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RE: Request for Proposal (RFP) for new Blended Mobile Crisis Response Service (MCRS)

On May 29, 2018, the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) released a request for proposal (RFP) for a new blended mobile crisis response service. Currently, the department contracts for the provision of two separate mobile crisis systems. Mobile crisis response teams are composed of trained, licensed, and credentialed staff who are dispatched into the community by the Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL) to respond to behavioral health and intellectual and developmental disability crises. The teams provide rapid response, crisis de-escalation, brief intervention, and linkage/referral to necessary services and supports.

Under the current model, separate teams serve people experiencing behavioral health and intellectual and developmental disability crises. In recent years, there has been an increase in prevalence of people with a dual diagnosis, meaning that they have both behavioral health and intellectual and developmental disability needs. Best practice suggests that meeting the needs of individuals with a dual diagnosis should incorporate a blended model of service delivery that is capable of addressing both sets of needs.

DBHDD will be incorporating best practices in service delivery for our statewide mobile crisis response system by contracting for the provision of blended mobile crisis response services for adults and children ages five and older.

We invite you to review the proposal here: <https://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/PRSapp/PublicBidNotice?bid_op=194410044100-DBH0000550>

A **mandatory bidders’ conference** will take place on **June 21, 2018.** Interested parties may submit questions about the RFP, which will be answered during the conference. Questions must be submitted to stacey.stith@dbhdd.ga.gov by **June 15, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.**

The deadline for all submissions of proposals is **June 29, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.**

DBHDD looks forward to continued opportunities to partner with provider agencies in the delivery of easy access to high-quality care that leads to a life of recovery and independence for the people we serve.