



Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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The Department of Children, Youth & Families contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Northwest Credible Messengers, LLC to build on the history of the Credible Messenger movement through the implementation of the DCYF Transformational Mentoring through a Credible Messenger (CM) Statewide Framework. This Project is DCYF's contribution to safer communities and is aimed to serve gang-involved and at-risk youth and their families. By providing gang-involved and at-risk youth and their families with services under this Project, our vision is that their growth and productivity will impact their success and stability in their communities.

This contract engages Northwest Credible Messenger (NWCM) to develop and implement a statewide Transformational Mentoring through a Credible Messenger (CM) framework under a single agreement, NWCM will assume responsibility for:

- Overall project and site management
- Training, technical assistance, and implementation oversight
- Disbursing funds directly to regional implementation partners
- Monthly reporting and reimbursement documentation to DCYF
- Centralized data collection via NWCM's existing HIPAA-compliant JotForm Enterprise Suite
- Annual program evaluation (conducted by The Athena Group, LLC)

Northwest Credible Messenger, LLC (NWCM) is the only known organization in Washington State offering formal Credible Messenger (CM) training and certification, including a proprietary curriculum that certifies adult mentors and agency staff as Healing-Centered Practitioners. NWCM is the designated Washington State Ambassador for the National Credible Messenger Mentoring Movement and is awarded grant funding by Washington State Department of Commerce Community Reinvestment Project to deliver statewide CM certification programs.

NWCM has also served as the statewide Gang Intervention Technical Assistance Provider for DCYF since 2019, aligning CM implementation with DCYF's youth justice transformation goals. Their peer-led, trauma-informed, and culturally grounded model is rooted in lived experience and restorative justice.

The contract will be issued on or about July 1, 2025. The dollar value is estimated at \$500,000 for work required during the period ending June 30, 2026. Amendments extending the period of performance if any, shall be at the sole discretion of DCYF. The term of the contract may be extended by an amendment up to two (2) times for up to one (1) year per amendment and will not exceed the date of June 30, 2029.

Offerors contemplating the above requirements are required to submit capability statements detailing their ability to meet the state's requirements by June 30, 2025. The following information should be included in the capability statements:

- Please provide confirmation of national certification as a Credible Messenger Trainer through Credible Messenger Mentoring Movement (CM3). Also, include a detailed description for each trainer's experience in providing facilitation, coaching and capacity building focused on growing the Credible Messenger Model.

- Must have two (2) years of experience as a Credible Messenger Lead. Please provide a detailed description of this experience.
- Please provide a detailed description of national and statewide solutions you have implemented or contributed as a lead on a planning or implementation team on the issues facing communities who are dealing with issues of gang-involved and at-risk youth and complex family situations.
- Please provide a detailed description of your Capacity-building expertise to expand and support additional CM3-aligned providers in high-need regions (e.g., Pierce, Clark, Yakima, and Spokane counties).
- Please provide a description of your proprietary Healing-Centered Practitioner curriculum and integrated technical assistance model.

In the absence of other qualified sources, it is the state's intent to make a sole source award of the Contract.

To submit capability statements or for questions, contact:

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