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## **Proposal for the Jefferson Parish Department of Juvenile Services**

### **Abstract**

Winters Mental Health and Consulting (WMHC) is seeking to partner with Jefferson Parish to provide comprehensive forensic evaluations. This agency has provided forensic evaluations, psychosexual assessments, psychosexual treatment and many other court mandated services for the past four years. In addition, the agency is specialty trained in psychosexual evaluations for children with disabilities using the Multiplex Empirically Guided Inventory of Ecological Aggregates (MEGA). This proposal can be a fee for service basis or a fixed contract.

### **Company Background**

Leon C. Winters, LCSW, LLC dba Winters Mental Health and Consulting (WMHC) is a private, for-profit agency that began in June 2016 in Lafayette, Louisiana. WMHC was organized to provide a range of supportive services to adults, children and families throughout the state of Louisiana. WMHC has a history of providing services to children and families with various issues since its inception. WMHC was founded by Leon C. Winters, LCSW-BACS, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state of Louisiana. Mr. Winters invested \$5,000 of his own money. Today, the company operates physically in Lafayette (main office) and Abbeville, Louisiana. In addition, WMHC operates digitally throughout the entire state of Louisiana through virtual services to ALL clients. Presently, WMHC is staffed by seven licensed therapists, including the owner who is a practicing social worker, one Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and three registered line technicians.

The owner of WMHC, along with the staff have received extensive training regarding forensic evaluations, autism evaluations, education, therapy, community engagement, children and family services and delinquent youth. Much of WMHC's staff are former employees of the school system or the Department of Children and Family Services. The owner along with other staffed therapists have delivered hands-on services to children and families who engage with the legal system..

WMHC has been providing quality mental health and consulting services to adults, children and families for the past nine years. The agency continues to fulfill the commitment to assisting families and individuals achieve stability through mental health counseling and consulting. WMHC currently provides services to the state (through contracts), school systems,

preschool programs and various agencies throughout the state of Louisiana. In addition, WMHC provides Autism services as we have a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) on staff.

WMHC currently has a contract with OJJ providing services to juveniles in secure, nonsecure and community settings who have been convicted of sexual offenses. Through this contract this practice provides psychosexual evaluations, sex offender treatment, parent education, family therapy and individual sessions to all clients referred for services. This practice has experience engaging with adjudicated and system involved youth who are significantly difficult to engage.

In conclusion, WMHC has all of the necessary skills to ensure the success of this proposal. In addition, this company does not identify any deficiencies that would prevent full execution of this proposal. The staff is highly trained regarding adjudicated youth and can deliver all services required in this contract request.

#### **Scope of Services**

This proposal seeks to provide forensic evaluations, psychosexual evaluations, court mandated counseling and youth offender treatment.

#### **Delivery Method**

Counseling, forensic evaluations, mental health evaluations and psychosexual assessments can be offered in an in-person and virtual format. If awarded the contract, in person services in the area are possible through acquisition of office space.

#### **Expected time schedule**

This contract is expected to start January 1, 2025 and will continue until December 31, 2025. This contract will extend options to renew on a yearly basis.

#### **Cost of Services**

All services abovementioned will be on a fee for services basis, unless the state decides to add a maximum contract amount.

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, I believe that entering into this contract with Jefferson Parish will greatly benefit the children and families of Jefferson Parish by providing quality and professional services to a clientele who needs it most and are often overlooked. This proposal is a fee for service contract which is based on referrals by the agency. Coordinated contact can be made to ensure continuity and monitoring of referrals. Thank you for considering this proposal. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss and begin this professional relationship.

Sincerely,

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