**Announcement of Pre-Application Webinar for RFA No. SM-12-003
Implementation Cooperative Agreements for Expansion of the Comprehensive
Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing a webinar for prospective applicants interested in applying for the Implementation Cooperative Agreements for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program, (System of Care (SOC) Expansion Implementation Cooperative Agreements), RFA # SM-12-003. The call will be lead by SAMHSA, Center for Mental Health Services staff along with technical assistance providers from the Technical Assistance Partnership, American Institutes for Research and the National Technical Assistance Center for Child and Family Mental Health at Georgetown University.

The webinar will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. – 5: 00 p.m. EST. Interested parties may register to participate on this call by clicking on the link http://events.tapartnership.org/register.php?eid=61.

All necessary information including the full RFA, eligibility requirements and required forms related to the System of Care Expansion Implementation Cooperative Agreements can be found at: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants.

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2012 System of Care (SOC) Expansion Implementation Cooperative Agreements. The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to improve the behavioral health outcomes of children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. This program supports broad-scale operation, expansion and integration of systems of care through the creation of sustainable infrastructure which allows for the provision of and access to required services and supports to ensure the values, principles, and practices comprising the system of care approach to become the primary way in which children's mental health services are delivered throughout the nation.

Approximately $15,000,000 is available to fund approximately fifteen (15) grants at $1,000,000 each for up to 4-years.

WHO CAN APPLY: Eligibility for this program is statutorily limited to public entities such as: State governments; Indian or tribal organizations (as defined in Section 4[b] and Section 4[c] of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act); Governmental units within political subdivisions of a State, such as a county, city or town; District of Columbia government; and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Northern Mariana Islands, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (now Palau, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands).

The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit agencies.

HOW TO APPLY: Grant Application kits are available on the SAMHSA website at http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/ApplicationKit.aspx or you may request a complete application package from SAMHSA by calling 1-877-726-4727 (1-877-SAMHSA7), [TDD: 1-800-487-4889].

The RFA is available on the SAMHSA website at: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants, RFA # SM-12-003.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Applications must be received by June 19, 2012.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Applicants with questions on program issues should contact Diane Sondheimer at 240-276-1922 or via e-mail at diane.sondheimer@samhsa.hhs.gov or Gary Blau at 240-276-1921 or via e-mail at gary.blau@samhsa.hhs.gov. For questions on grants or budget issues, contact Gwendolyn Simpson at 240-276-1408 or via e-mail at gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov.
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