract agreements with RCRC.

### **3. Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) for Children**

**A) Identification of Community Resources Needed:** Development of an Enhanced Behavioral Support Home for children, licensed as a "Group Home" by Community Care Licensing (CCL) for (4) children. The home will serve children with intellectual/developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorder and mental health support needs. These children have intensive behavioral support needs, who have been identified through RCRC's unmet needs and CPP/CRDP process. The age range of children served will be 11 - 17 years old. The home will provide a person centered, positive behavior supportive and therapeutic community living environment for children and adolescents who have not had adequate support to remain in their family homes and/or in other licensed living arrangements in the community. The home will provide and maintain positive behavior support services and planning along with a life skills training program in a stable environment, so that they can continue to live within the community setting in which they are familiar, as well as learn skills that will prepare them for independent or supported adult living options.

**B) Results of Outreach Activities:** *Outreach activities were held in FY 19/20; though RCRC was approved funding for this project in FY 19/20. RCRC was unable to find an HDO who met the minimum requirements requested in the RFP process. Therefore, RCRC is requesting this project be moved to FY 20/21.* During a public input meeting held regarding RCRC's 2019 Performance Plan on 9/29/18, it was noted that there is a need to further develop homes for children that offer positive behavioral supports utilizing a model of 4 beds or less. Additionally,

RCRC held a public input meeting on Friday 5/24/19, regarding RCRC's FY 19/20 CRDP proposed projects. The attendees included RCRC clients, service providers, and RCRC staff from Humboldt and Mendocino County. Attendees were supportive of this project and provided input regarding its development. For example, attendees noted that families should be involved in transitions to the home; direct support staff should be paid a professional wage between \$15 and \$18 per hour; and that people with disabilities should be included in home visits to provide input into how services are going.

**C) Justification:** RCRC currently has 4 small Group Homes, serving two to four children each in our catchment area. These Group Homes focus on serving kids with mental health needs. RCRC has needed to seek out of home placement that resulted in out of area placements for children. RCRC currently supports approximately 1400 children, and only has a total of 10 children's beds in facilities throughout our catchment area. In order for RCRC clients to remain in our local catchment area and near their families, a need has been determined for another home that can support children with intensive behavioral support needs. Finally, input gathered from public meetings held on 9/29/18 and 5/24/19 indicates that the community sees the need for the proposed EBSH for children. Community support will be crucial in creating a successful resource for children referred.

**D) Track Progress:** During the development phase RCRC will meet with the contractor monthly and offer technical assistance, as needed, to assure that the contractor is meeting timelines and project milestones as required per CRDP guidelines and contract agreements with RCRC.

### **Proposed Project Community Placement Plan (CPP) FY 20/21**

**4. HDO- Acquisition/Renovation to develop an Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) for Adults.** The total grant request is \$400,000. \$250,000 for acquisition and \$150,000 for renovation. This is a new project. RCRC will request funding for Service Provider development funds in CRDP FY 21/22.

**Identification of Community Resources Needed:** Development of an Enhanced Behavioral Support Home for adults, licensed as an "Adult Residential Facility (ARF)" by Community Care Licensing (CCL) for 4 adults in either Humboldt or Del Norte County. The home will serve adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities, forensic involvement and mental health support needs. This service is being developed to support individuals leaving PDC, an IMD or those at risk of entering an institution. This residential option would include a support component for individuals who require extra supports in transitioning to their community, including the need to acquire the skills necessary to be successful in living independently in their own communities. The home will utilize positive behavior support services and planning along with a life skills training program in a stable environment, so that individuals supported can continue to live within the community setting in which they are familiar. This home is being developed for four individuals who receive RCRC services with 50% (2) of the beds designated as CPP Placement and 50% (2) of the beds designated as Deflection. RCRC currently has 4 individuals identified as requiring a service of this type.