

EKG Request for Proposal Questions and Responses

- Is the EKG 2.0 curriculum or a 16-week outline available for applicants to review?
RESPONSE: *Yes, a copy of the curriculum has been distributed by the Community Programs Section Area Offices and also posted on the DPS website by [clicking here](#).*
- What session frequency and duration are required? Would one 60-minute session per week meet the curriculum requirements?
RESPONSE: *Dosage and duration can be found in ATTACHMENT B: Priority Services and Definitions of the Request for Proposals, no less than 2 hours weekly.*
- What qualifications and training are required for facilitators? Could our Instructional Leader lead sessions with a community partner serving as co-facilitator?
RESPONSE: *Staffing requirements for group facilitation can be found in the JCPC and Community Programs Section-Funded Programs Minimum Standards Policy manual by [clicking here](#). (20 Skill Building, 20.4 Staffing).*
- Are curriculum materials and facilitator training provided, or should these costs be included in our budget?
RESPONSE: *No, neither are provided. There will be a required informational section awarded programs must attend and the curriculum will be covered but not a “training.” The date and time for this informational section will be included in award letters.*
- May eligible youth already enrolled in our JCPC-funded program participate in EKG during existing program hours, with grant funds covering additional EKG delivery costs?
RESPONSE: *Youth participating in this pilot project must be specifically referred for these services to the funded agency and entered into the NCALLIES client tracking database.*
- Could you confirm the application and questions deadlines? The RFP lists October 16 as the application deadline, but October 21 for questions and October 28 for responses.
RESPONSE: *Corrections were made to the RFP deadline with Community Programs Section Area Offices re-distributing the RFP. The revised RFP can be found on the DPS by [clicking here](#).*
- Where can they find and review the new Educating Kids about Gun Violence 2.0 (EKG) curriculum
RESPONSE: *A copy of the curriculum has been distributed by Community Programs Section Area Offices and also posted on the DPS website by [clicking here](#).*
- Is this a DJJ kiddo’s only program or open to direct referrals(this is what It looks like) but I believe they are considering this as a Level 2-Intensive Intervention service and if that is true will Exception request forms be required?
RESPONSE: *Programming is open to at-risk youth as well as juvenile court referred youth. This is not an Intensive Intervention Services (IIS) program. The IIS application is being utilized in NCALLIES, but this is a separate funding source (GCC) for a two-year pilot project.*

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- Is this program that is being implemented strictly only for DJJ involved youth?
RESPONSE: *No, programming is open to at-risk youth as well as court referred youth.*
- Do you have access to the EKG 2.0 curriculum and/or guidelines for implementation so that we can include the program outline in our RFP?
RESPONSE: *A copy of the curriculum has been distributed by Community Programs Section Area Offices and also posted on the DPS website by [clicking here](#).*
- Has the EKG 2.0 curriculum changed with delivery/model etc?
RESPONSE: Yes. This newly edited curriculum has been developed to align with research and best practices modeled upon the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) and its effectiveness in the reduction of recidivism for high-risk juveniles. The EKG 2.0 16-week curriculum is an expansion of the former EKG 1.0 2-day curriculum, which was developed by the Fayetteville Police Department and taught to 7th and 9th graders within the school setting. The expanded 16-week version allows for greater opportunities to take a deeper dive into firearm use impacts, teenage stressors, coupled with focused dialogue on the consequences of antisocial behaviors, while also offering skill building in prosocial behaviors and sound decision-making. The curriculum is structured around a short film entitled, “The Crux”. The film serves as the foundation for discussion and learning around decision points facing today’s teenager, with specific focus upon legal, medical, and emotional consequences of choices made that may affect one’s future.
- I have been certified as a trainer in the EKG 2.0 program that was rolled out back in 2023 through the center for safer schools and from what I remembered the classes needed to be taught by law enforcement so I am curious if the program has changed and I want to ensure my RFP is going to align with the requirements of the program itself.
RESPONSE: *The curriculum no longer has the requirement of only facilitation by law enforcement. Staffing requirements for group facilitation can be found in the JCPC and Community Programs Section-Funded Programs Minimum Standards Policy manual by [clicking here](#). (20 Skill Building, 20.4 Staffing).*