

Request for Information Announcement:

Social-Emotional Universal Screening and Supplemental Assessments

Overview

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting information about social-emotional universal screenings and targeted assessments. The universal screening should have a rating scale completed in five to eight minutes and used by educators and families to measure the social-emotional competence for children in grades K-12. The supplemental assessment should be a comprehensive follow-up with at-risk students (targeted) to identify specific areas of need. The CSDE is seeking an evidence-based, strength-based, standardized, and norm-referenced assessment of behaviors related to social-emotional well-being that help in identifying the interventions and supports, including documenting progress over time and outcomes for K-12 students. The assessment should be aligned to the highly-regarded Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) SEL competency framework. The CSDE seeks an assessment that has demonstrated validity and reliability measures. Moreover, the universal screening and supplemental assessment should represent the demographics of the larger U.S. population. Specifically, samples of gender, ethnic, and racial distribution, as well as the representation of the geographic region (rural, urban, suburban).

The universal screening and supplemental social-emotional assessment will:

- Be grounded in resilience theory.
- Provide multi-lingual assessments both in English and Spanish, including families who may not speak English as a first language.
- Have 24/7 system support and a team of dedicated personnel to ensure that each user's experience is efficient and effective.
- Have the capacity to provide the assessments and reporting mechanisms to over 200 school districts with a web-based system (online software platform).
- Guarantee confidentiality and safe and secure data collection.
- Be completed by educators and families.
- Embed an educational equity lens.
- Provide quick and easy reporting to see screening results.

How to Respond to this Request for Information

Interested vendors must submit a detailed proposal that addresses the above-mentioned requirements in full detail. The vendor must demonstrate they can carry out a statewide roll-out plan for each assessment.

To be considered for this Request for Information, all vendor proposals must be in PDF format and must be received by Glen Peterson, Division Director at glen.peterson@ct.gov no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020.