

Q&A

Request for Proposals #106: Nassau County Family Treatment Court Family Services

1. Under Project Services: Item 1, has a screening tool been identified or will this be selected by the provider?
 - A. *The selected applicant will be expected work with the court to implement an evidence-based risk and needs screening and assessment tool.*
2. [Regarding] Item 8, urine and follicle tests - to be conducted within the Family Court building or in the home/community or both ?
 - A. *All drug tests will be conducted within the Nassau County Family Court building.*
3. Can you project how many families of the 30 to be served at any one time are expected to need supervised visitation with the CASAC?
 - A. *The goal of the Family Treatment Court is to provide services to 30 families over the grant period. As stated in item #17 under Project Services, the selected applicant is expected to provide weekly supervised visitation for families referred to the FTC at no cost to those families. The Court Appointed Special Advocate Coordinator, however, will be responsible for recruiting advocates to work with children and will not be responsible for providing supervised visitation directly.*
4. Clarification of staff & program requirements: What professional background/experience is preferred? The description is conflicting.
 - A. *The required staffing includes two full time case managers and a part time Court Appointed Special Advocate Coordinator (CASAC).*

The Case Manager position requirements state “a minimum of two years of related experience required,” and that Case Managers “must have good communication skills, both oral and written and be proficient in computer applications.” Preferred qualifications are “Bachelor’s degree in Social or Behavioral Science, Criminal Justice or CASAC preferred” and “[m]inimum of two years’ experience working with families.”

The part time Court Appointed Special Advocate Coordinator (CASAC) requirements state that the CASAC “must have knowledge of mental health, behavioral, child and family issues, and the court system as well as strong organizational skills” and “High School diploma or educational equivalent required with a minimum of two years relevant work experience” and that the person “[m]ust have good communication skills, both oral and written, and be proficient in computer applications.” Preferred qualifications are a high school diploma and experience working with children in the child welfare system.

5. Is the program responsible for follicle testing/partnering with a testing site?
 - A. *The provider selected will be responsible for establishing a partnership with a testing site.*
6. Is the focus of this grant, clinical or case management? Is the program developing service plans, treatment plans or both?

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- A. *The focus of this request for proposals is case management. The case managers provided by the selected applicant will be expected to refer to community partners for clinical services, but be involved in the creation of recommendations for mandates for the FTC program (service plans).*