

**6. EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS - JUVENILE SERVICES -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**FUNDING -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

(Request sent to 111 vendors)

RFP #25-0079 Contract

	Center for Behavioral and Academic Reserch, Inc. dba McAdams Academy	Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. dba Eckerd Connects	Hope in 3-D (Mentors)	Hope in 3-D (We Win)
Evidence-Based Programs - Juvenile Services - Amount Requested	\$375,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$220,000.00	\$275,000.00
Amount Awarded	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Ludaak Corp dba Seventh Direction	Masters and Mentors: Youth Enrichment Strategies (YES), Inc.	Mental Health America of South Central Kansas, Inc.	Prime Fit Youth Foundation
Evidence-Based Programs - Juvenile Services - Amount Requested	\$180,000.00	\$213,206.95	\$197,628.00	\$267,750.00
Amount Awarded	\$0.00	\$198,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$200,000.00
No Submission	Change Your Life Enterprises, Inc.	COMCARE of Sedgwick County	Higher Ground	Higher Ground
	Kansas Children's Service League	Miracles, Inc.	Valley Hope	Valley Hope

On the recommendation of Britt Rosencutter, on behalf of the Department of Corrections, Tim Myers moved to **accept the proposals and execute service provider agreements with Masters and Mentors: Youth Enrichment Strategies (YES), Inc. in the amount of \$198,000.00, Mental Health America of South Central Kansas, Inc. in the amount of \$170,000.00, and Prime Fit Youth Foundation in the amount of \$200,000.00 for a term of 18 months, beginning January 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027.** Anna Meyerhoff-Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A committee comprised of Lesa Lank, Julee Meslin, Alex Allbaugh, and Nicholl'e Briggs - Department of Corrections; Kenneth Phillips - Division of Finance; Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland, PhD - Wichita State University School of Criminal Justice; and Britt Rosencutter - Purchasing evaluated all proposal responses based on the criteria set forth in the RFP. The committee unanimously agreed to accept the proposals as stated above.

The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) Evidence-Based Programs Funding utilizes current research to deliver evidence-based programming and practices for juvenile offenders, juveniles experiencing mental health crisis and their families by community supervision offices including, but not limited to: juvenile intake and assessment, court services, community corrections, and juvenile crisis intervention centers. These services are intended to support positive youth development and promote improved educational outcomes for youth.

This initiative is grounded in the Juvenile Justice Reform Bill enacted in 2016, which restructured the state's approach to serving justice-involved youth by emphasizing prevention, accountability, and evidence-based intervention. As a key component of this reform, the Evidence-Based Programs Fund was established to reinvest resources into community-based programs and practices demonstrated to reduce recidivism and improve long-term outcomes for youth.

The proposal request from Masters and Mentors for \$213,206.95 was selected and funded at \$198,000.00 to provide mentorship, life skills, and cognitive training to justice involved and high risk youth, ages 12-18. The proposal request from Mental Health America of South Central Kansas for \$197,628.00 was selected and funded at \$170,000.00 to provide Paths to Resilience, an intensive intervention service to reduce use of alcohol and substances, and violence. This program will increase personal and social skills to promote healthy behaviors targeting moderate to high risk youth, ages 6-18. The proposal request from Prime Fit Youth Foundation for \$267,750.00 was selected and funded at \$200,000.00 to provide evidence-based community and school embedded intervention services targeting moderate and high-risk youth, ages 10-17. The other proposals were not chosen for funding at this time.

Notes:

This is a proposal and not a bid. Proposals are based on criteria set forth in the RFP. There are six (6) components to this RFP.

Component	Points
a. Overall Project Plan/Agency Capability	20
b. Evidence-Based Practice(s) Model and Applicability to Target Population	20
c. Ability to Apply & Comply with Risk-Need-Responsivity Criteria	20
d. Ability to Conduct Assessment and Address Youth Needs	15
e. Relevant Measurable Outcome(s)	15
f. Data Collection Methods	10
Total Points	100

**Questions and Answers**

Anna Meyerhoff-Cole: Do we offer any of the selected programs currently?

Mario Salinas: We do not currently offer any contracts for the current programs.

Tim Myers: Is this funded by grants?

Mario Salinas: Yes. This is funded through the Kansas Department of Corrections Evidence-Based Practice Fund.

Tania Cole: I see that each vendor, they're very specific in what they're offering for programs. None of them overlap. Is this something that Corrections puts out for to say we want these programs and then the vendor says, okay, these are the programs I can offer? Is that how that's being submitted or how that works with these vendors?

Mario Salinas: No. Really it's the Evidence-Based Practice Funds that has criteria that's allowable for these proposals and then we put that RFP out here at the local level and the group that scores them identifies what the needs are for our community and the youth that we serve.

Philip Davolt: To my own benefit, when one's awarded an amount that's less than what they proposed, do they just provide 80% of that or do they agree to do that for what we've awarded them?

Mario Salinas: The original term was to begin in January so we made some adjustments based off of the time frame and the time it's going to allow once the contracts get completed. Then some of the proposals also are going to serve outside of that criteria that's allowable so we adjusted the amount so we could fund more of the programs and then also coordinated with those providers to ensure that they were willing to continue to serve those projected numbers of youth.