



# North Los Angeles County Regional Center

## Summer/Fall 2024 Request for Vendorization

**PROJECT #9:** Socialization Training Program (028)

**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 Social Skills Trainers to support children 3 - 18 years of age, or up to 22 if still in high school, who have been found eligible for regional center services achieve an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) or an Individual Program Plan (IPP) objective.

### INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED

Social Skills Training is provided for school-age (age 3 – 18, or 22 if still in high school) developmentally disabled persons and their parent(s). Social Skills Training (also called social-interpersonal skills) is provided to consumers that already have basic communication skills but need help establishing better social relations in the community (e.g., school, work).

### LOCATION & LANGUAGE SPECIFIC

Services can be provided within the San Fernando Valley, Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita Valley. In addition to English, it is recommended that services are provided/offered in at least 1- 3 other languages.

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

### PROPOSED MODELS OF SERVICE

Social Skills Trainers provide socialization opportunities for school-age developmentally disabled persons. At a minimum, the following should be provided:

- Adaptive recreation/socialization programs
- Integration opportunities through the program's independent living skills activities
- Access to public recreation and leisure facilities
- Activities that will enhance and develop meaningful interpersonal relationships
- Excluded are programs that the Department of Education is required to fund.

Social Skills Training requirements include:

- Consumer practices skills with peers in the presence of parents or staff working with the consumer



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- At least half of the hours provided are used to practice the skills in the community.
- Parents are trained to help their child to practice the skills in the community
- Parents are expected to participate in services 100% of the time and are an integral part of the treatment team (i.e., a “teach the teacher” model).

Learning social skills requires practicing the skills across different individuals and settings. Social skills groups might be an appropriate format to address social skills, as long as a portion of the hours are implemented to practice the skills in the community. A consumer may be considered for a new cycle of social skills training if he/she experiences a significant change in his/her social context. Significant changes include puberty, going to high school, and getting a job, as the consumer might need to develop new skills to cope with these particular social environments. Services are approved for up to 36 hours over a 6-month period (up to 1.5 hours per week). Social skills assessment reports must include baseline data from direct observation and the use of commercially available checklists, and clear and measurable goals for the consumer and his/her parents.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS**

Social Skills Trainers must have skills and experience in implementing and creating social skills programs and possess a Master’s degree and/or be a licensed clinician/professional.

#### **RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT**

This service is funded at a Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Statewide Median Rate. Currently, the rate is \$29.83 per hour, per individual; \$37.00 per hour for a group rate.

Please note that per Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 4650.10 all generic resources have been explored in the individual’s community prior to requesting regional center funding.

This project DOES NOT have startup funds associated. Applicants are responsible for 100% of the initial start-up cost and continued maintenance of the business. Additionally, pursuant to Title 17 section 54322, (d) (10) Regional Centers cannot guarantee referrals.

#### **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:

- Mild to moderate levels of cognitive deficit
- Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Seizure Disorders
- Mental Illness/Psychiatric Diagnosis
- Need for assistance with some or all aspects of social engagement in the community.
- Non-ambulatory with mild to severe mobility challenges.

#### **CLOSING DATE**

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

