

Solicitation of Interest: Statewide Training on Youth Mental Health First Aid

OVERVIEW

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) is seeking Letters of Interest from organizations or agencies to increase delivery of the Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training statewide. YMHFA training teaches parents, family members, teachers, peers, and other individuals how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses/substance use disorders and crises among adolescents. Funding awarded through this RFP will allow entities to:

- Use certified YMHFA instructors to directly train the public; and/or
- Coordinate the certification of new YMHFA instructors who then directly train the public.

OMH is seeking up to five organizations or agencies to increase delivery of YMHFA training in each of the five OMH regions (outlined [here](#)). Respondents should indicate the region(s) in which they are proposing to offer YMHFA training and/or increase YMHFA instructors. Respondents may choose to target any or all of the five regions.

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

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants must have:

- Demonstrated extensive experience delivering YMHFA training statewide and/or coordinating certification of YMHFA instructors;
- Certified instructors in YMHFA and/or capacity and experience in coordinating training of new YMHFA instructors;
- Capacity to provide training directly by agency staff or through association, affiliates, networks, or contracts;
- Ability to provide training live (in-person and virtual) statewide or throughout identified catchment area(s);
- Capacity for outreach, broad marketing, and promotional activities to get individuals to register and participate;
- Ability to provide participants with the required training material;
- Ability to utilize or establish relationships with targeted audiences and a wide array of community providers, organizations, schools, and other entities that work with or serve young people; and
- Capacity to track and report to the State on staff certifications received, registrants, trainings provided, number of participants trained, satisfaction surveys, and fiscal reports.

TIMELINE

Letters of Interest may be sent to carol.swiderski@omh.ny.gov with the subject line “Youth Mental Health First Aid” by May 11th.