



North Los Angeles County Regional Center

Social Recreation, Camp and Non-Medical Therapies Request for Vendorization (RFV)

PROJECT #8: Camping Services (850)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Ongoing until resource need declines

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Community Services Department of the North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC) is releasing this Request for Vendorization (RFV) to seek qualified and experienced Camping Services providers to provide day, residential, and traveling camp for children and adults who have been found eligible for regional center services to achieve an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individual Program Plan (IPP) objective.

INDIVIDUALS TO BE SERVED

Camping Services shall be provided to children and adults diagnosed with a developmental disability to access age-appropriate camping activities. The Camping Services provider will create a curriculum optimizing accessibility and integration to help ensure a person's well-being, promote and develop friendships, and enhance social opportunities through fun and recreational activities.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

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

- Mild, moderate to severe 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.
- Individuals with activities limitations such as vision or hearing loss, or mobility limitation

PROPOSED MODELS OF SERVICE

Camping Services may be provided as a form of planned relief for care providers through family support, or as a form of non-medical care and supervision while a caregiver is engaged in employment or training for employment, and supports an outcome of the individual program plan.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Per Title 17, Section 54342(15), a vendor providing Camping Services must have staff that possess demonstrated competence to supervise safety of camp activities and is:

(A) A day camp which:

- 1) Provides a creative experience in outdoor living for a limited period of hours per day and days per year; and
- 2) Contributes to the individual's mental, physical, and social growth by using the resources of the natural surroundings;



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(B) A residential camp which:

- 1) Possesses a valid fire clearance issued by the California State Fire Marshal, city fire department, or local fire district;
- 2) Complies with the requirements of Title 17, Sections 30700 through 30753;
- 3) Has a registered nurse on staff at all hours of operation; or
- 4) Has received a waiver issued by the appropriate agency if any of the requirements specified in 1. through 3. above are not met; and
- 5) Provides:
 - a. A creative experience in outdoor living on a 24-hour per day basis for a limited period of time;
 - b. Services which use the resources of the natural surroundings to contribute to the individual's mental, physical, and social growth; and
 - c. Other consistent services; or

(C) A traveling camp which provides camping or vacation experiences by traveling to various campgrounds or other tourist areas.

RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT

This service is funded at a Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Statewide Median Rate. Currently, the rate is \$14.97 hourly, per individual; \$21.84 hourly, per group.

Please note that per Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 4650.10 all generic resources must be 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 costs and continued maintenance of the business. Additionally, pursuant to Title 17, Section 54322(d)(10), Regional Centers cannot guarantee referrals.