



OhioRISE PRTF Request For Proposals (RFP)

Informational Presentation for Prospective Respondents

September 23, 2026



What to expect today

- ✓ **Walk through an high level overview of PRTF and the RFP**
- ✓ **Send questions through the Teams chat**
- ✓ **We will answer live as time allows**
- ✓ **All questions and answers are published on the website to support transparency and fairness to all potential respondents**
- ✓ **The presentation today will be posted on the website**

Introduction to RFP



Overview and Purpose of the RFP

Broader Mission Alignment

The RFP supports OhioRISE's mission for integrated, coordinated care to improve treatment outcomes for youth with complex behavioral health needs

Purpose of the RFP

The RFP aims to expand the current network of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities in Ohio, which provides trauma-informed care for OhioRISE members.

1. Existing provider expansion
2. New providers and/or new programming

Program Expectations

Expectations for respondents who go on to provide PRTF services include compliance with state and federal regulations, high-quality service delivery, adherence with OhioRISE's PRTF Program Manual, and creating supportive treatment environments for youth care.

Proposal and Evaluation Process

The RFP has detailed submission instructions, eligibility criteria, and evaluation methods to ensure clarity and fairness in selecting qualified providers.

OhioRise PRTF Overview



PRTF Program Goals and Structure

Integrated Trauma-Informed Care

OhioRISE provides trauma-informed, coordinated care for youth with complex behavioral health needs across multiple systems.

Family/Caregiver and Youth Engagement

The program emphasizes active involvement of youth and families in goal setting and individualized planning for treatment.

Continuity and Transition of Care

OhioRISE ensures seamless transitions between care levels, including short-term intensive interventions like PRTF services.

Collaboration and Cultural Competency

Success relies on strong partnerships and culturally competent practices integrating community, education, and justice systems.

What is a PRTF?



Definition and Purpose

Purpose of PRTFs

PRTFs provide intensive, short-term behavioral health treatment for Medicaid-eligible youth needing a higher level of care than what is generally provided in traditional residential treatment programs.

Core Treatment Principles

PRTF treatment plans are individualized with family/caregiver involvement and emphasize transitions to home settings.

Safety and Recovery Focus

PRTF providers maintain therapeutic, safe environments while minimizing restrictive interventions like seclusions and restraints.

Evidence-Based Care

PRTF programs must follow evidence-based practices and the Building Bridges Initiative for family-driven, youth-guided care.

Target Populations



Youth Served by PRTF Programs

Targeted Youth Populations

PRTF programs should be equipped to serve youth with complex and co-occurring needs, including serious behavioral health conditions, substance use disorders, and intellectual or developmental disabilities. Services should be individualized, trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and coordinated across clinical, medical, educational, family, and community systems to promote stabilization, skill development, and successful transition to a less restrictive setting.

Age Range and Specialization

Services should collectively support youth ages 6 through 21, while allowing individual providers to specialize in defined age groups or clinical populations based on program design, staffing expertise, physical environment, and demonstrated capacity. Each provider should clearly identify its admission age range, population served, exclusionary criteria, and approach for meeting the developmental, educational, and treatment needs of the youth it accepts.

Comprehensive Behavioral Support

Programs should demonstrate the clinical capability to assess and treat both externalizing behaviors, such as aggression, impulsivity, property destruction, and elopement, and internalizing conditions, such as anxiety, depression, trauma-related symptoms, self-harm risk, and social withdrawal. Treatment should include evidence-based and trauma-informed interventions, individualized behavior support and safety planning, psychiatric and nursing services, family/caregiver engagement, and coordinated discharge planning designed to support durable progress in the least restrictive setting.

Program Expectations



Clinical and Operational Requirements

Evidence-Based Clinical Practices

Programs must incorporate trauma-informed care, individualized treatment, and strong family/caregiver engagement to ensure effective clinical outcomes.

Continuity and Transition of Care

Facilities should follow a “no eject, no reject” approach and initiate discharge planning with coordinated community support.

Operational Standards and Staff Training

Maintaining adequate staffing, robust training, and compliance with regulatory requirements is critical for program success.

Quality Improvement and Safe Environment

Integrating data-driven quality improvement and creating home-like, non-coercive settings promotes high-quality, person-centered care.

Facility and Environment



Design and Setting Requirements

Therapeutic and Home-like Environment

Facilities must offer comforting and therapeutic spaces with soft furnishings, calming colors, and natural light to promote youth recovery.

Family/Caregiver Engagement Areas

Dedicated spaces should support family involvement and Child and Family Team meetings to encourage collaboration and support.

Safety and Policy Compliance

PRTFs are licensed through Ohio's Department of Behavioral Health as both a Class 1 Residential facility and as a Community Behavioral Health service. PRTFs must prioritize safety and compliance with zoning and health regulations.

Geographic Accessibility

Facilities should be well-distributed regionally to ensure statewide access and reduce barriers to care for youth.

Proposal Requirements



Submission Guidelines and Structure

Proposal Format Requirements

Proposals must follow the RFP format, including page limits and required components like cover sheet and executive summary.

Supporting Documentation

Include financial statements, training and staffing plans, as part of the proposal package.

Submission Process

Proposals must be submitted electronically by deadlines, adhering to formatting rules to avoid disqualification.

Evaluation Criteria

A structured approach ensures clarity and consistency, allowing reviewers to assess proposals effectively.

Evaluation Criteria

Scoring and Selection Process

Structured Scoring Framework

Proposals are evaluated using a multi-criteria scoring system focused on programming, staffing, facilities, organizational profile, and ability to implement the program in a reasonable time period.

