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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) 13301
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
OUR SAFE PLACE – SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH**

The County of San Diego (County) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to seek input from all interested parties, agencies, and stakeholders regarding Our Safe Place – LGBTQ+ Youth and Young Adults. The goal of the RFI is to obtain feedback regarding delivery of outpatient Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for youth up to age 21 who identify as LGBTQ+. This includes information that will help shape a service model that effectively supports the clinical needs of LGBTQ+ youth, strengthens equitable access for this vulnerable population, and enhances engagement in outpatient care. Responses will assist in identifying approaches that improve overall health factors and promote positive school and family functioning.

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes – it does not constitute a Request for Proposal or a promise to issue a solicitation in the future. This request for information does not commit the County to contract for any supply or service whatsoever. Respondents are advised that the County will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI; all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the interested party's expense. Not responding to this RFI does not preclude participation in any future solicitations. It is the responsibility of the potential respondents to monitor this request for additional information pertaining to this requirement.

The County reserves the right to use, without restriction, any information provided in response to this RFI. Please note that all information provided in response to this RFI may be subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act.

RFI MEETING/INDUSTRY DAY:

The County will be hosting a **virtual RFI meeting via Microsoft Teams on October 5, 2026 at 11:00 AM San Diego Time**. If your organization is interested in attending, please follow this link:

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/cb999878-313b-4335-96d6-f73162e40728@4563af13-c029-41b3-b74c-965e8eec8f96?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

RFI SUBMITTAL INFORMATION:

Parties interested in providing input to this RFI may submit written responses to the Questionnaire below.

RFI RESPONSES:

Completed questionnaire are due **no later than October 19, 2026 at 5:00 PM San Diego Time**.

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1. Submit electronically by uploading your information in either Word or PDF format directly in the BuyNet system at: <https://sdbuynet.sandiegocounty.gov/>

Any questions should be submitted through BuyNet by sending a message to the Contracting Officer using the “Discussions” functionality. Questions and requests for clarification related to this RFI should be submitted in writing prior to **5:00 PM on October 12, 2026**. Questions received after this deadline may not be answered. Formal County responses to Question will be in writing; oral explanations or responses to Questions will not be binding upon the County.

Please note: This Request for Information (RFI) is NOT a procurement action. It is intended for information gathering only.

Thank you for your interest in responding to this RFI. The County of San Diego looks forward to your organization’s participation in this process.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. In your experience, what gaps or challenges exist in providing outpatient Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for youth identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or questioning (LGBTQ+) in San Diego County?
2. In your experience, what strategies have been most effective in engaging LGBTQ+ youth in outpatient SMHS?
3. In your experience, what ways could referrals from schools, Child and Family Well-Being, probation, healthcare providers, and community partners to outpatient SMHS be increased for LGBTQ+ youth?
4. In your experience, how can access to outpatient SMHS for LGBTQ+ youth be improved?
5. In your experience, what opportunities exist to strengthen coordination between outpatient SMHS providers and community-based LGBTQ+ organizations?
6. Do you have any additional input regarding outpatient SMHS for LGBTQ+ youth?

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____