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Subject: Webinar for new Systems of Care RFA 4/28

Please forward to your contacts in Indian Country... so far there are no tribes registered for this Webinar.

As you probably know by now, the new Child Mental Health Initiative (aka Systems of Care) grant announcement has been released with a due date of June 2. http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2011/sm_11_008.aspx

Instead of the typical 6 year cooperative agreement, due to federal budget uncertainty in the possible “out years”, this announcement is for a one year planning grant to expand children’s mental health systems of care to the “greatest geographic area.” The eligibility criteria is still the same as stated in the authorizing legislation (PL 102-321, as amended Part E, Title V, Sections 561-565) - public entities. This includes federally recognized tribes, and/or tribal organizations (but not Urban Indian organizations, because they are non-profit organizations not under a tribal government structure.) **We want to encourage tribal applications for this grant**, no matter how large or small their “geographic area” – so long as the proposal is for a “tribal-wide” approach. Former and current Systems of Care grantees are not excluded from eligibility and are encouraged to apply.

For Urban Indian organizations: we encourage you (especially current or former Circles of Care grantees) to work with other leaders in the County or State (or a tribe/tribal organization) who may be applying for this grant, and to make sure that the Urban Indian needs are included in the approach proposed in their application. On page 11, the RFA states that **“priority will be given to applications that demonstrate the ability to engage in planning activities that reflect the greatest geographic area... A maximum of one award will be made per State, Territory, Indian or Tribal Organization, or the District of Columbia.”** For Urban Indian organizations that essentially means that if your submit an application with your local county that is focused on your city, and the state submits a separate application for a state-wide initiative then your application would be directly competing and only one would be awarded in your state. An alternative would be for an Urban Indian organization to work with a tribal organization who would be the eligible grantee (i.e. a regional Indian Health Board or Inter-Tribal organization) to focus your urban population. In that case, the application could theoretically get funded if your state also received a grant. However, that tribal organization could not receive more than one grant award.

I highly encourage you to register and participate in the informational Webinar on April 28 to learn more about the nuances of this RFA. **I realize the priority language and possible scenarios of competition and applications can be confusing, so feel free to give me a call, or send me an e-mail about specific questions related to ideas and your particular situation.**

Details on the Webinar are here:

RFA Webinar for Prospective Applicants

Thursday, April 28, 2011

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Eastern Time

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To register for the Webinar: <http://events.tapartnership.org/register.php?eid=35>

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