

Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

State Department:
NJ Department of Children and Families
Name of Expenditure Program:
Pediatric Partnership
Amount:
\$1,795,500

Overview:

Paid physicians shall be required to provide the expanded training to physicians and other groups regarding the signs and effects of trauma. With this effort and a targeted curriculum, victims of Sandy shall be treated appropriately and referred for treatment according to their needs. The use of paid physicians is targeted to get the immediate need met so that referrals can occur smoothly and seamlessly for the children traumatized. DCF intends to issue a contract modification, to develop and implement a Pediatric Partnership Initiative which will partner with and educate pediatric and family practices in the impacted counties about how to screen and assess for trauma, mental health and substance abuse disorders, and other social determinants of health and well-being. In addition to building pediatric practice screening and assessment capacity, the Pediatric Partnership Initiative will disseminate critical information about how to access the existing service array (as well as any services expanded in response to Sandy recovery) available to support children and families who may be confronting one of these challenges that are anticipated to be more prevalent following natural disasters such as Super Storm Sandy. The contract modification will allow for the development and adaption of curriculum and screening/assessment tools. The contract modification shall allow the special pediatric team to begin work within 30 to 60 days. The issuance of an RFP would delay these efforts.

The Pediatric Council on Research and Education (PCORE) is the quality improvement arm of the American Academy of Pediatrics, New Jersey Chapter (AAP/NJ) that is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of children in the state of New Jersey. PCORE 's mission is accomplished by working to improve health policies and practices, and to educate parents and primary care providers on preventative health topics within the context of a Medical Home framework. PCORE and its successful partnerships with local and state agencies help promote wellness and prevent illness, abuse, and neglect among children in New Jersey.

PCORE uses office-based interventions to help primary care providers and staff better understand and address major public health concerns, including lead screening, immunizations,

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postpartum depression, child abuse and neglect, psychosocial development, obesity, and asthma. Through proactive office systems change and collaboration with families and public and private partners, PCORE has demonstrated positive results in each of these areas.

The American Academy of Pediatrics is well positioned to put this initiative into place. The program's objectives are to build the capacity of community pediatric and family practice offices to screen and assess children and families residing in the most impacted areas and then, being well positioned to provide guidance and support to families on how to access services to address the challenges they may be facing or to help address risk factors that may be identified.

Federal Department of Origin:

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services – The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013, (P. L. 113-2); “Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Funds” to address necessary expenses resulting from Hurricane Sandy, including social, health, and mental health services for individuals, and for repair, renovation and rebuilding of health care facilities (including mental health facilities), child care facilities, and other social services facilities.

Federal Requirements / Restrictions:

Funds to be totally expended by September 30, 2015.
Also subject to Integrity Oversight monitoring via Assembly Bill A60 (A-60)(P.L.2013,c.37).
Additional State regulations related to Governor Christie's Executive Order 125, as well as all applicable federal and state regulations for Procurement and Grants Management

Selection Standards:

This is an expansion of an existing contract for services.

Eligibility Standards:

All within the affected counties may be trained.

Other Notes:

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