



COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Mental Health/Early Intervention/Developmental Programs Division
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STARTS RFP- Answers to the Questions Received

- 1. Is the goal of the provider of STARTS to be a master leasing program or will there be consideration of a coordinator position for the homes to work with consumers and case managers to ensure compliance with goals and leasing?***

The current vision of the program is a master leasing program with limited case management that will work with the County case manager and other supports. The program is currently designed to be an unstaffed home. Applicants are welcome to offer a written plan of ideas of how to address other needs as you respond to the RFP.

- 2. Will agency admin costs be covered?***

The provider should submit a budget that includes proposed admin costs. The county will review the proposed budget and determine if the requested costs associated with the budget are in compliance with the regulations.

- 3. Will Medical Assistance be restored prior to the person moving into the home?***

Northampton County Mental Health staff work with the Jail to reinstate an individual's Medical Assistance (MA). MA is typically restored at the time of release in nearly every case. The goal is for 100% of the persons released to have MA at time of release.

- 4. The RFP refers to "rent free" living, does this include utilities, cable, phone?***

The landlord is responsible for paying utilities and one shared phone landline per home. Cable is not included.

- 5. Is the provider expected to provide staffing for the homes?***

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