

Bid Request Date: 10/11/2018

REQUEST for BIDS: Seeking an individual or organization with experience in measuring and improving teacher/child interactions in a child care setting.

Organization Overview: Child Care Associates (CCA) is the largest child development nonprofit in North Texas (\$70m) serving over 545,000 vulnerable young children since 1968. CCA was formed out of a felt need in the community to offer leadership to the growing early childhood space in Tarrant County. CCA manages Child Care Management Services (CCMS) that operates the child care subsidy program and the Texas Rising Star program. CCMS provides services to over 7,000 children. The Texas Rising Star program is a voluntary, quality-based child care rating system of child care providers participating in the Texas Workforce Commission's subsidized child care program. TRS Certification is available to Licensed Centers and Licensed and Registered Child Care Home providers who meet the certification criteria.

Child Care Associates is accepting bids for services to include the following deliverables:

- Convene coaches and mentors from multiple organizations to assist in a deeper dive learning opportunity around coaching teachers that will help them improve classroom interactions in Early Childhood settings (example side by side, modeling, etc...)
- Providing feedback and support to the entire identified community of practice.
- Provide (10) individual organization's technical assistance via phone, Skype, Facetime, in-person all are located within Tarrant County.
- Available to begin the project as soon as November 2018.
- Able to make formal presentation if needed.
- Support individual agency level action plans and an Early Learning Alliance (ELA) level professional learning community (PLC) action plan.
- Provide each organization and the Early Learning Alliance with monthly progress reports and a final report outlining goals and strategies to improve teacher child interactions and goals for the PLC.

Required in your bid:

- Ability to begin project in November of 2018 through June 2019
- Early Childhood Development background with at least 7 years' experience in the Early Learning Field.
- Knowledge and expertise in Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), and measuring and improving teacher/child interaction in childhood settings.
- Knowledge and expertise of early learning core competencies.
- Detailed approach/plan for working with organizations and improving coaching in classrooms.
- Resume(s) of the key person(s) that would be assigned to this project.
- Sample of work performed of the same or similar service. This can be a portfolio, past presentation information, curriculum, etc.
- A clear, detailed budget (outlining deliverables) that aligns with approximate timelines for services to be delivered. Include and/all additional fees (ex: travel, printing, etc...).

Bids must be received by 12:00 PM CST Wednesday on October 24, 2018. The bid, as well as any questions may be addressed to Stephania Whitehurst, Stephania.Whitehurst@tarrantcountycms.org. CCA hopes to notify bidders by the week of October 29, 2018. **Bids will be weighted on the following criteria: 1) Experience with measuring and improving teacher child interactions in childhood settings (30 percent); 2) knowledge of early learning environments and core competencies (30 percent); 3) Immediate availability (20 percent); 4) Reasonableness of cost (20 percent).**