



## Children's Capacity Building Project Expansion

### Project Overview

#### **Thank you for your interest in being a part of the Children's Capacity Building Project!**

Thanks to a small private grant, we are excited to be able to offer this valuable opportunity to our domestic violence service providers and community partners. Our hope is the through this expansion, more programs will have the tools and support they need to provide innovative, trauma-informed services targeted to children, protective/non-abusing parents and/or caretakers and families affected by domestic violence.

#### **What is the Children's Capacity Building Project?**

The Children's Capacity Building Project (CCBP) was developed in 2014 and was purposed with increasing the capacity of domestic violence programs across New Mexico to provide trauma-informed services for children exposed to violence. The New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV) developed this pilot project, funded by the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), to address this deficiency and help build program capacity in domestic violence programs across the state. Staff from the initial eight piloted sites have been given the tools and support to develop innovative programs for children and families which follow the overarching goals of the services provided under the project which include:

- Strengthening the bond between domestic violence survivors and their children; and/or
- Demonstrating enhanced coping skills and reduced trauma related responses in children, birth through age 18.

#### **What does the Children's Capacity Building Project Expansion involve and what will be provided through this opportunity?**

The NMCADV seeks to provide intensive training, consultation and peer mentorship to five (5) eligible programs committed to enhancing trauma-informed family centered services. Since this opportunity does **not** provide direct funding, participating organizations must be truly vested in building or strengthening their children's programming and be committed to the goals and efforts of the project. Selected organization will however, be eligible for other benefits supported though the grant and will be expected to participate in the following supportive activities:

- Attending a two-day foundational training with the NCDVTMH;
- Attending an initial peer-led orientation
- Implementing outcome measurement tools;
- Participating in monthly consultation sessions;
- Participating in on-site, technical assistance with NMCADV Project Coordinator and peer mentors;
- Participating in additional training opportunities related to trauma-informed services for domestic violence survivors and/or their children.

### **Is my organization eligible to apply?**

Applications will be accepted from organizations that currently provide Domestic Violence services and show a commitment to increasing their capacity to serve families (children of domestic violence survivors and their protective parents) using trauma informed services. Organizations must also be committed to building capacity within the organization's infrastructure to support the program long term. Priority consideration will be given to programs in rural or native communities that specifically improve services to underserved populations that experience barriers to accessing services as a result of race, ethnicity, language, physical, emotional or mental disabilities, sexual orientation and/or geography. Ideally, organizations should have the capability to hire or promote qualified individuals with prior experience working with/or providing services to domestic violence survivors and/or their children. **Requirements of Applicants also include:**

- Providing sufficient facilities and supplies tailored to trauma-informed services;
- Maintaining a tracking system to report information on families served;
- Complying with reporting requirements to the NMCADV; and
- Having mandatory screening (fingerprint-based criminal background check) documented for all applicant's staff, volunteers and interns regardless of age or if the individual has direct or indirect contact with children and families.

### **What is the timeframe of the Project?**

The agreement period will be approximately one (1) year from September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 as part of the NMCADV's Program Budget funded under the grant. Continuation of the agreement is contingent upon continued private funding and the organization's ability to provide successful services.

### **What is the application process?**

The application is a narrative format that addresses six bullet points (see application details section below). Completed applications must be signed by the person authorized to represent the organization and submitted electronically to [shana@nmcadv.org](mailto:shana@nmcadv.org), no later than September 17<sup>th</sup>. An independent evaluation committee will then perform the review and evaluation of all applications. Individuals selected to serve on the committee will review all applications received and make selections of the five finalists. Overall, the NMCADV and the Evaluation Committee are interested in responses that demonstrate the applicant's commitment to providing family centered trauma informed services to children and non-abusing/protective parents.

Proposed application schedule:

Action	Responsibility	Date
Application Release Date	NMCADV	August 1, 2017
Submission of Application	Applicant	September 1, 2017
Evaluation and Selection	Evaluation Committee	September 15, 2017
Notification	NMCADV	September 15, 2017

### **How will I know if my application is approved?**

Final selections will be made based on the overall quality of the application submitted. All applicants will be notified in writing regarding the outcome of this application process by September 15, 2017. The term of the agreement will begin on October 1, 2017 and end June 30, 2018. All selected applicants will be contacted by the Project Coordinator to sign an agreement and discuss next steps.

## **Children's Capacity Building Project Expansion Application**

Please address each bulleted statement below in a narrative format (limit to two pages):

- Identify the applicant organization, scope of program services, and the name and title of the person representing the organization (*Application must be signed by the person authorized to represent the organization*).
- Describe all current family centered services available through your program directed to children and their protective/non-abusing parent.
- Describe target population to be served under this project.
- Describe current trauma-informed services in place throughout your program.
- Describe how the organization will provide additional programmatic, administrative, and financial support to this project.
- Describe possible barriers to implementing this project and how you think the technical assistance provided under this grant will help remove those barriers and assist in integrating the new services.

**Please submit final application to [Shana@nmcadv.org](mailto:Shana@nmcadv.org)**

The NMCADV's contact for any questions, inquires, or submission is:

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