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**THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES
YOUTH STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS DIVISION**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

For

CROSSROADS YOUTH OPPORTUNITY CENTER

Issue Date: Thursday, October 19, 2011

Proposal Submission Deadline: Thursday, November 17, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

October 19, 2011

Dear Prospective Candidate:

The Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Youth Strategies and Programs Division seek Expressions of Interest to provide prevention programs and/or services to youth and their families in the County. The Department seeks non-profit organizations to implement innovative projects in prevention services. This Expression of Interest is for one-time funding and approximately \$100,000 is available. The Department seeks support for multiple projects and expects that the applicant(s) will accept referrals from the Crossroads Youth Opportunity Center. Priority services include: behavioral health assessments and ongoing counseling services; GED classes; English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL). Example of projects include behavioral health services and individual, group and family counseling services; conflict resolution, life skills, educational services for youth which teach positive alternatives to criminal activity and; training and education services for individuals who are Speakers of other languages. The goal of this Expression of Interest is to expand the capacity of services outside the center, clients who have been referred from the Crossroads Youth Opportunity Center.

The target population for this expression is youth and their families in Prince George's County who have been referred from other Prince George's County organizations in the targeted area. It is expected that applicants can demonstrate the ability to implement a project within the current fiscal year (2012) and the applicant displays a clear understanding of gangs and their dynamics. Applicants are expected to be able to clearly identify their target population and describe to what extent the proposed project enhances continuity of prevention of gang activity in Prince George's County. In addition, the applicants must demonstrate the ability to provide culturally competent and sensitive services to their proposed target population as well as develop and sustain a positive working rapport with the Crossroads Youth Opportunity Center. Applicants should also possess the ability to leverage outside resources to promote and sustain their proposed project.

*Only applicants with the ability to obtain Professional Liability Insurance as well as Sexual Abuse Insurance coverage will be considered, however, those applicants who can document a sustainable plan of acquiring these insurances will also be taken into consideration. Insurance limits are also attached to this Expression of Interest.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted on standard 8 ½ X 11" white paper, double spaced, one sided with 1" margins. Any resumes or Curriculum Vitas of staff must also be submitted as attachments; however, double spacing is not required for attachments.

The total length of Expressions of Interest shall not exceed 10 pages in length, excluding attachments.

The following information should be provided in response to the Expression of Interest and should not exceed 10 pages:

- Overview of Organization
- Description of Applicable Work Experience
- Description of Proposed Service Model and Activities, Staffing and Partnerships/Resources to be Utilized and Leveraged
- Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures and Community Impact
- Summary Statement of Capacity to Provide Services in Prince George's County
- Proposed Budget

Submit Expressions of Interest to Ms. Melvona Walker at the Department of Family Services, 6420 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, MD 20748. Expressions of Interest may also be submitted electronically at mdwalker@co.pg.md.us. Expressions of Interest must be submitted no later than Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 4 p.m.