

## **EXHIBIT A – PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (A-P): CALIFORNIA WORK OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KIDS (CALWORKS)**

### **I. Program Name**

California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Mental Health Program

### **II. Contracted Services<sup>1</sup>**

CalWORKs Mental Health Services

Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Supported Employment<sup>2</sup>

**Federal Funding Requirements Apply**

### **III. Program Information and Requirements**

#### **A. Program Goals**

Contractor shall provide services to **help clients** accomplish the following goals:

- Reduce and remove behavioral health barriers to employment;
- Improve coping abilities, concentration, motivation, self-efficacy, and self-esteem;
- Increase employment and self-sufficiency;
- Understand and access community resources to support and maintain wellness;
- Attain their fullest potential in vocational, social, and emotional functioning; and
- Diminish impairment and prevent serious deterioration in functioning.

#### **B. Target Population**

Contractor shall provide services to the following populations:

##### **1. Service Groups**

Contractor shall provide services to CalWORKs Welfare to Work (WTW) **recipients who are working toward establishing self-sufficiency and facing mental health and/or substance use issues that present a barrier to their employment.**

##### **2. Referral Process to Program**

Contractor shall engage clients referred by ACBH Vocational Unit Support Services Specialists (SSS) embedded at the three main Social Services Agency (SSA) Self-Sufficiency Centers. Should Contractor identify additional clients that might be eligible for CalWORKs supportive services, they shall coordinate with the appropriate SSS or ACBH Vocational Unit staff for CalWORKs WTW supportive services eligibility determination.

<sup>1</sup> See all requirements specified in the Exhibit A-1: Standard Requirements, Exhibit A-Scope of Work (Ex A-SOW), and other Exhibits attached to this Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> **Contractor shall comply with standard ACBH requirements for IPS as described in Section IV. Additional Requirements.**

### **3. Program Eligibility**

Contractor shall only serve individuals who:

- Are CalWORKs WTW recipients in Alameda County;
- Are a parent with mental health and/or substance use issues that present a barrier to employment or are a parent with a child whose mental health and/or substance use issues present a barrier to the parent's employment; and
- Are eligible for CalWORKs WTW supportive services.

### **4. Limitations of Service**

CalWORKs WTW mental health/substance use supportive services eligibility shall be determined by SSA. When SSA determines an individual is no longer eligible for these services (for any number of reasons), they shall inform ACBH and ACBH shall send notification to Contractor. Contractor shall then have 45 days to terminate treatment with the client and/or refer client for ongoing services.

## **C. Program Description**

Contractor shall maintain programmatic services at or above the following minimum levels:

### **1. Program Design**

Contractor shall provide services to reduce and remove behavioral health barriers to employment among clients. Contractor shall communicate and collaborate with SSA and ACBH Vocational Unit staff to obtain referrals and authorization for services. Contractor shall communicate with SSA and ACBH Vocational Unit staff as needed to assure active client participation in the program.

Contractor shall engage eligible clients and provide them the following mental health services: alcohol and other drug education, assessment, brokerage, case management, collateral, engagement, individual rehabilitation, peer engagement, plan development, psycho-education, short-term individual and group therapy, and Seeking Safety groups. Contractor shall also provide Individual Placement and Support (IPS), which includes supported employment and supported education.

Contractor shall develop an individualized treatment plan with clear goals for each client. Contractor shall refer clients for other services such as higher level of mental health treatment, medication evaluation, treatment for substance use disorders, and/or Supplemental Security Income evaluation, if indicated. Because of the time-limited nature of the behavioral health services, long-term individual therapy is not appropriate. Contractor shall refer clients who appear to have moderate to severe behavioral health impairments or who need longer-term services to ACBH Acute Crisis Care and Evaluation for System-wide Services (ACCESS) program for assessment and treatment.

**Contractor shall utilize an integrated approach** that incorporates the following evidence-based and best practice models, such as but not limited to:

- Brief-therapy models, including:
  - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
  - Emotional Freedom Technique
  - Assertive Community Treatment
  - Narrative work
  - Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing
- Therapeutic skill building, including:
  - Mindfulness
  - Boundary setting
  - Self-care
- Life skill building, including:
  - Organization
  - Prioritization
  - Budgeting
  - Travel training

Contractor's staff shall facilitate weekly clinical treatment meetings with CalWORKs WTW mental health program stakeholders (including Contractor's Multi-Disciplinary team, ACBH SSS, SSA Employment Counselor, and as needed, ACBH/SSA Operational Leads) to ensure oversight of program activation and service delivery.

**Contractor shall develop and maintain a Subcontract or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the purpose of outlining roles and responsibilities for this subcontractor and with any partner that forms a formal collaboration with another entity in relation to this program. Any Subcontract or MOU will be designed to ensure communication and the coordination of services that are being provided. Any Subcontract or MOU shall be renewed each fiscal year and be amended as needed. Contractor shall provide a copy of the executed Subcontract(s) or MOU(s) to ACBH Program Contract Manager by October 30<sup>th</sup> of each fiscal year.**

## **2. Discharge Criteria and Process**

Contractor shall discharge clients:

- Upon completion of the client's identified goals within the program;
- When the client has disengaged from services for 90 days or longer despite documented assertive attempts by Contractor to reengage the client;
- Upon notification from SSA that the client is no longer eligible for program services; and/or
- When the client indicates they are no longer interested in obtaining employment.

Contractor shall document assertive outreach attempts to reengage the client prior to administrative discharge. Contractor shall engage the client in discharge planning and make referrals to other service providers as appropriate.

### 3. Hours of Operation

Contractor shall maintain the hours as specified in Exhibit A-Scope of Work (SOW).

