

**County of Delaware
RFP**

“Facilitation of a Strategic Plan for the Delivery of Behavioral Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to School-Aged Children in Delaware County”

Q&A Responses

Q. How much depth do you want in the evaluation of the current system i.e. focus groups, review of client feedback, client survey evaluation, in-depth evaluation of processes, policies and staff skill?

A. Ideally, we envision a comprehensive evaluation of the current mental/behavioral health system which can include focus groups, user survey evaluation, in-depth look at current practices and any other relevant tools.

Q. Who will implement the final strategic plan?

A. We envision a position within county mental/behavioral health government to oversee and implement the strategic plan in partnership with schools, families, and the health system at large.

Q. Is the timeline flexible?

A. As of now, the end date is June 30, 2021. PCED indicated that some extensions may be granted. Additionally, county resources may be available to continue work beyond June 30, 2021.

Q. If there is no flexibility on the timeline, what do you want to cut?

A. Nothing.

Q. Is deep programmatic expertise needed in mental health service design or is strategic planning expertise across multi-stakeholder groups more important?

A. The working group currently has some areas of expertise and adding more expertise is envisioned as part of the expansion into multi-stakeholder groups. The ideal candidate would possess familiarity with mental and behavioral health issues to an extent broad enough to facilitate the project and design the strategic plan. The specific end product is envisioned to be an enhanced, nuanced mental and behavioral health system created out of stakeholder input.

Q. Does the District Attorney's Office and the working group agree to have all remote online live work sessions?

A. Until the virus is contained, remote online sessions are advisable.

Q. Does the Office of the District Attorney have a budget for this project?

A. Yes.

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Q. When we are thinking about school-aged children in Delaware County, are we considering ALL children (i.e., including children in homeschool or private school accommodations) or children in public schools and publicly funded placements only?

A. This project is intended to cover all children attending school in grades K-12.

Q. Does "Includes a strategic planning cycle" mean the same thing as "Provide the method and timeline for strategic plan updates and revisions" noted in the RFP?

A. Yes. We envision a 5 year strategic plan that lays out implementation delineating key milestones.