

# JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CFCC-2019-09-LV INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION ON PERMANENCY AND THE COURT

### QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 1, 2019 3:00 pm

**Q1:** Can we submit a proposal that does not comply with the Request for Proposal?

- Submit a proposal to provide training to 4 regional sites, OR
- Submit for 6 regional sites and the development of a distance learning component?

**A1:** Proposals must comply with the Request for Proposal (RFP) Description of Services and Deliverables requested and all other Terms and Conditions requested for the Services described in the RFP.

**Q2:** To what extent (%) should the curriculum focus on the first 90 days of entry into care for foster children, vs. all the work that must be pursued and completed following 90 days? Since the RFP is titled “The First 90 Days” and the most significant changes to practice will be occurring within the first 90 days (which includes Reasonable Efforts to Prevent Removal prior to placement into foster care) the entire focus of these trainings might be best spent on those judicial and social work aspects. The entire portion of the 2-day training could focus on a clear understanding of not only the legal aspects of the responsibilities of the judiciary, agency, advocates and others but also the intent of the legislation guiding the work. It could then target and introduce the cutting-edge work being performed in the state that involves team/collaborative building, shifts in business as usual practice, changes anticipated in the child and family teaming requirements, and integration with preventative services that will eventually become part of Families First implementation. Any large inclusion of post 90 days work would significantly limit the exposure to new learning, consonant with Families First implementation.

**A2:** This RFP should focus almost exclusively on the first 90 days of a child entering care. However, the curriculum should also focus on prevention efforts prior to a child entering care that the court and attorneys should consider. The Judicial Council has many curricula on reunification and permanency. The purpose of this curriculum is preventing children coming into care and advocacy for permanency in the first 90 days including safety planning to keep a child in the home, early return to the parents, or placement with relatives.