

Request for Information (RFI)

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(OHIOMHAS)

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Response Due Date: December 9, 2016; 2:00 PM

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I. Purpose

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to obtain information about evidence-based practices (EBPs) in use in Ohio for children, adolescents and/or youth and young adults in transition (ages 0-26) with substance use (SUD) and or mental health (MH) disorders, or co-occurring SUD and MH disorders (hereafter referred to as the population of focus).

Information is sought for the purposes of determining the provider current capacity and need for infrastructure support in the training and implementation of EBPs to the population of focus, and where indicated, to couple such programming with medication assisted treatment (MAT). The department also seeks to screen and expand integrated substance use and mental disorder treatment and to effectively link and coordinate recovery servicesⁱⁱ to the population of focus. This is a solicitation for voluntary submission of information, not a procurement process, but may lead to development of a formal procurement process after the department’s evaluation of the information received.

II. Background

OhioMHAS is in the midst of a 2- year Cooperative Agreement with The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). The purpose of the planning award is for states to develop a comprehensive strategic plan to improve treatment for transitional-aged youth (ages 16-25) with substance use disorders (SUD) or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders. In addition, the department is in a final year of implementation of a Systems of Care Expansion grant (Community Mental Health Initiative) with SAMHSA called Engaging the New Generation to Achieve their Goals through Empowerment (ENGAGE).

In seeking any future funding opportunities with SAMHSA related to this work, the department has interest in addressing the differences in access, service use, and outcomes for the population of focus by increasing the number of providers that implement evidence-based assessments, treatment services and recovery supports in rural and Appalachian areas, and in areas across the state.

III. Responses

Respondents are requested to address the questions or elements outlined below, including any additional information, suggestions, or concerns as is deemed appropriate. The information offered pursuant to this RFI process is for the purpose of evaluating what EBPs exist and for planning only and will not be construed as binding for purposes of any subsequent procurement process. The department may request clarifications or additional information from one or more respondents for purposes of analysis.

For respondents who can answer yes to each of the questions 1 through 3 on the top portion of the Provider Response Check Sheet; please use the table provided to continue with responses to A

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through L below. Additional pages may be used for narrative responses to the sections below should be labeled (e.g. A, B, C...) and should not exceed 1000 words for the entire response. Any **no** answers to questions 1-3 on the Provider Response Check Sheet would rule out any need for a further response.

- A. Please identify any evidence-based practices being utilized or considered for use that addresses the population of focus. Specify any subpopulations within the focus described that the EBP is or will serve. Please respond to this in the context of the existing array of services and supports, gaps in the continuum of care, recent local developments, or pressures that have shaped the selection of the EBP.
- B. The department is particularly interested in those programs or practices that are found to be or expected to be successful in rural and Appalachian Counties of Ohio.ⁱⁱⁱ Please indicate any information that may assist the department in this understanding.
- C. Describe any issues related to access for young persons to this service provider and/or the EBP, including geographic or cultural barriers (e.g. transportation, mobility)
- D. Once trained and certified describe how the provider has considered sustainability of the EBP. Has anyone within this organization been trained as a trainer for this EBP (train-the-trainer) and is their permission to train on the EBP outside of your organization? How will fidelity to the model be assured?
- E. Define the costs associated with the EBP chosen.
- F. Describe how the chosen EBP integrates the SUD and mental health treatment needs as necessary for the population of focus.
- G. Describe how the provider will connect with or assure effective coordination and recovery supports (e.g. social connectedness, supported education/vocation) for the population of focus. Please address any barriers to recovery supports for the population of focus.
- H. Provide a projected timeline for implementing the EBP if not already implementing.
- I. Discuss the providers use of electronic health record (EHR) technology and the ability to collect data related to the EBP within an EHR.
- J. Discuss any issues or observations related to agency and program staffing of the EBP (e.g. applicable licensing, accreditation and certification requirements)
- K. Describe collaboration with family and youth peer support organizations and services.
- L. Describe how the provider promotes/participates in interagency collaboration in service to the population of focus.

IV.

Inquiries

Questions regarding this process should be directed to BCYFgrants@mha.ohio.gov. Include "RFI Inquiry" in the subject line of the email inquiry, and identify agency contact and phone number in the body of the email.

The deadline for submission of inquiries is December 2, 2016 at 2:00pm. Inquiries and responses will not be posted.

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V. Submission of Responses

Please submit responses by email to BCYFgrants@mha.ohio.gov. Include “RFI Response” in the subject line of the submission, and identify the submitting entity, including agency contact and phone number in the body of the email. The deadline for submission of responses is December 9, 2016 at 2:00pm.

Materials submitted in response to this RFI may be publicly disclosed. Please do not include any confidential or proprietary information in your response. The OhioMHAS is not responsible for any costs incurred by respondents in responding to this RFI, whether or not a formal procurement process follows.

VI. Key Action Dates

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ⁱ Treatments that have demonstrated effectiveness for the population defined in this RFI that can be found on the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP); and/or have demonstrated evidence of effectiveness through rigorous evaluation studies.

ⁱⁱ Recovery services include but are not limited to: supported education and employment opportunities, effective care coordination, peer support, social connectedness, and transportation.

ⁱⁱⁱ Appalachian: Adams, Ashtabula, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Carroll, Clermont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton, Washington; Rural: Ashland, Champaign, Clinton, Crawford, Darke, Defiance, Erie, Fayette, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Knox, Logan, Marion, Mercer, Morrow, Ottawa, Paulding, Preble, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Van Wert, Warren, Wayne, Williams, Wyandot