

## **Solicitation of Interest: Intensive Training and Consultation on Best Practices in Mental Health Treatment for Dually Diagnosed Youth**

### **OVERVIEW**

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) is seeking Letters of Interest for the delivery of intensive training and consultation to mental health care providers serving children and youth who are dually diagnosed with mental health challenges and intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD). This funding aims to better equip mental health care providers to serve dually diagnosed individuals and their families, including by building awareness of evidence-based approaches and modifications of typical treatment (e.g., use of visual tools, behavioral techniques, etc.).

Additional details are available in the attached document. Letters of Interest are due May 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Eligible applicants are training, technical assistance, and consultation entities or academic institutions with substantial experience:

- Developing and delivering training and consultation on best practices in mental health treatment of dually diagnosed children and youth, including specific experience with I/DD populations and in mental health treatment;
- Training multi-disciplinary groups of mental health providers, including paraprofessional staff as appropriate;
- Establishing partnerships and collaborations with mental health agencies/organizations that provide services to dually diagnosed children and youth and their families; and
- Ensuring quality assurance methods are implemented to provide, monitor, and report the efficacy of training, technical assistance, and consultation to organizations.

Applicants with experience in evidence-based intensive training methods such as an ECHO or similar model are encouraged to apply.

### **SERVICES**

OMH is seeking entities with the capacity to provide:

- Training and consultation in a format that includes multiple points of contact with the same mental health provider(s);
- Live (including virtual) training and consultation as a primary deliverable;
- Training and consultations using evidence-based practices;
- Individualization of training and consultation to mental health provider(s);
- Training to a multi-disciplinary group of individuals as appropriate;
- For any resources developed or reviewed as part of the intensive training and consultation, that may be applicable to a larger audience, permission to share on a NYS-funded learning management system;
- Ideally, ability to conduct train-the-trainer programs to enhance local capacity and sustainability of the training and consultation initiative; and

- Ideally, ability to provide direct consultation to clinical teams as appropriate including through direct interaction with the child/you and family through telehealth.

## TIMELINE

Letters of Interest may be sent to [carol.swiderski@omh.ny.gov](mailto:carol.swiderski@omh.ny.gov) with the subject line “Intensive Training and Consultation for Dually Diagnosed Youth” by May 11<sup>th</sup>.