QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

2017 Trauma Treatment and Supportive Services for Child Victims of Domestic Violence in Five Counties: Cape May, Hunterdon, Salem, Sussex and Warren

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1. Can providers bill Medicaid?

Providers may bill Medicaid and private insurance as appropriate.

2. I am a licensed psychologist working as an individual provider. I do have an LLC that I created, but as of right now I work alone. Can I still submit an RFP for my services, or do I need to be part of an organization?

No, an individual provider, even with an LLC, would not be eligible for this RFP.

3. Section 1, Page 4, under "Required Program Components" – Our organization understands that a requirement of this grant is to partner and collaborate with CP&P, but we are wondering if our agency will be required to provide information for court cases, such as written reports concerning the treatment and assessments, of the children we provide therapy to under this program.

CP&P may request collaterals regarding treatment progress. Collaterals and/or information in the collaterals may be included in court filings and/or court reports.

4. Section 1, Page 7, under "Training" – Can the supervisor be the same person as the senior leader in the Learning Collaborative program, or do they have to be two separate people? For example, the supervisor in this program for our agency may be our Clinical Director, who supervises all of our clinical staff. Can she represent the supervisor and senior leader in this Learning Collaborative, or does the Executive Director need to be involved as the senior leader?

If staff are not trained in TF-CBT, agencies should plan to include a senior leader, a supervisor and clinicians in the TF-CBT Learning Collaborative. Ideally, the senior leader and supervisor are separate individuals. The senior leader should have a clear understanding of the TTSS program and have decision-making authority. The senior leader is expected to attend the first day of the Introductory Training, attend a 2-hour meeting at the Advanced Training, and participate in at least three 1-hour phone calls.

5. It indicates that agencies are encouraged to identify at least 3 therapists to be providing TF-CBT. Is it acceptable to propose that funding is used to support 1 full-time therapist to provide TF-CBT specifically to youth impacted by domestic violence as long as they had a team of therapists to work with who are using TF-CBT in other agency programs?

Yes, that is acceptable. The intent is for the agency to have a clinical team to support and sustain implementation of TF-CBT. The agency may also include additional agency clinicians in the TF-CBT Learning Collaborative to further build capacity.

6. We currently have therapists who are trained in and using TF-CBT. All therapists attend group supervision together. Also our Clinical Director and Senior Director are supervising the agency therapists and are trained in TF-CBT. I think we are well equipped to expand our services and continue to offer TF-CBT to more youth and families, but I wanted to make sure that we would meet eligibility for the RFP under those conditions.

Applicants with staff that have already been trained in TF-CBT are not excluded from applying for this opportunity. Agency must ensure they meet Applicant Eligibility Requirements on page 9 to be considered.

7. An estimated budget (start-up costs) is required and it stated that costs for transportation for staff TF-CBT training could be included. However, the only location listed for 2018 TF-CBT is in January in San Diego. We are unable to estimate costs if we do not know other location options that may be closer (and therefore, less expensive).

Is it possible to get additional dates and locations so we can better estimate travel expenses for involved clinicians?

DCF has partnered with the CARES Institute/Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (Stratford, NJ) to provide TF-CBT training to awarded applicants. The DCF-sponsored training will be provided in NJ, and training dates and location(s) will be provided to awarded applicants upon award and contract negotiation.