

Allegheny County
Department of Human Services
Request for Interest Q&A

Operating Outpatient Satellite Clinics in Family Support Centers and the Allegheny County Jail
to Conduct Parent Child Interaction Therapy

November 7, 2014

4.) Has the County thought about how to sustain sufficient capacity of certified therapists for PCIT therapy as we expand locations?

Initially, DHS anticipates that interested providers will utilize their existing PCIT therapists to serve our clients in Family Support Centers. If referrals increase to the point where additional PCIT trained therapists are necessary, we will consider the most appropriate way to meet the demand at that time.

3.) How will fidelity to the model be maintained in the jail setting?

There are unique challenges to implementing PCIT in the jail that need to be worked through.

For example-

- How the “practice sessions” between the child and parent will occur between formal weekly therapy sessions?
- Will parents be able to obtain permission to have up to 3 additional visits/per week with their child at the jail to practice PRIDE skills?

In your response, please share with us your ideas on how you will work with us and the jail to address them.

October 15, 2014

2.) Is there any interest in transportation assistance for the families involved in all phases of the new project?

We chose to build PCIT playrooms at neighborhood family support centers to make accessing this service convenient for families and to mitigate the need for transportation services. However, should we identify a need for transportation support as we move forward in implementation, we are willing to explore options that best meet the needs of the families we serve.

October 6, 2014

1.) I see that the due date in the RFI says October 14 but the posting on DHS website under RFPs Section PCIT, the due date says November 14. Can you tell me which one is right?

The due date for the RFI is November 14, 2014. The RFI has been edited to reflect this.