



Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG) is currently seeking Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant services that provide mental health consultation and support to Head Start staff, children, families in **Yuma, La Paz, and Mohave Counties** for the 2024-2025 school year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) with options to extend for 3 additional one-year terms.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- A master's degree in mental health field.
- Professional experience working with young children and/or families in the mental health field. Three or more years preferred.
- Must be licensed in the state of Arizona as a Licensed Counselor, Social Worker, or Marriage and Family Therapist.
- Professional Liability Insurance with a minimum of \$500,000.
- Must remain in good standing with Arizona State Behavioral Health Examiners throughout contract term.
- Arizona Driver's License, clean driving record, and personal automobile insurance.
- Current Arizona Level One Fingerprint Clearance card.
- Preferred: Experience with Head Start or early childhood programs.
- Preferred: Bilingual English/Spanish.

### **Program Description**

Head Start currently serves 884 children in the Head Start and Early Head Start program.

Mohave County (261 children) 16 classrooms

La Paz County (20 children) 1 classroom

Yuma County (603 Head Start children) 36 classrooms

The Mental Health Consultant teams with WACOG early education professionals to improve the social, emotional, and behavioral health of children enrolled in the WACOG Head Start Program in Yuma, La Paz, and Mohave Counties. The Mental Health Consultant meets with Head Start staff and families to explore strategies to help children develop social and emotional skills. The services include mental health promotion, prevention, early identification of concerns, and referrals for treatment. For full Request for Proposal (RFP) contact Belinda Herrera at [belindah@wacog.com](mailto:belindah@wacog.com) or (928) 919-9535. Proposals must be submitted to the contact named above by 5:00pm Friday, June 28th. Proposals may be mailed or submitted in person. All proposals must be received no later than 5:00pm on the date indicated above.

