

## Questions and Answers

### Louisiana SSI/SSDI Advocacy for FC - RFP# 3000010805

1. Can you assist with informing us the current census of the population of Licensed Foster Care children?

- See table below for number of children in Licensed Foster Care placements during the Month Served

Month/Year	# FC Served	# FC in Licensed Placements
Jan-2018	4592	3303
Feb-2018	4687	3417
Mar-2018	4780	3436
Apr-2018	4802	3435
May-18	4782	3415
Jun-18	4760	3393
Jul-18	4798	3399

2. I have been reviewing the above mentioned RFP and noticed that the due date of the proposal is September 9, 2018. This date is a Sunday. Is this date correct or will there be personnel at the office for a delivery of a proposal on a Sunday?

- An addendum to the RFP has been posted to the LaGov website changing the due date of the proposal to Monday, September 10, 2018 @ 4:30pm.

3. What percentage of the total population in foster care are currently receiving SSI/SSDI benefits?

- The percentage of Foster Children currently receiving SSI/SSDI collected by DCFS-CW is 5.49%.

4. What is the approximate number of new cases per month?

- See table below for number of new Foster Care cases each month for SFY 2018.

<b>Month/Year</b>	<b>Monthly # of FC Entering Foster Care</b>
Jul-17	290
Aug-17	362
Sep-17	331
Oct-17	326
Nov-17	289
Dec-17	240
Jan-18	268
Feb-18	308
Mar-18	310
Apr-18	313
May-18	325
Jun-18	285

5. Will our company have a role in the Social Security Onsite Review process?

- The company will have a role in the Social Security Onsite Review process. Per Section 2.3 of RFP, 'the contractor shall provide all services connected with pursuing SSI/SSDI eligibility and related communication with the Social Security Administration on behalf of children placed in Louisiana's foster care system including those classified as transition cases'.

6. Will DCFS supply us with medical and school records for hearings?

- DCFS-CW will provide medical and school records available in the foster child's case record for hearings. However, Section 2.2, B, 2 of the RFP states that 'the Contractor shall collect, review and assemble all supplemental and supporting documentation for the application'.

7. What is the average number of children in foster care on a daily basis?

- The number of children in foster care changes daily. However, the average number of children in foster care daily for August 2018 is 4459.

8. How many children currently in the care of the Department are receiving SSI, SSDI, or both benefits?

- DCFS-CW received SSI and/or SSDI benefits for 255 foster children in August 2018.

9. How many initial Title XVI and Title II applications have been filed by the Department for the past three years? Of the applications submitted, how many have been approved for benefits?

- The number of Title XVI and Title II applications filed by DCFS-CW is unknown. Applications are completed manually. Application counts are not tracked.

10. How many Continuing Disability Reviews (CDR's) have been completed by the Department and submitted to SSA over the past three years?

- The number of Continuing Disability Reviews completed by DCFS-CW and submitted to SSA is unknown. The CDRs are completed manually. CDR counts are not tracked.

11. How many Change of Payees and Change of Placement applications have been submitted over the past three years?

- The number of Change of Payees and Change of Placement applications completed by DCFS-CW is unknown. Payee and Placement changes are processed manually. Payee and Placement change counts are not tracked.

12. How many applications were filed, with SSA, last year by the State of Louisiana?

- The number of applications completed by Louisiana DCFS is unknown. Applications are completed manually. Application counts are not tracked.

13. What was the State's approval rating?

- Louisiana's approval rating is unknown.

14. What is the average length of time for approval?

- Average approval times are unknown. Applications are completed manually. There are no mechanisms for tracking length of time applications are processed and approved.

15. Does the State have a connected system for reporting information placement categories along with gaining access to SSA's information system known as SDX/BENDEX? If so, what's the name of the current system used?

- DCFS-CW does not have an automated system to report placement information to SSA. The agency does have the State Income Eligibility Verification System (SIEVS) to obtain BENDEX information regarding wages and SSI and SSA benefits.

16. Can the State provide the current number of children in the Youth Transition Program that are getting ready to age out of foster care?

- 84 foster children are expected to age out of foster care between July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018.  
171 foster children are expected to age out of foster care between July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019.