Westside Regional Center

Request for Applications (RFA)

Date: 11/15/2021

Westside Regional Center (WRC) is a state-funded, private, non-profit agency dedicated to serving children and adults with developmental disabilities in Western Los Angeles County. WRC is located in Culver City and offers service coordination, health education, and provision of resources and support to people with developmental disabilities (i.e., intellectual disability, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and conditions similar to intellectual disability that require similar services).

WRC is accepting letters of interest for a **Speech Therapy Consultant** to (1) provide speech therapy consultation and assistance to WRC staff, individuals supported by WRC and families; (2) evaluate the quality and effectiveness of speech therapy provided to the individuals served by WRC, particularly in the Early Start Program, and (3) ensure proper use of resources and appropriateness of therapy services being delivered. We are seeking a friendly and patient consultant speech therapist for up to 20 hours per week max. Contract duration is 12 months.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY

Applicants must meet qualifications under the California Code of Regulations, §54342. Title 17 Division 2, Chapter 3, Community Services, Sub Chapter 2, Vendorization, Article 3:

1. SLP - Service Code 707. A regional center shall classify a vendor as a provider of speech therapy services if the vendor is a speech therapist who is validly licensed by the Speech Therapy Examining Committee of the Medical Board of California.
2. Five (5) years of experience providing speech therapy to pediatric and adult populations
3. Two (2) years of experience providing speech therapy services to individuals with developmental disabilities, preferred.
4. Knowledge of AAC devices and assessments.
5. Familiarity with various standardized developmental testing tools.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBLITIES

1. To participate in the weekly Interdisciplinary Team meetings for the birth to three population to determine Early Start eligibility.
2. To participate in multidisciplinary team observation, as needed, for purposes of diagnostic clarification. To follow up with families, as needed, to discuss speech therapy eligibility and recommendations.
3. To review speech therapy evaluations and recommendations to determine most appropriate services for the individual.
4. To review speech therapy progress reports to determine level of continued therapy needed and recommend changes as deemed necessary and indicated; and to share recommendations with Early Start service coordinators and Early Start program managers to assist them in submitting purchase of service requests.

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5. To review new speech therapy vendor packets, in conjunction with the Quality Assurance Specialist.
6. To consult with Early Start staff and help clarify recommendations and programming needs.
7. To consult with WRC staff regarding requests for AAC devices and assessments.
8. To interface with speech therapy providers to discuss recommendations and most appropriate service delivery level for specific individuals.
9. To review cases in conjunction with the Fair Hearing Coordinator and other members of the Interdisciplinary Team in preparation for appeals. To be available to testify in appeals, as needed, as requested by the Fair Hearing Coordinator.
10. To assist service coordinators in exploring generic funding resources for services.

CONTENTS OF LETTER OF INTEREST

Please mail a one-page letter of interest, resume, and two letters of references or recommendations letters to Cristina Azantian, OTR/L, Westside Regional Center, 5901 Green Valley Circle Suite 320, Culver City, CA 90230 or emailed to crisotr@westsiderc.org.

INQUIRIES

All additional inquiries regarding the application should be directed to Cristina Azantian at (310) 258 4088. Technical assistance is limited to information on the requirements for the letter of intent.

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