Priority Areas

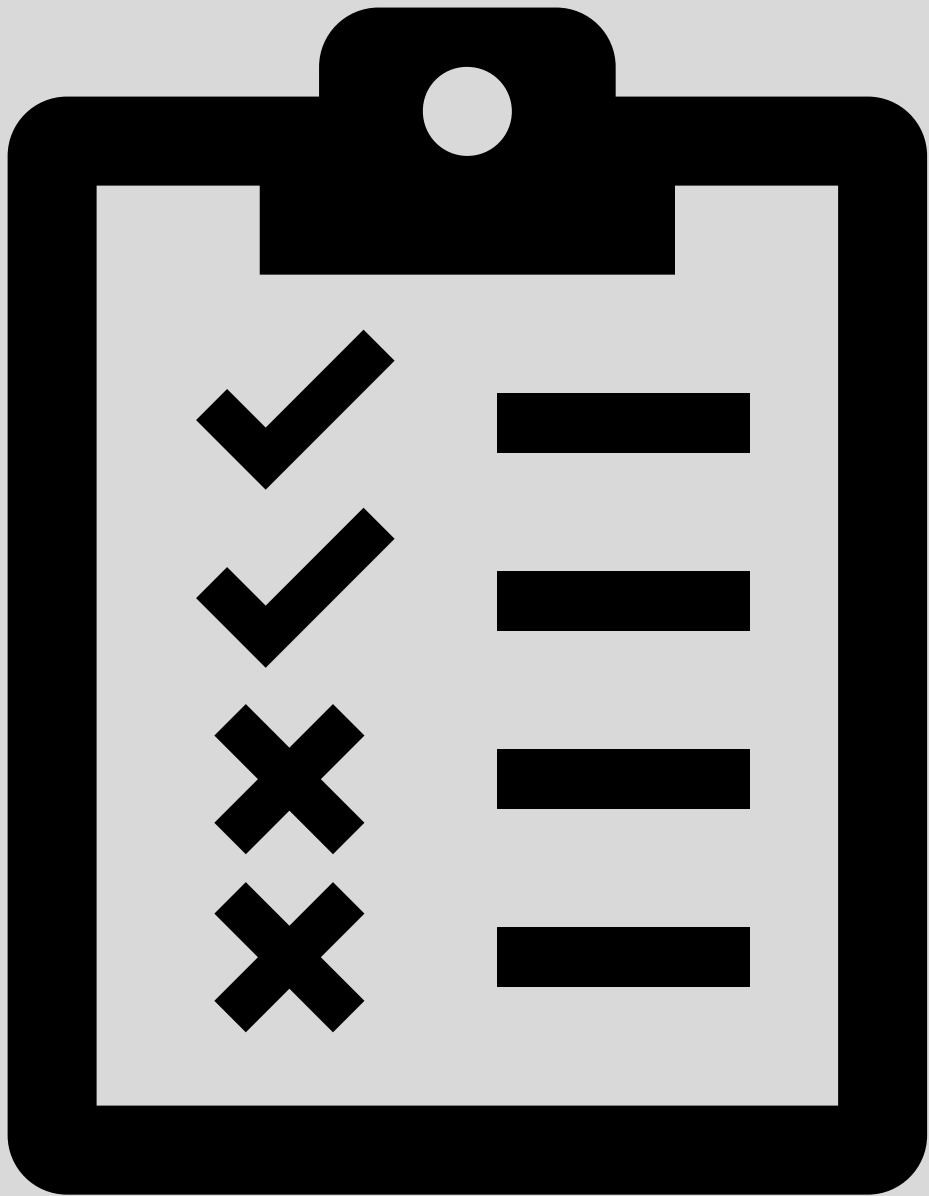
Programming and services receive the highest weight reflecting clinical excellence and comprehensive service design importance.

Fair and Transparent Process

The evaluation ensures fairness, transparency, and alignment with OhioRISE goals through committee review and clarifications.

Comprehensive Final Selection

Final decisions combine quantitative scores with qualitative assessments to select providers meeting OhioRISE needs.



Timeline and Key Dates



Proposal Periods and Deadlines

Key Milestones

Submit questions by EOD September 28, 2026

Submit Proposals by EOD October 26, 2026

Awards to be announced November 23, 2026

Mandatory Electronic Submission

Proposals must be submitted electronically by 5:00 PM EST on October 26, 2026; late submissions are not accepted.

Importance of Timeline Adherence

Following deadlines is crucial for eligibility and ensures an organized review and selection process.

Next Steps for Respondents



Preparing a Competitive Proposal

Understand RFP Requirements

Review the RFP, Ohio Administrative Codes governing PRTF, and the PRTF Program Manual thoroughly to fully understand all requirements and expectations.

Assess Organizational Readiness

Evaluate licensing, staffing, and operational capabilities to meet all specified requirements effectively.

Engage Stakeholders and Collaboration

Outline collaboration with stakeholders, community partners and OhioRISE Care Management Entities (CMEs) to strengthen the proposal and implementation.

Prepare Documentation and Align Priorities

Compile financial statements and compliance plans while aligning proposal with OhioRISE priorities and goals.



Accessing the PRTF Program Manual and Resources

Where to Find the PRTF Program Manual

<https://www.aetnabetterhealth.com/ohiorise/providers/prtf.html>

Current version is v1.5

Additional OhioRISE Resources

[What is a PRTF? \(PDF\)](#)

[OhioRISE Provider Enrollment and Billing Guidance \(PDF\)](#)

[PRTF Fee Schedule Development Report \(PDF\)](#)

[Chapter 5122-41 - Ohio Administrative Code | Ohio Laws](#)

Who to Contact for Access or Questions

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