

#### **Request for Applications (RFA) 20200105 ECS**

#### Early Childhood Services (ECS) Transition Liaison

The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) is seeking a contractor for the agency to assist the MDHS Division of Early Childhood Care and Development (DECCD) with facilitating a seamless transition of management of Early Childhood Academy services from the Mississippi Community College Board (MCCB) to the DECCD. The term of the contract shall be about six (6) months (January 15, 2021 – June 30, 2021) with no renewal options. The rate of pay shall be \$50.00 an hour not to exceed 1,040 hours during the period of performance. No fringe or travel will be paid by MDHS. The contract worker will report directly to the DECCD Director.

#### **Scope of Services**

The ECS Transition Liaison will work with DECCD Leadership to:

- Provide daily consultation and support to DECCD leadership regarding Early Childhood Academy processes and how to replicate those processes within with the new Resource & Referral system.
- Assist DECCD leadership through consultation on the usage of the Provider Integrated Portal and the Child Care Standard Designation process.
- Coordinate and plan monthly meetings with R&R Network Staff.
- Write and review correspondence to Resource & Referral Network Staff as needed.
- Write and review correspondence to Child Care Provider as needed.
- Schedule regular, regional meetings with child care providers statewide to get feedback on DECCD services and needed changes/improvements.
- Assist DECCD Leadership by functioning as a liaison between child care providers and DECCD.

#### Promotion of Network

- Coordinate efforts with the DECCD Leadership to promote DECCD funded services for child care providers and families including: child care payment program, Healthy Families Mississippi Program, Resource & Referral (R&R) services, training and technical assistance services, etc.
- Develop and coordinate promotion of DECCD funded services through social media, public service announcements, public events, child care and other education conferences, radio and television interviews, etc.

#### Consumer Education Website

- Identify how to make consumer education website accessible and client/end-user friendly.
- Identify changes that need to be made on a regular/weekly/monthly basis to meet Federal guidelines and requirements.
- Facilitate updates to consumer education website.



#### **Minimum Qualifications**

- A master's degree in early childhood education, elementary education, educational leadership, human development and family science, special education (with an early childhood emphasis), child psychology (with emphasis on child psychology), or family and consumer sciences (with emphasis on child development) issued by an accredited college or university; or an equivalent degree from another child-related field or course of study.
- Minimum of three to five years' experience in management of early childhood education support programs including child care resource and referral services, early childhood professional development training, early childhood technical assistance.
- Successful applicant must comply with Miss. Code Ann., Title 25, Chapter 4, Article 3, Conflict of Interest; Improper Use of Office.

# <u>Preferred Qualifications/Experience (the following are desired and may be given additional consideration but are not required)</u>

• Experience with establishment of child care support networks including branding, public relations, and client relations.

#### **Other**

MDHS will provide space, as needed, at its central office at 200 South Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201. The contractor will be expected to spend part of the time at the MDHS central office. While the contractor is not required to spend any specific amount of time in this State-provided space, because of the need to meet with stakeholders and communities across the state, it is expected that working from State-provided space will enhance the contractor's ability to successfully perform contract requirements.

#### **Application Information**

MDHS will accept applications until 5:00 p.m., December 29, 2020, for the purpose of hiring a contract worker. Applications can be found online with this request. Applications can be submitted to MDHS via electronic mail to <a href="mailto:ProcurementServices@mdhs.ms.gov">ProcurementServices@mdhs.ms.gov</a> or by hand delivery to 200 South Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201. For more information please contact Bryan C. Wardlaw by email at <a href="mailto:ProcurementServices@mdhs.ms.gov">ProcurementServices@mdhs.ms.gov</a> or phone 601-359-4500.

### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI APPLICATION



## **Return Completed Application to:** Mississippi State Personnel Board

210 East Capitol Street, Suite 800 Jackson, MS 39201 www.mspb.ms.gov

Received:

#### Important! Please Read Before you begin the application process:

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APPLICANT DECLARATIONS  By signing this application, I certify that all statements made herein and on any attached documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the verification of this information by the Mississippi State Personnel Board and any agency considering me for employment. I know that any misrepresentation herein may lead to rejection of my application, removal of my name from the list of eligibles, and/or dismissal from state service. I understand that, as a condition of employment, I will be required to present documentation which verifies both my identity and my employment eligibility pursuant to federal immigration law.						
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#### SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

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