

Funding Opportunity Forecast

Funding Opportunity Title: The National Quality Improvement Center on Tailored Services, Placement Stability and Permanency for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Two Spirit Children and Youth in Foster Care Local Implementation Site

Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement (Mutually binding contractual relationship with the University of Maryland Baltimore)

Overview: The National Quality Improvement Center (QIC) on Tailored Services, Placement Stability and Permanency for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Two Spirit (LGBTQ2S) Children and Youth in Foster Care, in collaboration with the Children's Bureau (CB), invites eligible applicants to apply to become a local implementation site (LIS).

The QIC-LGBTQ2S will work to develop, integrate and sustain best practices, evidence-informed and evidence-based interventions in programs that improve outcomes for children and youth in foster care with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities and expression (SOGIE). The QIC-LGBTQ2S is led by the Institute for Innovation and Implementation at the University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work along with participating core partners: Human Service Collaborative, National Indian Child Welfare Association, Ruth Ellis Center, Tufts University, and Youth M.O.V.E. National.

The QIC-LGBTQ2S will identify and fund 4-6 local implementation sites (LIS). LIS will identify, select, adapt, implement and evaluate evidence-based, evidence-informed, and/or promising programs and interventions that address the unique needs of children and youth with diverse SOGIE in foster care. Services, supports, and interventions provided will be comprehensive, culturally responsive, trauma-informed and aimed at enhancing individualized services for children and youth with diverse SOGIE in foster care, the skills and abilities of caregivers of children and youth with diverse SOGIE (foster, kinship, and families of origin), the child welfare workforce, contracted providers, and/or system partners. At least one of the LIS identified interventions will be a direct practice intervention for clients aimed at addressing the needs of children and youth and or caregivers, and which can be measured at the child/caregiver-specific level. LIS will work in partnership with the QIC-LGBTQ2S and CB throughout the entire project and will be required to participate in a mutually binding contractual relationship.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants are limited to state governments, county governments, and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) responsible for administering the child welfare/foster care program throughout their jurisdiction. Grantees themselves need both the access and authority to assess and make changes in child welfare agencies.

Additional Eligibility Information: A designated state, county, or tribal government will lead the project as the primary applicant. Primary applicants are encouraged to contract with private agency contributors as strategic partners to add additional expertise where child welfare services are provided in such partnerships. However, the inclusion of independent sub-awardees is prohibited (i. e. your subcontractor can be a vendor that provides expert services but does not independently manage part of the work).

Individuals, foreign entities, and sole proprietorship organizations are not eligible to compete for, or receive, awards under this announcement.

The applicant is expected to be the lead agency, directly managing every aspect of the work, and may not subcontract this responsibility to another entity. The application must designate the lead staff person from the applicant agency. Each partnering agency must demonstrate recognition of and commitment to the applicant as the lead agency.

As primary applicants, child welfare agencies should lead and coordinate efforts between any strategic partners and steady and continuous communication, training, and technical assistance from the QIC-LGBTQ2S. A strong application should include how the primary applicant will coordinate and evaluate its evidence-based, evidenced-informed(s) or promising practices programs and interventions; maintaining a continuous quality improvement; and sustain reporting requirements with the QIC-LGBTQ2S. In addition, primary applicants must show multilevel support from agency and government leadership.

Expected Posting Date: March 13, 2017

Expected Closing Date for Applications: Electronically submitted applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM ET on the listed application due date. The expected closing date is April 21, 2017.

Expected number of Awards: Four to Six

Award Information: Upon execution of a mutually binding contractual agreement between the LIS and the University of Maryland Baltimore, the QIC-LGBTQ2S will provide funding to accepted LIS to support the implementation of proposed interventions. This funding amount will vary depending on the number of LIS selected and their identified funding needs. LIS will receive allocated funding by September 2017 (Start Up), December 2017 (Year 1), December 2018 (Year 2), December 2019 (Year 3) and December 2020 (Year 4).

Annual Award Ceiling: \$300,000 (total \$1,500,000)

Annual Award Floor: \$100,000 (total \$500,000)

Cost Sharing or Matching: LIS applicants are not required to officially provide match or cost sharing; however, there will be an expectation in the application process for the applicant to describe how they will leverage prior work and local resources to support implementation.

Contact Information: If you have questions about this forecast, email qiclgbtq@ssw.umaryland.edu.

Please share this funding announcement with your contacts.



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