

Bidder's Notice: February 2, 2023

New York State
Office of Children and Family Services
Division of Child Welfare and Community Services
Bureau of Program and Community Development

Grant Procurement

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP # 1116
Grants Gateway # CFS01-FOC-2023

Family Opportunity Centers (Round 2) for School Districts

This notice is being issued to focus attention on important information regarding RFP # 1116 Family Opportunity Centers (Round 2) for School Districts.

To be considered for funding:

- 1) Eligible applicants must be NYS school districts listed on **Attachment 9** (not individual middle or high schools), that have a 2019-20 economically disadvantaged student rate above the State average (55.6%), that are proposing to start a FOC program to serve middle and junior high school students and their families by supporting student mental health or school climate through activities including but not limited to school mental health centers and school and family engagement resources.
- 2) To demonstrate alignment with local social service district strategies/priorities, applicants must consult with or provide a copy of their proposal to one or more LDSSs the FOC proposes to serve to jointly identify service gaps and community needs. To comply with this requirement, an LDSS Commitment Form must be completed and signed by each LDSS representative from the county(ies) served by the school district (using **Attachment 1**) and submitted with the proposal (preferred) **or** submitted within 45 days of the date on the award letter if selected for award.
- 3) Applicants must submit one or more Community Partners Affirmation of Support Forms from local community partners, including domestic violence support services and substance abuse treatment providers they are proposing to partner with (using **Attachment 2**). The forms should be submitted with the proposal (preferred) **or** submitted within 45 days of the date on the award letter if selected for award.

Please Note: The forms must specify areas of agreement and cooperation as well as the responsibilities of the partners, including sharing of space, service

provisions, referral, and involvement in project development and be signed by a representative of the partner agency.

- 4) Applicant must propose to implement a Family Opportunity Center that operates as explained in **Section 4.1 Desired Outcomes and Program Requirements**.
- 5) Applicant must agree to use funding to provide primary and/or secondary prevention services as described in this RFP only and will not fund child protective services, foster care services, mandated preventive services, or any other services otherwise available through the LDSS or school district.
- 6) Applicant must propose to implement an evidence-based model/curriculum rated as well-supported, supported, or promising in either the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC) or Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse (IV-E) as identified in **Attachment 6**. Applicants that propose to implement a model/curriculum that rated as promising in both clearinghouses must include an evaluation plan to assess the project's efficacy in meeting the RFP's desired outcomes.
- 7) Applicant must agree to enter participant-level data into the OCFS Prevention Database within established time frames and participate in all continuous quality improvement and evaluation activities directed and/or led by OCFS.
- 8) Applicants must agree to implement the Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support. For more information on the Standards of Quality: <https://www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org/standards-of-quality>.

Please note:

- Proposed budget should reflect a one-year period consisting of the first year of **July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024** of your proposed project. Applicants may apply for up to the maximum award amount of \$200,000 per year.
- A local match is not required; however, programs are encouraged to include additional financial and/or in-kind services (e.g., space provided by school district at no cost, volunteers).