



# Department of Housing & Human Services

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DATE: January 25, 2023

TO: Boulder County Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Susan Caskey, Director  
Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services

SUBJECT: Waiver of Bid Requirements for Out-of-Home Placement Services

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**Request:**

Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services (BCDHHS) is requesting a waiver of bid requirements to contract for out-of-home placement services with R.I.S.E. Corp for BCDHHS Family and Children Services clients from January 25, 2023 – June 30, 2023. R.I.S.E. Corp recently switched to a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) and this placement fills an important gap in our placement continuum.

**Background:**

BCDHHS has the need to contract for out-of-home placement services, such as child placement agency services, residential child care facilities, child habilitation residential programs, and psychiatric residential treatment facilities, in the event that a child under BCDHHS custody needs to be placed outside of their home. Per State of Colorado regulations, these agreements are required each state fiscal year. BCDHHS selects facilities to contract with from a list provided from the Colorado Department of Human Services based on location, past experience, outcomes, and a shared treatment philosophy.

**Budget:**

Payments to out-of-home placement services facilities are made directly from the State of Colorado to the facility. Rates paid are based on state-negotiated rates. In certain circumstances, rates are negotiated between BCDHHS and a facility based on the specific needs of the child as determined by an assessment by the BCDHHS Utilization Management Team. The initial agreement to Purchase Out-of-Home Services with each facility does not have a contract amount associated with it. An addendum to the agreement is made with a facility once a placement occurs that specifies client details and exact payment rates. The amount paid to each facility varies depending on the number of placements and the duration of each placement.

Purchasing Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Director Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

BOCC Approved: \_\_\_\_\_