



North Los Angeles County Regional Center

Summer 2024 Request for Vendorization (RFV)

PROJECT #10: Behavior Respite Services (062/612/616)

RELEASE DATE: August 19, 2024

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: September 29, 2024, 11:59 p.m. (PDT)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC) is releasing this Request for Vendorization (RFV) to seek qualified and experienced behavior service providers to support individuals who exhibit behaviors indicating the need for intervention and their families by providing appropriate care and supervision in the absence of caregivers and family members. This combination of services including Personal Assistance (062), and Behavior Analyst (612), and Behavior Management Technician (616) will be delivered simultaneously to enable individuals and their families to continue to live safe, productive lives by providing specialized Behavioral Respite.

INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED

This service will be provided to individuals of all ages, diagnosed with a developmental disability, who require respite, daycare, intermittent or regularly scheduled temporary, non-medical care and supervision and are also in need of behavior modification and intervention services. Individuals may also exhibit severe self-care deficits and/or social-communicative challenges.

LOCATION & LANGUAGE SPECIFIC

NLACRC is seeking Behavioral Respite Service providers to serve individuals within the Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, and/or Santa Clarita Valley. In addition to English, services should be provided/offered in at least 1-3 other languages.

American Sign Language (ASL)	Khmer
Arabic	Korean
Armenian	Persian (Farsi)
Chinese – Cantonese	ProTactile
Chinese – Hakka	Russian
Chinese – Mandarin	Spanish or Spanish Creole
Chinese – Other	Tagalog
Hebrew	Vietnamese
Hindi	Other
Japanese	

PROPOSED MODELS OF SERVICE

Behavioral Respite Services will be delivered at a 1:1 therapist-to-participant ratio in the home of the individual being served.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

All applicants must meet regulatory requirement for vendorization under Service Codes Personal Assistance (062), Behavior Analyst (612), and Behavior Management Technician (616).



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Personal Assistance - Service Code 062. A regional center may classify a vendor as Personal Assistance if the vendor provides personal assistance and support.

Title 17 § 54342(a)(11) states:

Behavior Analyst - Service Code 612. Behavior Analyst means an individual who assesses the function of a behavior of a consumer and designs, implements, and evaluates instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in the consumer's behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of behavior. Behavior Analysts engage in functional assessments or functional analyses to identify environmental factors of which behavior is a function. A Behavior Analyst shall not practice psychology, as defined in Business and Professions Code section 2903. A regional center shall classify a vendor as a Behavior Analyst if an individual is recognized by the national Behavior Analyst Certification Board as a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst.

Title 17 § 54342(a)(12) states:

Behavior Management Assistant - Service Code 616. A regional center shall classify a vendor as a behavior management assistant if the vendor designs and/or implements behavior modification intervention services under the direct supervision of a behavior management consultant; or if the vendor assesses the function of a behavior of a consumer and designs, implements, and evaluates instructional and environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvements in the consumer's behavior through skill acquisition and the reduction of behavior, under direct supervision of a Behavior Analyst or Behavior Management Consultant, and meets either of the following requirements:

- (A) Possesses a Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree and has either:
 - 1. Twelve semester units in applied behavior analysis and one year of experience in designing and/or implementing behavior modification intervention services; or
 - 2. Two years of experience in designing and/or implementing behavior modification intervention services.
- (B) Is registered as either:
 - 1. A psychological assistant of a psychologist by the Medical Board of California or Psychology Examining Board; or
 - 2. An Associate Licensed Clinical Social Worker pursuant to Business and Professions Code, Section 4996.18.

RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT

These services are funded at a Statewide Median Rate.

The current Statewide Median Rate NLACRC is able to access for Personal Assistance/Behavior Respite (062) services is \$39.70 per hour.

The current Statewide Median Rate NLACRC is able to access for Behavior Analyst (612) is 109.87 per hour.

Pursuant to Title 17, Section 57332, NLACRC is able to access a rate for Behavioral Management Technicians (616) that is 75% of the median rate of Behavioral Management Assistant (615). As such the current rate NLACRC is able to access for Behavioral Management Technicians (616) is \$48.36 per hour. The next Statewide Median Rate adjustment by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is expected January 1, 2025.

Reimbursement for mileage is not included for services indicated above. Please visit the DDS website for more information.



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ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants should design a program that is equipped to meet the specialized needs of consumers whose diagnoses are likely to include the following:

- Moderate to high levels of cognitive deficit
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Seizure Disorders
- Mental Illness/Psychiatric Diagnosis (Dual Diagnosis)
- Severe behaviors that may include, but are not limited to: severe behavioral dysregulation, impulse control issues, history of criminal involvement, theft, property destruction, aggression towards others, tantrums, self-abuse, hyperactivity, and elopement.

CLOSING DATE

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