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FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES NOTICE OF UPCOMING RFI

Dear DCS Stakeholders & Potential Bidders:

Thank you, all, for your interest in family preservation services that DCS will soon fund with a per-diem model of reimbursement. We've had a tremendous response from so many of you at the meetings we've held since the legislation requiring this per-diem approach passed at the end of the 2019 session. We have had great discussions about how these services should be delivered across the state. The questions and suggestions have been thoughtful and appreciated, and the level of engagement in these conversations has been great.

One request stated repeatedly during these meetings is a desire to have the actual per-diem rate available prior to the RFP being posted. As we've discussed, DCS wants your input on this critical aspect of these services. To that end, DCS has decided that prior to posting the RFP, we will first post a Request for Information (RFI) to obtain your data around your proposed costs, as well as to receive your continued input on the specific goals we should set for family preservation services. Your input, in addition to our own data will help us determine the appropriate per-diem rate; that rate will then be made available when the RFP is posted. Additional information, including details about how to respond to the upcoming RFI, will be sent to you all soon. Watch for the official posting on the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) website here: <https://www.in.gov/cgi-bin/idoa/cgi-bin/bidad.pl>).

We recognize this is a change from our original plans for this RFP, but we anticipate having the rate available prior to the RFP posting will provide better clarity for bidders once the RFP is open. Again, we very much appreciate your interest in this service and look forward to learning more from you as we prepare for this new way of serving families and children.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Reed, MSW, LCSW, CSAYC".

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