

RFP77 Small Staffed Residential Program for 1-2 Youth with Acute Mental Health Needs

Questions from bidders

Q: Does [bidder] need to have a residential license in order to bid and/or provide?

A: The setting would need to be appropriately licensed via DCF.

Q: As a foster care setting, or as a residential placement?

A: Depends on what is being developed and would have to comply with licensing requirements. If it's staffed, it would be residential license.

Q: Would DMH accept a proposal that was based on still needing to get licensed?

A: Yes, but serving the youth couldn't begin until indicated by the Department for Children and Families (DCF), Residential Licensing Unit ("Licensing Authority"). That would need to be incorporated into the timeframe. Info on DCF licensing regulations can be found here:

[Foster Homes in Vermont](#)
[Residential Treatment Programs](#)

Q: What is the projected length of stay that DMH is proposing for the youth being served in this program?

A: DMH is not setting an arbitrary length of stay, it should be driven by the individualized plan, continuing to meet the medical necessity for that level of care, effective discharge planning and available resources.

Q: Is there only one such program being created in the State, or will this program be approved in multiple locations?

A: DMH is only seeking one program at this time.

Q: Where will the referrals from this program originate from? Solely from DMH? Will DCF youth have access to this program?

A: Currently, DMH is seeking to create this program. DMH is open to this program being used by the Department for Children and Families. Representatives of DCF are aware of this RFI.