



Great Ideas for Family Leaders

Dear Family Leaders,

It's that time of year when we are all counting the days until spring. It's also the time of year when SAMHSA releases new grants/cooperative agreements for systems of care. Check out the information below on the new RFA for System of Care Expansion Grants. Connect with the people in your state who might be applying for one of these cooperative agreements and get in the game. Language in the new RFA requires that applicants "fully involve families and youth in the development, implementation, and evaluation at both state and local levels. (Pg. 7 of the RFA)

Only 34 days to spring – can't wait!
Jane Walker

SOC EXPANSION GRANTS

Cooperative Agreements for Expansion and Sustainability of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances – RFA Number: SM-15-009

The purpose of this program is to improve mental health outcomes for children and youth (birth to 21 years of age) with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families. This program will support the wide scale operation, expansion and integration of the system of care (SOC) approach by creating sustainable infrastructure and services that are required as part of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (also known as the Children's Mental Health Initiative or CMHI).

For the full announcement, visit: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-15-009>

Twenty five states/territories are eligible to apply for one of these Expansion Agreements including: **Alaska, Alabama, Arizona, California, Iowa, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana Mariana Islands, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Palau, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Wyoming.**

Language in the new RFA strengthens family and youth involvement – however it does not require funding or positions. Below are excerpts with page numbers from the RFA specifically requiring family and youth involvement:

Required activities:

- Services that are delivered within a family-driven, youth-guided/directed framework and that engagement of family and youth is demonstrated through integral partners in their own treatment services and supports. Pg11
- Integral involvement of families and youth in the planning, governance,

implementation, evaluation and oversight of grant activities and in the system planning efforts to expand and sustain systems of care. Pg. 12

- Mechanisms to promote and sustain youth and family participation e.g development of peer support, development of youth leadership, mentoring programs and the partnership between family, adult consumer and youth organizations, youth guided activities, youth peer specialists, parent support providers establishing permanent youth and family advisory and evaluation bodies, and self-help organizations/programs. Pg. 12

Allowable activities:

- Collaborating with existing federal grant programs and/or interagency teams serving the same population of focus such as state children’s cabinet youth council, shared youth vision team, state and local youth and family organizations Pg. 12

Section B. Proposed Services and Infrastructure Approach (20 points)

- Describe how family, youth and consumer organizations will be fully involved and supported in all planning, implementation, and evaluation efforts of the SOC. Demonstrate how these organizations, as well as other key stakeholders and resources in the catchment area, have made a commitment to implement the needed infrastructure and services. Identify any other organization(s) that will participate in the proposed activities. Describe roles and responsibilities and demonstrate commitment to the project. Include letters of commitment from these organizations in Attachment 1 of your application. Pg. 23

Section C. Expectations and Required Activities (30 Points)

- Mechanisms to promote and sustain youth and family participation, e.g., peer support, development of youth leadership, mentoring programs, and the partnership between family, adult consumer and youth organizations, youth-guided activities, youth peer specialists, parent support providers establishing permanent youth and family advisory and evaluation bodies, and self-help organizations/programs. Pg. 24

Section D: Staff, Management, and Relevant Experience (15 points)

- Describe how youth and family members will be hired/engaged as staff with the project. Pg. 25

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NIMH Outreach Partnership Program – Solicitation Number: HHS-NIH-NIDA-SSSA-RFP-15-34

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), one of 27 institutes and centers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the lead Federal agency for research on mental disorders.

The Outreach Partnership Program works to increase the public's access to science-based mental health information through partnerships with state organizations. The Program supports 55 Outreach Partners: one (1) in each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The states of California, New York, and Texas each have two (2) Outreach Partners. The purpose of this procurement is to establish a contract with a company/ organization or companies/organizations that have specialized experience in mental health outreach and education to disseminate NIMH research and resources, and promote research participation.

Applications Due by March 11, 2015 at 11am EST. To access the full Request for Proposal, visit:
<https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=bab633491b5e75c15e342736e91e195e&cvview=0>

WEBINARS

Parent Support Services: Models of Service Delivery

Thursday, February 26, 2015 2:00:00 PM EST - 3:30:00 PM EST

Family-run organizations across the country have developed different models of Parent Peer Support Services. This webinar will explore finance mechanisms, diverse referral sources, and cross agency collaborations that make it possible for family-run organizations to offer this important resource to families of children with emotional, behavioral, and mental health care challenges. Presenters will include representatives from family-run organizations and programs that have successfully used different approaches to service delivery.