Alternative arrangements may be made outside of Contractor's regular hours of operation depending upon client need.

### 4. Service Delivery Sites

Contractor shall deliver services at designated service delivery sites as specified in Exhibit A-SOW. Contractor shall also provide services **in client homes** and other community settings as appropriate for engaging clients.

Contractor shall obtain written approval from ACBH through the ACBH Program Contract Manager prior to implementing any changes in service delivery sites.

### D. Minimum Staffing Qualifications

Contractor shall maintain the following minimum direct service positions<sup>3</sup>:

- 1.0 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA)<sup>4</sup>
- 1.0 FTE **IPS Staff (Supported Employment Staff)**
- 0.5 FTE Peer Specialist
- 0.5 FTE Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Specialist or Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC)

Contractor's **IPS Staff** shall have experience in implementing the IPS program.

Contractor's Peer Specialist shall identify as someone with lived experience with either mental health issues, substance use, and/or involvement with CalWORKs.

## IV. Contract Deliverables and Requirements

### A. Process Objectives

Contractor shall deliver the process objectives as specified in Exhibit A-SOW.

### B. Quality Objectives

Contractor shall provide services toward achieving the following quality objectives:

Outpatient Quality Measures	Quality Objectives
Percent of clients who receive two or more visits within 30 days from their episode opening date	<b>90%</b>
Percent of clients who receive four or more visits within 60 days from their episode opening date	<b>85%</b>

<sup>3</sup> The positions shall be maintained at the specified level or higher of direct FTE staff.

<sup>4</sup> LPHA includes staff who are registered with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, usually registered MFT/ASW interns, Professional Clinical Counselors (unlicensed), psychologists and psychiatrists who are waived by the State to provide services.

### **C. Impact Objectives**

Contractor shall work collaboratively with ACBH to develop performance measures around impact of services.

## **V. Reporting and Evaluation Requirements**

Contractor shall input data into an electronic data collection and claiming system approved by ACBH Information Systems (IS) by the third business day of each month according to the written data entry procedures specified by ACBH IS, and complete any corrections based on the test claim by no later than the 20th of each month.

Contractor shall submit the following to the identified SSA liaison via secure email system:

- A signed copy of the ACBH Release of Information Form within five days of episode opening;
- An Initial Assessment Report Form for each new client, within five working days of completing the intake assessment; and
- A Monthly Attendance and Progress Report for every client with an open case within five days of the beginning of the month for the previous month.

## **VI. Additional Requirements**

### **A. IPS Supported Employment**

Contractor shall work with individuals who have expressed interest and motivation in pursuing competitive employment, regardless of their employment readiness, diagnoses, symptoms, substance use history, psychiatric hospitalizations, homelessness, level of disability, or legal system involvement.

Contractor's designated IPS Staff shall provide the evidence-based practice of IPS Supported Employment in line with the eight Practice Principles and the 25 Fidelity Standards.<sup>5</sup> Contractor shall implement a model that fully integrates the roles of IPS Staff into the mental health treatment services team.

When a client is discharged by the mental health treatment team, they shall also be discharged from IPS Services. Otherwise, discharge from IPS services shall occur when the client reports stability and/or satisfaction with their job, and/or when there no longer appears to be a need for regular follow-along supports from the Employment Specialist.

Contractor shall also discharge a client from IPS services when the client indicates they are no longer interested in obtaining employment or have disengaged from services for 90 days or longer. For these situations, Contractor shall document assertive outreach attempts to reengage the client prior to discharge. When possible, discharge planning shall involve collaboration between the IPS Staff, the client, and the client's mental health treatment team.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://ipsworks.org/>  
IPS Fidelity Scale: <https://ipsworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/IPS-Fidelity-Scale-Eng1.pdf>

### Additional IPS Provisions for CalWORKs Programs

Upon referral to the program, Contractor's IPS Staff shall work with the client to conduct intake, complete a career profile, and develop an Employment Plan. Contractor shall offer specialized benefits planning to clients upon referral to the program, when starting a new job, and thereafter when there are changes to work hours and/or pay. Contractor shall help clients access additional support and benefits for which they may be eligible through the California Department of Rehabilitation. Employment Plans shall be updated as conditions change, but at least semi-annually. Employment Plans shall also be updated should the client not have attained employment within 90 days of intake.

Contractor's IPS Staff and/or clients shall engage in their first face-to-face contact with an employer within 30 days of referral. Contractor's staff shall continue to provide job development, including face-to-face employer contacts, until job placement is achieved. After job placement, Contractor's staff shall provide follow-along supports on an ongoing basis, as determined by individual client needs. Contractor's staff shall provide reassessment when a client ends a job and periodically as needed.

Contractor shall provide services toward achieving the following impact objectives among clients participating in IPS:

- A 40 percent competitive employment placement rate, with an average of at least one job placement per month; and
- A 60 percent rate of employment retention for 45 days or longer among clients placed in competitive employment.

Contractor shall work collaboratively with ACBH to develop additional impact benchmarks in the area of employment status (e.g., percent of clients who were unemployed at initial assessment and then showed an improvement in their status<sup>6</sup> at the time of most recent assessment, etc.).

Contractor shall participate in fidelity review site visits as determined by the ACBH Vocational Unit. Following the baseline IPS fidelity review, Contractor shall submit quarterly IPS outcome data to the ACBH IPS Trainer and IPS Center at Rockville Institute (Westat).

Contractor shall complete an IPS Enrollment Worksheet with all program participants upon episode opening (if not immediately enrolled in IPS, every three months thereafter), and add to the "employment" section of the medical chart.

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<sup>6</sup> Improvement in status may include enrollment in a vocational program/internship, found employment, etc.