

Questions and Answers

RFP: Second Upstate Model Family Representation Office

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- (1) **Question:** Is it presupposed that the grant will fund pre-petition legal representation for a particular institutional provider, and then if a petition is filed, representation will be funded by County-based funding pursuant to an existing County contract?

Answer: As stated in the RFP, the expectation is that, for each client represented by the Model Office funded under this grant, the provider/organization which is delivering services will represent the client for the duration of their involvement with the Model Office, regardless of the stage at which representation commenced. Providers/organizations that already represent parents in state intervention matters should indicate how this grant funding will be used to implement a client-centered, holistic, and interdisciplinary approach to representation and how this grant funding will be used at all critical stages of the matter, including the CPS investigation or pre-petition stage.

- (2) **Question:** If the award is given, will there be an advance for startup costs and hiring?

Answer: It is anticipated that, under the contract, ILS will be able to make an advance payment, if requested in writing, in the amount of twenty-five percent (25%) of the first-year budget included in the approved contract. The written request must contain a description of how the funds will be used on accordance with the budget contained in the contract.