



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES**

The Department of Children, Youth, and Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Evident Change, who will review and assess the Shared Planning program utilized by Washington State's Child Welfare Program. The purpose of this review and assessment will be to update and implement statewide System Improvements, so as to include the five key elements of the Team Decision Making Model (TDM).

Those five elements include Equality, Engagement, Equity / Inclusivity / Transparency, Fairness, and Self-Evaluation / Sustainability. These Systemic Improvements, have been outlined as part of a recent settlement to a litigation matter (referred to as the D.S. Settlement). In addition to what was mandated by the settlement, the Contractor shall also incorporate feedback gathered from the Child Welfare (CW) Team and lessons learned from the Permanency from Day 1 Grant.

The contract will be issued on or about March 17th, 2025. The dollar value is estimated at \$250,000 for work required during the period ending July 31st, 2025. The term of this contract may be extended by one additional six (6) month term, at the sole option of DCYF.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by March 7th, 2025.

Vendor capability statements should address how they are qualified and capable of performing the following requirements:

- Please provide evidence of experience in the development and refinement of the Team Decision Making Model (TDM).
- Demonstrate experience in the incorporation of the following five (5) elements into a Team Decision Making Model:
 - Equality;
 - Engagement;
 - Equity / Inclusivity / Transparency;
 - Fairness; and
 - Self-Evaluation / Sustainability.
- Demonstrate approval / acceptance / inclusion into the California Clearinghouse of approved evidence based programs, consistent with the requirements set forth above.

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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