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To New Jersey's Mental Health and Addiction Agencies:

I'm happy to offer you the opportunity to take part in a robust technical assistance (TA) initiative that the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) has offered for several years through the federal State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant. For the sixth time, we're able to fund the *Evidence-Based Practice Initiative (EBPI)* and include not only agencies that offer substance abuse disorder treatment, but also those that provide services for people who are managing co-occurring mental illness.

We're aware that you may need more assistance in implementing Evidence Based Practices (EBPs). This year, the EBPs that we plan to concentrate on are Motivational Interviewing (MI), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and universal screening/engagement in treatment.

JBS International (JBS), a recognized leader in sustainable change within behavioral health organizations, was chosen by DMHAS to offer consultation across provider agencies' *entire organizations* to ensure that you can examine policies and procedures related to implementation of EBPs.

Please click on the link here to learn what to expect and submit your application. The deadline is **December 8, 2023.** DMHAS will select the first seven (7) agencies based on the criteria in the application. We'll notify agencies by December 22, 2023.

https://bit.ly/EBPI_Agency_Application_SOR3_Year_2

I hope that you'll take advantage of the EBPI. Our "alumni agencies" have made tremendous strides in sustaining these EBPs. We're grateful that SAMHSA has continued funding that allows us to offer quality TA to all our agencies that tirelessly work to help people around the State recover and stay well.

Sincerely,

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