To register: <https://events-na11.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/1120832267/en/events/event/shared/1159765005/event-landing.html?sco-id=1277570688& charset =utf-8>

RESOURCES

Joint CMCS and SAMHSA Informational Bulletin

Coverage of Behavioral Health Services for Youth with Substance Use Disorders ~ This is an important bulletin to assist states in designing a benefit that will meet the needs of youth with substance use disorders and their families.

<https://files.ctctcdn.com/57c33206301/af7906f5-5a4d-4975-afcd-cbd8689a101f.pdf>

Diverting Juvenile Justice-Involved Youth with Behavioral Health Issues from Detention: Preliminary Findings from Ohio's Behavioral Health Juvenile Justice (BHJJ) Initiative

<https://files.ctctcdn.com/57c33206301/a0622c62-7ff8-4ea5-a5d6-370e0480bec3.pdf>

Restoring Justice - A Blueprint for Ensuring Fairness, Safety, and Supportive Treatment of LGBT Youth in the Juvenile Justice System

<https://cdn.americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/LGBTJJPpolicy-brief7.pdf>

The Business Case for Mental Health Treatment

http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/14_Business-Case_Mental-Health.pdf

President Obama's 2016 Budget Proposal - Broken down by the National Council on Behavioral Health

<http://echo4.bluehornet.com/hostedemail/email.htm?CID=29151967990&ch=38D79E226319508106DC7D7A73BD858E&h=61a05733a1edceb6f3361042f0262ac3&ei=TUF0X7mN8>

Supporting Social Service Delivery through Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations: Early State Efforts

To access this brief, visit:

http://www.chcs.org/media/Supporting-Social-Service-Delivery-Final_0211152.pdf

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

"Primer Hands On"- Training for Leaders on Building Effective Systems of Care

The National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health at Georgetown University is writing to invite you, and other key leaders that you identify as strategic to implementing your system of care initiatives, to participate in our next *Primer Hands On* training on June 3 and 4, 2015 in Washington, DC.

Please see the [invitation letter](#) for more information. All interested participants must complete and submit an [Interest Form](#) by **February 20, 2015**.

Trauma-Informed Care Implementation Training – May 12-13, 2015 – Washington, DC

This technical assistance initiative is directed to key leaders across child-serving systems and stakeholder groups from states, tribes, territories, and communities, the provider organizations and youth and family organizations who play influential roles in the development of a trauma-informed care approach for culturally and linguistically diverse children at-risk for or with serious emotional disturbances and their families. During the two-day interactive training, leaders will receive guidance on how to create and enhance effective therapeutic and organizational practices that support healing and resilience.

All interested participants must complete and submit an Interest Form by **February 27**. For more details visit: <https://files.ctctcdn.com/e39ef372401/e23113e0-b175-46a1-96b1-732a351b2d7b.pdf>

SHARING YOUR EXPERTISE

Information Exchange

One of FREDLA's member organizations asks:

- Are any family-run organizations involved in the Family Driven piece of an Administration for Children and Families grant? If so, how are they involved? How large of a role do they play?
- Are any family-run organizations involved in Family Group Decision Making?

Any family-run organizations wishing to respond can send information to Malisa Pearson at mpearson@fredla.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Director, Center for Substance Abuse and Treatment (CSAT)

This position is located in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Department of Health and Human Services. The mission of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is to bring effective alcohol and drug treatment to every community.

Application Deadline: **March 2, 2015**

For more details and how to apply, visit:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/392352900?share=email>

JOIN FREDLA!

Are you a member of the Family-Run Executive Director Leadership Association (FREDLA) yet? If not, join NOW! Visit FREDLA's website at <http://fredla.org/join-us/> and download

the membership form. Don't delay – become a member today and join a growing group of family leaders committed to the leadership development and organizational capacity of Family-Run Organizations!

*Thanks for reading Great Ideas for Family Leaders!
Don't forget to send us your Great Ideas – they are always welcome!*

*Send to Malisa Pearson, Project Coordinator
mpearson@fredla.org*

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