
PREPare for Success Serving Youth in Out-of-Home Care - RFA A366

DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice: NC Division of Public Health/Women's and Children's Health Section

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Purpose:

The Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) is a program designed to educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STI), including HIV/AIDS, and adulthood preparation subjects.

Through the use of comprehensive sexuality education programs, adolescents will be empowered with information they need to make healthy decisions about their emotional and physical well-being and will explore relationships, decision-making, assertiveness, peer pressure and other topics related to health and human sexuality.

Specific public or private non-profit agencies encouraged to apply for funding include those with history or can demonstrate ability to successfully replicate evidence-based comprehensive sexuality education and positive youth development programs with youth receiving out-home-care services including youth who are: in or aging out of foster care, kinship care, involved in the juvenile justice system, runaway/homeless, receiving transitional housing or independent living services.

Description:

The goal of PREPare for Success is to reduce the rate of teen pregnancy in North Carolina. This is done by providing essential comprehensive sex education (which includes abstinence) through implementation of an evidence-based program model, including Making Proud Choices and Power through Choices, and strategies and best practices to support adulthood preparation, awareness/prevention of human trafficking and involvement of a trusted adult.

Awarded agencies shall agree to:

1. Implement *Making Proud Choices! For Youth in Out-of-Home Care* or *Power Through Choices* with fidelity to educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception to prevent adolescent pregnancy and STIs, including HIV/AIDS;
2. Provide comprehensive, medically accurate, age-appropriate programming that is trauma-informed, inclusive and culturally appropriate;
3. Promote successful and healthy transitions to adulthood through the implementation of activities that align with the PREP adulthood preparation subjects;
4. Provide education and information on the prevention of human trafficking;
5. Implement strategies to engage trusted adults in program activities; and
6. Serve a minimum of 60 youth in out-of-home care between the ages of 10 and 19 who are at high-risk for becoming pregnant living in or aging out of foster care, being homeless or involved in juvenile justice systems.

Eligibility:

Applications will be accepted from public or private non-profit agencies who serve youth who reside in any of the 100 North Carolina counties, interested in reducing teen pregnancy among youth enrolled in out-of-home care services. For-profit agencies need not apply.

Potential applicants should consider their community's readiness to support teen pregnancy prevention efforts and their agency's organizational capacity to administer the state grant funds if awarded. Recipients of state funds are expected to have established in writing certain general agency policies including personnel and financial accounting policies. **Applicants that have not previously received or successfully administered state funds should consult a PREP staff member to determine if their agency has the internal policies and procedures in place to administer a state grant at this time.** Funds to grantees will be dispersed on a cost reimbursement basis only, and agencies should carefully consider if they have the capacity to implement the program under this system.

How to Apply:

In order to be eligible for funding, a representative of the applicant agency must participate in and complete the following mandatory requirements:

- **Technical Assistance Webinar:** The purpose of the webinar is to review components of the RFA and provide opportunity for agencies to ask questions regarding the application, curriculum and grant requirements. The webinar will be held on August 20, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Applicants must register to participate in this webinar at the following link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/prep_ohc_webinar_registration by 5:00pm on August 19, 2019 to receive the webinar link and call-in information. Agencies that do not attend the technical assistance webinar shall not be eligible to respond to this RFA.
- **Notice of Intent:** Any agency that plans to submit an application must register its intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2019. **The link to register intent will be available to agencies during the mandated technical assistance webinar.**
- **Mandatory Technical Assistance Session:** This session is meant to provide a preliminary review of the applicants' RFA narrative, discuss the applicants' proposed project plan and provide guidance in strengthening the RFA narrative and plan. This technical assistance session may occur via conference call or an in-person face-to-face meeting. This session must be completed by 5:00pm on September 13, 2019. Agencies that do not complete the mandated technical assistance session shall not be eligible to respond to this RFA.

Deadline for Submission: October 11, 2019 at 5 PM

How to Obtain Further Information:

Inquiries about this RFA are encouraged and may be directed to the following Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiatives – PREPare for Success Program staff or (919) 707-5700.

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