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Award Recommendation Letter

Date: September 14, 2026

To: Robert Cohen, Category Director – Major Procurements

From: Mike Huth, Category Director – Health and Human Services
Indiana Department of Administration

Subject: Recommendation of Selection for RFP 26-87334, Healthy Families Indiana

Signed by:
Robert Cohen
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Based on its evaluation of responses to RFP 26-87334, it is the evaluation team's recommendation that the following companies be selected to begin contract negotiations to administer the Healthy Families Indiana program for the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS).

Area Five Agency on Aging and Community: (Cass County, Fulton County, Miami County, Wabash County)
Bethany Christian Services: (Marion County)
Birth to Five: (Wayne County)
Cardinal Services Inc of Indiana: (Kosciusko County)
Cornerstone Community Services: (Marion County)
DeKalb County Parent Group: (DeKalb County, LaGrange County, Noble County, Steuben County, Whitley County)
Dubois-Pike-Warrick EOC, Inc: (Dubois County, Gibson County, Pike County, Spencer County, Warrick County)
Dunebrook, Inc: (LaPorte County, Starke County, Pulaski County)
Family & Children's Center Counseling and Development Services, Inc : (St. Joseph County)
Family Centered Services, Inc: (Grant County, Huntington County, Wells County)
Family Services Association of Howard County: (Clinton County, Howard County, Tipton County)
Family Services, Inc: (Carroll County, Tippecanoe County)
Family Support Services of West Central Indiana: (Boone County, Clay County, Montgomery County, Owen County, Parke County, Putnam County)
Families United, Inc.: (Benton County, Fountain County, Warren County, White County)
Hamilton Center, Inc: (Greene County, Sullivan County, Vermillion County, Vigo County)
Hendricks County: (Hendricks County)
Hillcrest-Washington Youth Home, Inc: (Posey County, Vanderburgh County)
Iris Family Support Center: (Allen County)
Maple City Health Care Center Inc: (Elkhart County, Marshall County)
Mental Health America of Lake County: (Jasper County, Lake County, Newton County, Porter County)
New Hope Services, Inc: (Bartholomew County, Clark County, Crawford County, Dearborn County, Fayette County, Floyd County, Franklin County, Harrison County, Jackson County, Jefferson County, Jennings County,

Ohio County, Perry County, Ripley County, Rush County, Scott County, Switzerland County, Union County, Washington County)

North Adams Community Schools: (Adams County)

The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion: (Marion County)

Villages of Indiana Inc: (Blackford County, Brown County, Daviess County, Decatur County, Delaware County, Hamilton County, Hancock County, Henry County, Jay County, Johnson County, Knox County, Lawrence County, Madison County, Marion County, Martin County, Monroe County, Morgan County, Orange County, Randolph County, Shelby County)

This award recommendation is conditioned upon successful finalization of a contract between the State and the companies within forty-five (45) calendar days. If the State and the companies fail to reach an agreement on contract terms in a timely manner, the State may choose to withdraw this award recommendation and may select an alternative respondent.

The terms of this recommendation are included in this letter.

The evaluation team received forty-four (44) proposals from:

1. Alliance for Life, LLC
2. Area Five Agency on Aging and Community
3. Believe in Transformations, LLC
4. Bethany Christian Services
5. Birth to Five, Inc.
6. Cardinal Services, Inc.
7. Child Adult Resource Services, Inc.
8. Cornerstone Community Services
9. Counseling and Development Services, Inc.
10. Dekalb County Parent Group
11. Dubois-Pike-Warrick EOC, Inc.
12. Dunebrook, Inc.
13. Families Facing Forward
14. Families United, Inc.
15. Family Centered Services, Inc.
16. Family Pathways Services
17. Family Service Association of Howard County
18. Family Services Inc
19. Family Support Services of West Central Indiana
20. Grow Through Collaboration, LLC
21. Hamilton Center, Inc.
22. Hendricks County
23. Hillcrest-Washington Youth Home, Inc
24. IENS Enterprise LLC

25. Iris Family Support Center
26. Kaneisa Furlow Family Support
27. Makaya Investment
28. Maple City Health Care Center, Inc.
29. Mental Health America of Lake County
30. New Hope Services, Inc.
31. North Adams Community Schools
32. Northwest Indiana Community Action Corp
33. Options Case Management LLC
34. PlanMerica
35. Putnam County Family Support Services
36. Solace Family Services LLC
37. Southlake Tri-City Mgmt Corporation
38. STEPIn-StepUP Inc
39. T3 Social Services
40. The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County
41. Transforming Solutions
42. Villages of Indiana Inc.
43. Youth Service Bureau of Jay County
44. Youth Service Bureau of Porter County

