

SOI: OMH Evidence-Based Practice Opportunities

OVERVIEW

On December 5th, the New York State (NYS) Office of Mental Health (OMH) announced that it is seeking Letters of Interest for the following two opportunities:

- Pilot projects on evidence-based practice (EBP) diagnostic and case conceptualization; and
- A needs assessment of EBPs in children's mental health in NYS.

These opportunities will support the State's efforts to create a Center of Excellence (COE) to disseminate best practices and support the implementation of EBPs.

Links to each opportunity are available [here](#). A summary of each opportunity is provided below. Letters of Interest must be submitted by December 27th.

EBP DIAGNOSTIC AND CASE CONCEPTUALIZATION

Through this Solicitation of Interest (SOI), OMH is seeking organizations interested in implementing pilot projects with OMH licensed, designated, or funded programs on the following topics:

- Diagnostic screening;
- Assessment of psychological, neurological, psychiatric, developmental, or functional disorders; and/or
- Case conceptualization of mental health problem areas for children and youth, in the context of their families.

The applicant should state in the Letter of Interest which of the above topic(s) it would be interested in implementing for the pilot project.

The pilot project may include the development and testing of training modules, training approaches or modalities (virtual, in-person, etc.), or integrative approaches to improve the knowledge base among providers on how to conceptualize cases and deliver evidence-based screeners or evidence-based diagnostic interviews. The population of focus is children and youth up to age 21 and their families.

OMH is seeking multiple organizations or agencies for these pilot projects.

Responsibilities

Awarded organizations will be responsible for:

- Planning with OMH and identified partners, including the COE, and other identified vendors on the content of the training, modalities to be tested, and implementation plans for pilot testing;
- Implementation of the training and technical assistance to support the pilots;
- Evaluation plans including what will be assessed (must include training effectiveness) and how it will be assessed; and
- Preparation of a summary report with recommendations for OMH on strengths/gaps and strategy for continued implementation, if appropriate.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must have expertise in at least one of the following areas:

- Case conceptualization as operationalized by peer-reviewed publications or national trainings;
- Diagnostic screening as operationalized by authoring or being an official certified trainer of diagnostic assessment or screening that has been implemented on non-research practice settings;
- Diagnostic assessment as operationalized by authoring or being an official certified trainer of a diagnostic assessment or screener that has been implemented in non-research practice settings.

EBP NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

Through this SOI, OMH is seeking organizations interested in conducting a needs assessment of EBPs in children's mental health during a nine-month period. OMH is seeking one organization or agency to conduct this needs assessment. The identified organization will support OMH and the COE by carrying out an assessment of current strengths and unmet needs in the OMH children's mental health service system regarding the availability and sustainability of EBPs.

The needs assessment will gather information from families, service providers, subject matter experts, funders, and other stakeholders with the goal of strategically and cost-effectively supporting the growth and sustainability of evidence-based, family-focused programs and services statewide. Both the assessment of the current state and future recommendations should specifically address the needs of children and families of color and LGBTQ youth, such as through a breakdown of populations in the current capacity analysis, survey of culturally competent practices in EBPs, and planning to address specific needs.

Responsibilities

The awarded organization will be responsible for:

- Planning with OMH and identified partners, including the COE, on the critical questions for the needs assessment, including:
 - Definition of the population and current capacity;
 - Comparison of current state to desired state;
 - Analysis of rates for EBPs; and
 - Recommendations/planning.
- Multi-modal data collection;
- Preparation of regular (minimum bi-monthly) progress reports and update presentations; and
- Preparation of a summary report with recommendations for OMH.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants must have expertise in statewide needs assessment and in implementation of EBPs for children and families.

TIMELINE

Letters of Interest may be sent to Carol Swiderski at carol.swiderski@omh.ny.gov through December 27th with the relevant program title in the subject line. Questions may be submitted to the email address above.