REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Mental Health Consultant Services

PACE Mission
PACE is a community development organization that creates economic solutions to meet the challenges of empowerment, education, housing, environment, and business development in the Pacific Asian and other diverse communities.

Introduction PACE Early Childhood Education (ECE) provides high quality early childhood education and support services for children aged 0-5 and economically disadvantaged families. In addition to early childhood education, the program also provides health, nutrition, mental health, and parent empowerment/involvement services. This program is funded and operated under Early Head Start, Head Start, State Preschool and California Community Care Licensing guidelines and regulations.

PACE ECE currently operates 15 pre-school centers serving 838 3-5 years old children each year in the metro Los Angeles and South Bay area and 342 children ages 0-3/pregnant women are served through our Early Head Start program.

PACE ECE is currently seeking qualified Mental Health Consultants to support our 15 Head Start pre-school sites and Early Head Start programs.

Qualifications
The Mental Health Consultant providing direct clinical intervention(s) to children and families must have the expertise in child and family mental health and possess the appropriate California license to provide direct mental health interventions.

Acceptable licenses/certificates include, but are not limited to:
Psychologists
Clinical Social Worker
Marriage and Family Therapist
Educational Psychologist
Professional Counselor
School Counselor
School Psychologist
School Social Worker
Nurse Practitioner
Child Psychiatrist

Services
Under the guidance of the Mental Health Manager, the Mental Health Consultant is responsible for key Head Start/Early Head Start roles and responsibilities such as, but not limited to: classroom and home-based observations, clinical assessments, developing intervention plans, and supporting classroom teachers/home visitors. In
addition the Mental Health Consultant will assume responsibility for supporting Head Start/Early Head Start with any other related activities with regard to Head Start Performance Standards, LACOE GIMS and PACE ECE Mental Health Policies and Procedures.

**Duties**

- Complete all activities and paperwork associated with LACOE required mental health assessments, home visits, parent/teacher consults and classroom observations.
- Provide monthly on-site consultation and/or reflective supervision.
- Design and implement program practices in response to identified behavioral and mental health issues.
- Provide group, individual staff and parent education trainings on mental health related issues.
- Assist in providing special help for children with atypical behavior or development.
- Assist in accessing and utilizing community mental health services.
- Work in collaboration with other Head Start and Early Head Start service areas to refer children for diagnostic examination to confirm that emotional or behavior problems do not have a physical basis.
- Advise and assist in developmental screening and assessment of children.
- Provide Training and Technical Assistance for staff and parents on mental health related topics.

To be considered as a PACE ECE Mental Health Consultant, please submit the following:

1. Letter of interest
2. Qualifications and services to be provided
3. Hourly rate
4. Business License/Sole Proprietorship Name
5. Federal Taxpayer Identification Number

This is an on-going opening.

*All interested parties must submit documents to PACE ECE's Mental Health Manager at 1055 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1701, Los Angeles, CA 90017 213-989-3134 or email: mrenteria@pacela.org*