

**Announcement of Webinar for Prospective Applicants Interested in Responding
To RFA No.SM-13-001
Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health
Services for Children and their Families
(Short Title: System of Care Expansion Planning Grants)**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is announcing a webinar for prospective applicants interested in applying for the Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families, (Short Title: System of Care Expansion Planning Grants) RFA # SM-13-001. 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 Monday, January 28, 3:00 -5:00 p.m., EST. Interested parties can register to participate on the call by clicking on this link <http://events.tapartnership.org/register.php?eid=35>. All necessary information including the full RFA, eligibility requirements and required forms related to the System of Care Expansion Planning Grants 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) 2013 Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families (Short Title: System of Care Expansion Planning Grants). During the twelve-month period, grantees will be expected to develop and complete a comprehensive strategic plan to improve, implement, expand, and sustain comprehensive services and supports throughout their geographic area consistent with system of care principles and philosophy.

Approximately \$10,708,000 is available to fund 13 grants at \$300,000 to \$800,000 each for one year.

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-13-001.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: Applications must be received by March 1, 2013.

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.