

## Integrated Substance Use Disorder Training Program

### OVERVIEW

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2021 Integrated Substance Use Disorder Training program. The purpose of this program is to expand the number of nurse practitioners (NPs), physician assistants (PAs), health service psychologists, and/or social workers trained to provide mental health and substance use disorder services in underserved community-based settings that integrate primary care, mental health, and substance use disorder services.

HRSA will award \$6.5 million in total funding to eligible organizations that plan, develop, and operate a 12-month full-time (or 24-month half-time) training program for the practitioners listed above.

The NOFO is attached. Applications are due on February 24, 2021.

### FUNDING

HRSA will award up to \$650,000 in annual funding to two organizations through this program. With the exception of state, local, or Indian tribal government awardees, indirect costs will be budgeted and reimbursed at 8 percent of modified total direct costs rather than on the basis of a negotiated rate agreement and are not subject to upward or downward adjustment.

Contracts will last for five years beginning on July 1, 2021.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants for funding include:

- Teaching Health Centers;
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs);
- Community Mental Health Centers;
- Rural Health Clinics;
- Health centers operated by the Indian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, a tribal organization, or an urban Indian organization; and
- Existing accredited training programs with demonstrated success in providing training for NPs, PAs, health service psychologists, and/or social workers.

Multiple applications from the same organization are not allowable.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Programs are required to use grant funding awarded through this program to:

- Provide training to practicing NPs, PAs, health service psychologists, and/or social workers, either by developing or enhancing a program, clinical rotation, or training track in underserved community-based settings to provide integrated mental health and substance use/opioid use disorder (SUD/OD) services. The interprofessional team may include community health workers, Peer Recovery Specialists, or other behavioral/mental health paraprofessionals;

- Collaborate and establish formal relationships between one or more clinical community-based training sites and an academic institution to create a foundation of skills and expertise to provide mental health and SUD/OD prevention, treatment, and recovery services on integrated, interprofessional teams;
- Develop and implement trainings for NPs, PAs, health service psychologists, and/or social workers to provide mental health and SUD/OD treatment services remotely via telehealth and other distance learning modalities;
- Design team-based training approaches for participants to improve digital literacy for patients and their families impacted by mental health and SUD/OD;
- Provide Medication Assisted Treatment Waiver training for NPs and PAs in community-based settings along with an additional clinical training beyond the didactic component;
- Collect National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers of participants who participate in the programs;
- Provide information to participants throughout their training program about the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) programs, particularly the Loan Repayment Program, and the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program, and provide guidance and resources to help them locate employment in NHSC approved sites after they complete the program; and
- Support faculty/instructor/interprofessional training team development activities to support the program goals and objectives.

## APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Purpose and Need (25 points)
- Response to Program Purpose (35 points)
- Impact (20 points)
- Organizational Information, Resources, and Capabilities (10 points)
- Budget and Budget Justification Narrative (10 points)

Proposals will receive 5 priority points if applicants demonstrate one of the following:

- Capacity to Train Specified Professionals
- Experience Training Providers in Team-Based Care
- Experience Using Health Information Technology and Telehealth
- Capacity to Expand Access to Tribal, Rural, or Other Underserved Communities

## Timeline

Applications must be submitted by February 24, 2021.

Technical assistance regarding business, administrative, or fiscal issues should be submitted to Nandini Assar at [Nassar@hrsa.gov](mailto:Nassar@hrsa.gov) and requests for additional information regarding overall program issues and/or technical assistance may be submitted to Steve Coulter at [Scoulter@hrsa.gov](mailto:Scoulter@hrsa.gov).