The proposals were evaluated by DCS and IDOA according to the following criteria established in the RFP:

Criteria	Points
1. Adherence to Mandatory Requirements	Pass/Fail
2. Management Assessment/Quality (Business and Technical Proposal)	90
Total: 90	

The proposals were evaluated according to the process outlined in Section 3.2 (“Evaluation Criteria”) of the RFP. Scoring was completed as follows:

A. Adherence to Requirements

Each proposal was reviewed for responsiveness and adherence to mandatory requirements. Forty (40) proposals were deemed responsive and adhered to the mandatory requirements. Four (4) proposals were disqualified.

B. Management Assessment/Quality: Initial Scoring

The Respondents' proposals were each evaluated based on their respective Business Proposal and Technical Proposal.

Business Proposal

For the Business Proposal evaluation, the evaluation team considered the Respondent's proposal in the following areas:

- References
- Company Financials
- Experience Serving State Governments

Technical Proposal

For the Technical Proposal evaluation, the evaluation team considered the Respondent's proposal in the following areas:

- Mandatory Requirements
- Background and Experience
- Scope of Work
- Project Management
- Independent Validations and Verification
- Compliance Requirements
- Key Performance Indicators
- End of Contract Transition and Turnover
- Artificial Intelligence
- County-Specific Information

The evaluation team's Round 1 scoring is based on a review of the Respondent's proposed approach to each section of the Business Proposal and Technical Proposal. The evaluation team issued MAQ Clarifications to all Respondents prior to finalizing Round 1 scores. The initial results of the Management Assessment/Quality Evaluation are shown below:

Table 1: Round 1 – Management Assessment/Quality Scores

Respondent	MAQ Score 90 pts.
Alliance for Life, LLC	25.78
Area Five Agency on Aging and Community	64.89
Believe in Transformations	17.78

Bethany Christian Services	46.67
Birth to Five, Inc.	66.22
Cardinal Services, Inc.	63.56
Child Adult Resource Services, Inc	44.89
Cornerstone Community Services	34.00
Counseling and Development Services, Inc.	62.67
Dekalb County PG	53.11
Dubois-Pike-Warrick EOC, Inc.	69.11
Dunebrook, Inc.	64.67
Families Facing Forward	28.00
Families United, Inc.	49.56
Family Centered Services, Inc.	66.56
Family Pathways Services	14.22
Family Service Association of Howard County	72.00
Family Services Inc	69.11
Family Support Services of West Central Indiana	55.78
Grow Through Collaboration, LLC	25.89
Hamilton Center, Inc.	57.11
Hendricks County	71.78
Hillcrest-Washington Youth Home	58.89
Iris Family Support Center	72.00
Makaya Investment	20.78
Maple City Health Care Center, Inc.	60.89
Mental Health America of Lake County	72.00

New Hope Services, Inc.	64.67
North Adams Community Schools	72.00
Options Case Management LLC	17.78
PlanMerica	0.00
Putnam County Family Support Services	0.00
Southlake Tri-City Mgmt Corporation	56.89
STEPin-StepUP Inc	14.67
The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion	63.33
Transforming Solutions	13.89
Villages of Indiana Inc.	67.56
Youth Service Bureau of Jay County	52.67
Youth Service Bureau of Porter County	61.78

C. IDOA Scoring

IDOA scored the Respondents in the following areas: Adherence to Mandatory Requirements, Management Assessment/Quality (Business and Technical Proposal), and the geographic area (Indiana counties) in which the respondent is able to perform this work. The total scores out of 90 possible points were tabulated and are as follows:

Table 7: Final Evaluation Scores

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* See Sections 3.2.5 of the RFP for information on available IVOSB bonus points.

Award Summary

During the course of evaluation, the State scrutinized all proposals to determine the viability to meet the goals of the program and the needs of the State. The team evaluated proposals based on the stipulated criteria outlined in the RFP document.

The term of the contract shall be for a period of four (4) years from the date of contract execution. There may be two (2) one-year extensions for a total of six (6) years at the State's option.