



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Wes Moore, Governor . Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor . Rafael López, Secretary

Date: December 12, 2025

RE: Request for Expression of Interest Responses #SSA/RCC-26-001-S
Licensed Residential Child Care Per Diem Providers

Dear Provider:

Pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Finance and Procurement Article, § 13-106 and the Code of Maryland Annotated Regulations (COMAR) 21.05.12.04, the Department of Human Services (Department or DHS), Social Services Administration (SSA) is issuing a Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Residential Child Care Services. The Department is seeking to contract for Residential Child Care (RCC) services in Maryland through nine (9) Program categories:

RCC PROGRAM CATEGORIES	LICENSING AGENCY
Developmentally Disabled Program (DD)	MDH/DDA
Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment Program (DETP)	DHS/OLM
High Intensity Group Home Programs (HIGH)	DHS/OLM
Therapeutic Group Home Program (TGH)	MDH/BHA
Medically Fragile Program (MFP)	DHS/OLM
High Intensity Group Home Services-Commercially Sexually Exploited (HIGH-CSE)	DHS/OLM
High Intensity Group Home Services - Emotional and Cognitive Developmentally Disabled (HIGH-ECDD)	DHS/OLM
Psychiatric Respite (PR)	DHS/OLM
Group Home Program	DHS/OLM DJS/OLM

Contracts are anticipated to begin on or about **April 1, 2026**.

As a Licensed Provider that is currently licensed to provide services, on a per diem basis, you are being asked to respond in writing with general expressions of interest. Providers shall possess a current, valid Maryland license from the Department of Human Services Office of Licensing and Monitoring (DHS-OLM) or Licensing and Monitoring (DJS) or the Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Administration (MDH/DDA) or the Department of Health Behavioral Health Administration (MDH/BHA) to provide services and be in good standing with the appropriate licensing agency.

Providers must comply with the regulations and standards adopted by the Department for Residential Child Care found in COMAR Title 14, Subtitles 31.05-07 (DHS and DJS); COMAR Title 10, Subtitle 22.02 (MDH/DDA) and COMAR Title 10, Subtitle 21.07 and 10.21.07 (MDH/BHA).

It is important to note that all Licensed Providers that currently have contracts with the Department that wish to continue providing residential child care services must reply to this REOI, as the current contracts will end March 31, 2026.

Please indicate your intent by submitting an EOI Response, that includes information regarding your program and how you intend to provide the services in compliance with the COMAR regulations. Specifically, the response shall include the following information:

- (1) a detailed program description of services (Attachment K);
- (2) staffing plan;
- (3) caseload description and number of youth to be served;
- (4) the jurisdiction or county where services are provided;
- (5) a valid license, which indicates that the program is in good standing with OLM, DJS or MDH (BHA or DDA);
- (6) a company organizational chart;
- (7) certificate of insurance;
- (8) child profile information (types of clients you serve);
- (9) program questionnaire (if applicable);
- (10) FY26 IRC rate letter; and
- (11) Qualified Residential Treatment Program Designation (if applicable).

Please ensure that the written EOI Response is received by the Procurement Officer identified below no later than **Thursday, January 8, 2026**. You must ensure that the written Response is received. For purposes of this EOI, the Procurement Officer is the sole point of contact. Please e-mail EOI Responses to: dhs.cpu_procurement@maryland.gov

Please call me at 410-767-7404 or email me at sang.kang@maryland.gov if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Sang Kang
Procurement Officer