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## DCYF 2018-23 RFP & RFQ: ADDENDUM TO FINAL SUBMITTED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (AS OF: SEPT. 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017)

The following question was missed by DCYF during the official RFP and RFQ Question and Answer period from July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 11<sup>th</sup>. Due to this oversight DCYF is posting the question and its answer as an addendum to the Final Question and Answer Document. We will also update the larger document to include this question.

### QUESTION SECTION: JUSTICE SERVICES QUESTIONS

Question Type	Submitted Question	DCYF Answer
Strategy Clarification	<p>Currently, DCYF invests ~\$3.5M in secondary prevention, which is part of DCYF's current violence prevention strategy. In the SAP and RFP for FY18-23, a redesigned service area focuses on Justice Services and states that Secondary Prevention can look to three other service areas – Mentorship, Enrichment, Leadership and Skill Building; Educational Supports. Previously funded under Violence Prevention/Secondary Prevention, <b>community-based case management</b> is a critical support for young people struggling to survive as a part of a struggling family and especially those disconnected from family. This type of case management is integrated widely by CBOs as <u>part-of</u> holistic models to support young people's success but is not mentioned specifically outside of the Justice Services service area as a component that DCYF wants to see as a part of program models nor is case management supported as a <u>stand-alone</u> strategy. The adult supports provided through case management is a critical access bridge into services for youth as well as a bridge between services when youth lose case management that is tied strictly to a program or system. Without case management (and low barrier drop-in spaces), disconnected youth are likely to remain so and youth moving between services may fall through the cracks. What is the reasoning supporting DCYF dropping support for this critical service and how does DCYF plan to support case management in its vision of a continuum of supports for youth?</p>	<p>While DCYF decided to focus the services formerly funded under the Violence Prevention and Intervention (VPI) Service Area only on justice involved youth we did not drop support for case management outside of Justice Services. There is nothing that prevents an applicant from submitting a proposal in another service area that includes case management as a part of their model as long as they meet the other requirements of the strategy. In fact, DCYF knows that many of our current grantees provide case management to youth in their programs even though they are not funded under a VPI strategy. For these programs Case Management is crucial to their service delivery model and necessary to meet the needs of their participants. DCYF has not required case management in the Mentorship, Enrichment, Leadership and Skill Building or Educational Supports service areas because doing so would require all applicants to provide the service regardless of whether it fit for the youth they serve. DCYF encourages applicants to think carefully about the needs of the youth they are proposing to serve and to structure their program models and budgets to reflect the services that their participants need.</p>