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COUNTY OF MENDOCINO ♦ REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ADDENDUM NO. 1

Anger Management Services

RFP No.	**031-26**
Addendum Issue Date:	**August 27, 2026**
RFP Issue Date:	**August 12, 2026**
RFP Submission Deadline:	**September 30, 2026 - 2:00 pm**

VENDOR INQUIRIES/MENDOCINO COUNTY RESPONSES

1. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Is the County looking for group or 1:1 approach or both? Can the Contractor apply for either group or 1:1 Anger Management Services?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: The County is looking for both group and 1:1 Anger Management services. Preferably, the same contractor will offer both formats so services can be tailored to each individual's needs. However, multiple contracts may be awarded. Because of that, contractors may apply for either group services, 1:1 services, or both.

All possible vendors who can provide any portion of the required Anger Management Services will be considered and invited to submit a proposal.

2. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Is there a need for tribally and culturally rooted Anger Management services to be provided by a tribally and culturally rooted company?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: The company does not need to be part of a tribe to provide tribally and culturally rooted Anger Management services. The requirement is that the services themselves must be tribally and culturally rooted, meaning they must be tailored to the needs, experiences, and cultural processes of tribal individuals or other culturally specific groups. The provider must be able to demonstrate cultural relevance, competency, and evidence supporting the approach. Additionally, not all contracted providers must offer tribally or culturally rooted services. If multiple vendors are awarded contracts, only those delivering this specific service need to meet the tribally rooted requirement. Other vendors can provide different service components aligned with their expertise.

3. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Please provide, if available, the historical annual number of referrals for Anger Management Services and the anticipated annual referral volume under RFP No. 031-26, broken down by: (a) adult parents/caregivers, (b) youth, (c) Native American/tribal clients, (d) Spanish-speaking clients, and (e) geographic region***

of the County. If available, please also identify the approximate percentage historically served through group versus individual services?

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: Referrals to Anger Management Services by Family and Children's Services vary each year based on the needs of parents and youth. During FY 25–26, 46 unduplicated individuals received Anger Management Services. Of those, 23 individuals participated in group services (attended at least one group session), 28 participated in individual sessions (attended at least one 1:1 session), and 6 participated in education sessions (attended at least one education session). Out of the 46 participants, 6 were youth, 2 Spanish speaking, and 4 Native Americans.

4. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***The RFP indicates that the County may contract with multiple providers and intends to prioritize at least one tribal-focused provider. How does the County anticipate allocating referrals among selected contractors? For example, would a tribal-focused provider primarily receive Native American/tribal referrals, and would that provider also be expected or permitted to serve non-Native clients when capacity is available?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: Allocation of referrals will depend on how many entities the County contracts with, where each entity is located, the cultural alignment of their services, and the preferences of parents/youth.

5. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Is there an established annual or three-year funding allocation, anticipated contract range, or maximum contract amount available under RFP No. 031-26, either overall or for an individual provider such as a tribal-focused contractor***?

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: Annual funding allocations vary based on Family and Children's Services mandates and available funding. The County has not established a fixed annual or three-year contract amount for Anger Management Service, overall cap, or specific range for individual providers, including tribal-focused contractors. Proposers should describe their anticipated costs and funding needs in their proposal.

6. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Please clarify the anticipated reimbursement methodology. Will contracts operate as an annual not-to-exceed agreement reimbursed based upon actual hourly/unit services, cost reimbursement, per-participant rates, per-session rates, or another methodology? Please also clarify whether intake/assessment, individualized service planning, CFT/case conferences monthly progress reports, court reports, case coordination, travel time, and completion reporting are reimbursable contract activities***?

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: The County will reimburse the selected contractor(s) based on the reimbursement methodology proposed and negotiated in the resulting agreement. Proposers may outline their recommended structure, including any billable activities such as intake/assessment, individualized service planning, CFT/case conferences, reporting, case coordination, or travel time, as part of their proposal. Contracts operate as an annual not-to-exceed agreement.

7. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Section VII identifies 'Status of Professional Certification' as an evaluation consideration, while Section XI requires facilitators to be trained in an evidence-based/evidence-informed anger-management curriculum and experienced with child-welfare-involved families. Is a professional behavioral-health license required for individuals providing Anger Management Services, or may appropriately trained non-licensed facilitators, including Community Health Workers, provide or co-facilitate services with clinical consultation/supervision***?

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: A professional behavioral-health license is not required. The certification refers to the facilitator's training and ability to deliver an evidence-based or evidence-informed anger-management curriculum. Appropriately trained non-licensed facilitators may provide or co-facilitate services, consistent with the proposer's model.

8. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Does the County have a preferred standardized anger-management assessment instrument, or minimum criteria that an instrument must satisfy? Would a validated, publicly available instrument such as the Dimensions of Anger Reactions-5 (DAR-5), supplement by a structured intake addressing triggers, behavioral patterns, family context, and safety concerns, meet the County's standardized-assessment requirement?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: The County does not have a preferred standardized anger-management assessment instrument. Proposers may identify the assessment tools they intend to use, as long as the instrument is validated, appropriate for the population served, and aligned with evidence-based or evidence-informed practice. A validated and publicly available tool such as the DAR-5, supplemented by a structured intake addressing triggers, behavioral patterns, family context, and safety concerns, would meet the County's expectations for standardized assessment.

9. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***May individual and/or group Anger Management Services be delivered through secure videoconferencing when appropriate, particularly to address rural access barriers? If permitted, are virtual services considered equivalent to in-person services for purpose of contract requirements and reporting? If not possible, is the contractor expected to provide or fund participant transportation to Anger Management Services, or is the contractor's responsibility limited to providing geographically accessible service options.***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: The contractor is not responsible for transportation to and from Anger Management Services. However, if contractor can provide transportation services, these services may be outlined in section XI. Scope of Work and section XIII. Format of Cost Proposal.

Anger Management Services shall be provided in-person and virtual based on social worker approval.

10. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Does the County have a preferred program-enrollment model? Specifically, may a contractor operate structured 12-week closed cohorts with individual services provided as a bridge until the next group begins, or does the County expect continuous/rolling group admission?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: The County is open to any program-enrollment model as long as it is evidence-based or evidence-informed. However, due to the urgency for parents/caregivers to begin services as soon as possible, continuous enrollment is necessary. Structured cohorts may be proposed, but the model must ensure timely access for families.

11. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Section XI asks vendors to specify whether they will bill insurance, including Medi-Cal. Is insurance billing expected where a participant has coverage, or may a contractor propose that Anger Management Services be fully funded through the County agreement without billing Medi-Cal or other insurance?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: If the provider is a Medi-Cal or private insurance biller and the services qualify for reimbursement, the contractor must bill insurance first. Any anger management services not covered by insurance will be funded through the County agreement. If the provider is not a Medi-Cal or private insurance biller, service costs will be reimbursed as outlined in the executed agreement between the provider and the County.

12. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***May an out-of-state company serve as the prime contractor for RFP No. 031-26?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: An out-of-state company may serve as the prime contractor for RFP No. 031-26.

13. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***May the prime contractor utilize qualified California-based subcontractors to provide some or all direct client services, subject to the County's approval as described in Section 29 of the sample agreement?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: A prime contractor may utilize qualified California-based subcontractors to provide some or all direct client services, subject to the County's approval as described in Section 29 of the sample agreement.

14. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***If subcontractors are proposed, should they be identified in the initial proposal along with their resumes, qualifications, certifications, and relevant experience?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: If subcontractors are proposed, they should be identified in the initial proposal.

15. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***May portions of the required individuals and/or group anger-management services be delivered virtually, or does the County require all direct services to be provided in person within Mendocino County?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: Anger Management services shall be provided in-person and virtually based on Social Worker's approval.

16. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***May the English and Spanish services requirements be fulfilled through a combination of qualified facilitators – for example, English-speaking and bilingual/Spanish-speaking and bilingual/Spanish-speaking subcontractors working under the same prime contractor?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: Yes, the English and Spanish service requirements may be fulfilled through a combination of qualified facilitators. This can include English-speaking and bilingual/Spanish-speaking facilitators or subcontractors working together under the same prime contractor.

17. **Vendor Inquiry:** ***Are there any California-specific licenses, certifications, business registrations, or other professional requirements that the prime contractor or individual facilitators must possess beyond the qualifications identified in the RFP?***

County of Mendocino Response/Clarification: Facilitators under the RFP are not required to hold any professional credentials beyond those specified in the RFP. However, subcontractors must comply with applicable local business licensing requirements. Any facilitator whose business entity operates in the unincorporated areas of Mendocino County must hold a valid Mendocino County Business License, as required by county ordinance unless exempt. Facilitators whose business entities are located within the city limits of Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Willits, or Point Arena must comply with local city ordinances.

The prime contractor is required to maintain and show proof insurance as outlined in Attachment C, Exhibit C of the RFP. Subcontractors must either be covered under the prime contractor's insurance or maintain and show proof their own insurance as outlined in Attachment C, Exhibit C of the RFP.

ALL OTHER SPECIFICATIONS REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Acknowledgment of receipt of this addendum is required to be included in your proposal. You may indicate such inclusion in narrative form within your proposal or by attaching a copy this addendum to your proposal.

Any questions or concerns regarding this matter should be directed to Waldi Helma, at the phone number or email address below:

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