

**RFP ADOPT-2023**  
**Adoption Recruitment Services**  
*Question and Answer Template*

Instructions: All questions/inquiries about the bid must be submitted in writing by the deadline of October 27, 2023. Questions/Inquiries must be listed on this template then submitted via email to Michael.Sturm@dcs.in.gov.

	SUBMITTED QUESTION	STATE'S RESPONSE
1	How many youth are eligible for adoption?	Currently, there are 474 children that have been referred and are involved in adoption recruitment services. At any given time, there is an average of 250 youth involved in active recruitment and the others are in a monitoring status because a family has been identified for them and they are in a monitoring phase of recruitment services.
2	# of youth served annually	in 2021, 211 children were referred for recruitment services. In 2022, 211 children were referred for recruitment services. As of 11/2/2023, 197 children have been referred for recruitment services since January. Please note that some the number of children carry over from year to year because they remain in adoption recruitment until permanency is finalized.
3	# of families recruited	In 2022, 1934 families expressed an adoption interest in the adoption database. 65% or 1261 of the families were residents of Indiana. At year end, 662 families were added to the database and completed the preparation to adopt process.
4	What are the previous year's outcomes # of outreach events # of adoptive families recruited # of child video tape referrals and completions How many child summary referrals are completed annually? How many match events were held in 2022?	1) Formal outreach events have not been required but are the expectation of the new contract. The number and type of events are expected to be included in the submitted proposal. 2) # of families recruited - please see response in #3) The contractor is not expected to complete video taping but to help plan and coordinate videotapings with Indiana Kids Belong and news stations that film children for segments. In 2022, 7 scheduled video shoots produced 53 child recruitment videos and in 2023,7 video shoots were scheduled. Thus far, 6 of the videotapings have been held and 45 child recruitment videos have been produced. 4) There were 210 child summaries completed in 2022. 5) There were 9 match events in 2022. Across those, 61 families participated, as did 92 youth.
5	Is Magik used as the program database?	No, there is a separate database that maintains adoption recruitment data.
6	How many staff members work in the program per Super Region	There are 19 Adoption Consultants that work for DCS throughout Indiana. Twelve (12) of the consultants are assigned to manage child recruitment services and seven (7) consultants conduct family preparation for adoption. The current contractor does not have staff members per super region. They use staff and contractors throughout the state.
7	What is the average caseload for current staff?	There is no average assigned case load in the previous contract.
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