

RFP-26-008

**Programs for County Comprehensive Plan for Addiction Services Grant Administered by The County
Department of Human Services**

A review committee was convened for the purpose of evaluating requests for proposals submitted to the Purchasing Department in response to RFP-26-008 for the Passaic Department of Human Services. The committee consisted of Vito Andrisani, Andrea Ramalho (LACADA Chair), Chi Shu (Bart) Chou.

The review committee convened on 1/20/2026. Two project clusters were listed in RFP-26-008. Proposals were evaluated utilizing the following criteria:

Management- 30 points, Technical -50 points and Cost -20 points

Below are the Vendors that submitted proposals and a composite point total of the evaluation.

Program Cluster #1: Treatment Services

Proposal submitted by: Eva’s Village, 393 Main Street, Paterson, NJ 07501

Committee feedback and analysis:

Eva’s Village is a long-standing Passaic County–based provider with a strong organizational history, extensive government contracting experience, and a clearly articulated recovery-oriented and harm-reduction framework that reviewers viewed as a significant strength. The committee noted solid staffing capacity, management infrastructure, and detailed service descriptions; however, concerns were raised regarding clarity around service units versus unduplicated individuals served, limited articulation of long-term financial sustainability, and the size of the budget request relative to the countywide treatment allocation. Overall, the proposal reflects a trusted system partner with strong clinical grounding, but fiscal and reporting clarity issues affected scoring.

Total Composite Score: 88.67

Proposal submitted by: New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care, 80 Conover Road, Marlboro, NJ 07746

Committee feedback and analysis:

New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care submitted a clinically strong proposal, particularly for adolescent inpatient services, with well-developed discharge planning, ACEs screening at intake, and a licensed and credentialed staffing model. The committee expressed concern about cost efficiency, as the requested funding level represents a substantial portion of the county’s treatment allocation while serving a relatively small number of youth dependent on length of stay, and the facility is located outside Passaic County despite transportation being provided.

Total Composite Score: 85.67

Proposal submitted by: Care Plus Bergen, Inc., 230 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652

Committee feedback and analysis:

Care Plus Bergen was viewed as a clinically strong and medically integrated provider with excellent management structure, qualified staffing, and clear alignment with ASAM criteria and evidence-based practices. The budget was generally considered reasonable and cost-effective; however, the primary limitation identified by the committee was geographic, as services are provided outside Passaic County, and one reviewer noted that the location narrative could have been clearer. Overall, the proposal demonstrated high program quality, with location being the principal factor limiting preference scoring.

Total Composite Score: 89.00

Proposal submitted by: NewBridge Services, Inc., 620 Newark Pompton Turnpike Pompton Plains NJ 07444

Committee feedback and analysis:

NewBridge Services received strong support from the committee due to its Upper Passaic County location, which directly addresses a critical geographic service gap, as well as its culturally and linguistically responsive approach and highly credentialed staffing. Reviewers highlighted the agency's individualized, client-centered clinical model and documented history of exceeding contracted levels of service; however, concerns were raised about inconsistencies across proposal sections regarding projected service numbers, which made anticipated service levels difficult to interpret. Despite these documentation issues, the proposal was viewed as highly valuable to the county's treatment continuum.

Total Composite Score: 91.67

Proposal submitted by: Turning Point, Inc. – Inpatient Withdrawal Management Programs, 680 Broadway, Suite 104, Paterson, NJ 07514

Committee feedback and analysis:

Turning Point's detox proposal was one of the strongest reviewed, with the committee emphasizing its critical role in Passaic County's treatment system, rapid 24–48 hour admission timeframe, highly credentialed clinical and medical staffing, and clear ASAM 3.7 alignment. The budget was viewed as efficient and sustainable, and reviewers appreciated the agency's transparency regarding Medicaid and federal funding pressures and forward-looking planning. Minor questions regarding level-of-service calculations were noted but were consistent internally and did not detract from the overall strength of the proposal.

Total Composite Score: 96.33

Proposal submitted by: Turning Point, Inc. – Short-Term Residential Treatment
680 Broadway, Suite 104, Paterson, NJ 07514

Committee feedback and analysis:

The Turning Point short-term residential proposal was viewed as a strong continuum partner with excellent referral integration, documented MOUs, rapid admission expectations, and clear discharge and continuity-of-care planning. Reviewers noted a high proportion of licensed and certified staff and a cost structure considered reasonable relative to services provided, with only minor technical scoring variations among committee members. Overall, the proposal demonstrated strong alignment with county treatment priorities and system coordination needs.

Total Composite Score: 93.00

Proposal submitted by: Straight & Narrow, Inc. – Inpatient Withdrawal Management Programs, 508
Straight Street, Paterson, NJ 07509

Committee feedback and analysis:

Straight & Narrow’s detox proposal was viewed as stable and reliable, supported by more than 70 years of operational history, a Passaic County location, strong staffing and clinical oversight, and a budget request considered reasonable and well-justified. The committee did not identify significant weaknesses, and the proposal was characterized as demonstrating sustainability, consistency, and proven capacity to deliver detoxification services within the county.

Total Composite Score: 92.67

Program Cluster #2: Prevention / Education Services

Proposal submitted by: William Paterson University, 300 Pompton Road Wayne, NJ 07470

Committee feedback and analysis:

William Paterson University submitted an exceptionally strong prevention and education proposal that was consistently praised for organization, clarity, measurable outcomes, and demonstrated performance exceeding contracted levels of service. Reviewers highlighted the presence of Certified Prevention Specialists, strong regional leadership, and high-quality documentation; however, the committee noted that the budget request represents a large share of the prevention allocation, making partial funding the most likely and appropriate approach despite the proposal’s overall strength.

Total Composite Score: 96.33

Proposal submitted by: Center for Family Resources (CFR), 12 Morris Road, Ringwood, N.J. 07456

Committee feedback and analysis:

CFR was recognized for the importance of its family-centered intervention model and its role in serving Upper Passaic County; however, the committee noted concerns regarding inconsistent monthly reporting and mixed perceptions of cost efficiency relative to service volume. While scores varied among reviewers, the committee agreed that ongoing family engagement services provide value beyond episodic programming, with reporting compliance identified as the primary area needing improvement.

Total Composite Score: 85.00

Proposal submitted by: Straight & Narrow, Inc. – ATOD Program, 508 Straight Street, Paterson, NJ 07509

Committee feedback and analysis:

The Strengthening Families/ATOD proposal was viewed as a dependable and effective prevention program with clear project descriptions, strong family engagement, and documented performance exceeding contracted service levels. Reviewers noted a reasonable budget and consistent outcomes, while identifying limitations related to the absence of a Certified Prevention Specialist and less explicit CLS/enhancement planning language; nonetheless, the overall intent and value of enhancement services were considered evident.

Total Composite Score: 93.00

Program Cluster #1 Committee Recommendations:

- \$32,413 to be awarded to Turning Point, Inc. for Inpatient Withdrawal Management Programs.
 - \$42,963 to be awarded to Turning Point, Inc. for Short-Term Residential Treatment.
 - \$51,693 to be awarded to Straight & Narrow, Inc for Inpatient Withdrawal Management Programs.
 - \$50,000 to be awarded to New Bridge for Outpatient Services.
 - \$41,500 to be awarded to Care Plus Bergen, Inc for Outpatient Services.
 - \$41,431 to be awarded to Eva’s Village, Inc for Level 1, 2 & 3 Services.
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Program Cluster #2 Committee Recommendations:

- \$56,000 to be awarded to William Paterson University for Teen Summit.
- \$24,000 to be awarded to Straight and Narrow for ATOD for families.