

# Family-Centered Justice

## Solicitation Q&A Session

June 9, 2021



# Agenda

- The six priority areas
- The application process
- Benefits of being selected and requirements
- Budget
- Q&A

# Overview of the solicitation

Due: September 1, 2021

The Family-Centered Justice program is a mechanism for cross-sector teams to utilize funding in order to advance collaborative work that will lead to improved outcomes for families impacted by parental substance use and child welfare involvement.





### Looking for applicants that demonstrate:

The willingness to form a cross-sector team that includes, at a minimum, courts, child welfare agencies, substance abuse treatment providers, mental health agencies, and other service organizations that agree to work collaboratively on the proposed initiative and have the capacity to support the level of partnership needed to effectively coordinate and sustain cross-disciplinary initiatives.

**Looking for applicants that demonstrate:**

Commitment to deploying evidence-based and evidence-informed strategies to address the needs of families impacted by substance abuse and/or co-occurring disorders.

# The Six Priority Areas

01.

## Implement Universal Screening and Assessment for All Case Types and Expedited Referral to Treatment and Recovery Support Services

Applicants may propose to implement a process to screen family members for substance abuse, behavioral health, housing and food needs, and trauma exposure early in the court process for all case types in order to refer for appropriate services and support healthy family functioning. This is not intended to support universal drug and alcohol testing.

# The Six Priority Areas

02.

## Implement Peer Recovery Services

Applicants may propose to integrate trained peer and recovery specialists into existing service delivery models. Peers may have prior child welfare involvement and may be in recovery themselves. Recovery specialists enhance support by providing subject matter expertise in SUDs and child welfare.

# The Six Priority Areas

03.

## Implement Trauma-informed Practices and/or Trauma-focused Services

Applicants may propose to incorporate evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions, which include training on the use of trauma-sensitive language, the adoption of trauma-informed court procedures, implementing responsive case management, and/or the implementation of trauma treatment programs such as Seeking Safety, Helping Women Recover, Helping Men Recover, Beyond Trauma, Addiction and Trauma Recovery Integration Model (ATRIUM), and Trauma Recovery and Empowerment (TREM).

# The Six Priority Areas

04.

## Implement Family-based Services in Community Supervision or Adult Criminal Justice Settings

Applicants may propose to implement evidence-based interventions in community supervision (e.g., probation) settings or adult criminal justice agencies to help families improve parenting skills and increase child skills. Applicants are encouraged to propose incorporating evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions, which include the Nurturing Parenting Program, Celebrating Families!, or Parent-Child Interaction Therapy.

## The Six Priority Areas

05.

Strengthen Cross-sector Capacity by Supporting Cross-Training, Staff Development, Data Collection, and/or Tools to Support Community Outreach

Applicants are strongly encouraged to use existing training resources where possible. Applicants proposing to fund the development of training materials that already exist will not be competitive. Applicants proposing to collect data are encouraged to use free tools such as REDCap versus proprietary, vendor-based systems.

# The Six Priority Areas

06.

## Field-initiated Family-Centered Justice Initiatives

We invite communities to propose innovative initiatives that align with the overall intent of the project. To be eligible for consideration, proposed projects must:

- Increase the capacity of the state courts to intervene with adults with substance use and/or co-occurring mental health disorders.
- Involve a collaboration between courts, child welfare agencies, substance abuse treatment providers, mental health agencies, or other service organizations.
- Include a project coordinator.

**Applicants considering pursuing Priority Area 6 are invited to provide a brief description of the proposed idea in an email prior to application deadline to ensure that the concept aligns with the intent of the solicitation.**

# Allowable Activities

Each project will include a planning and implementation phase. A description of expected deliverables during each phase follows.

## Planning Phase

Finalize all partnership outstanding agreements necessary to support the successful implementation of the project.

Convene key staff and agency leaders from courts, child welfare agencies, substance abuse treatment providers, mental health agencies, and other service organizations.

Complete a comprehensive virtual structured strategic planning process

Participate in a monthly learning collaborative.

Participate in a peer-to-peer convening of all the sites selected. This convening is tentatively scheduled for October 2021 in a site to be determined.

Finalize the selected program(s), models, interventions and/or services to be implemented.

## Implementation Phase

During the implementation period, grantees will move forward and deploy their proposed initiative. It is anticipated that implementation may begin as early as month 3 and no later than month 6 of the project.

# Requirements



This funding opportunity will be open to applicants from county or municipal governments. Applications may be submitted from any agency or coordinating body within a community; however, it is essential that court leadership and commitment are clearly articulated in the application.



Each application must include letters of support and commitment from each partner agency.



Each site submitting an application is required to identify leaders in their partner agencies and in the community that can support the implementation of the project.



Applicants must complete a 12-month budget using the budget form provided and provide a budget narrative.

# Remember to:



Submit a complete application:

- Letters of support and commitment from each partner agency
- 12-Month Budget using the template form provided and budget narrative
- Budget narrative
- Completed applicant information form

**Family-Centered Justice Solicitation**  
**PROJECT BUDGET**  
(TABULAR FORMAT)

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
For Project Activity from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_   
Total Amount Requested for Project \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	S.I FUNDS	STATE FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS	APPLICANT FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS	IN-KIND SUPPORT	TOTAL
Personnel							0.00
Fringe Benefits							0.00
Consultant / Contractual							0.00
Travel							0.00
Equipment							0.00
Supplies							0.00
Telephone							0.00
Postage							0.00
Printing / Photocopying							0.00
Audit							0.00
Other (specify)							0.00
Subtotal, Direct Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Indirect Costs							0.00
Grand Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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Use the **budget template provided** and follow budget instructions



Send completed applications to [nsydow@ncsc.org](mailto:nsydow@ncsc.org) by September 1, 2021 at 5pm ET

# Application Process

To be considered, all applications must be received by September 1, 2021

NCSC and SJI will evaluate all proposals submitted by the application due date to make award selections.

The selected agencies will be notified.



# Benefits of Being Selected

6 Sites

Up to **six** sites will be selected to participate in the demonstration project



Funding will be used to support a project manager and other allowable expenses

50k

Each site will receive \$50,000 in funding



Selected sites will be assigned a dedicated technical assistance provider to offer coaching and assistance

12m

Funding will be for a twelve-month period that will begin in September 2021



Selected sites will participate in an onsite peer-to-peer exchange. This is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2022 in Tennessee.



# Budget Questions

The budget narrative should:

- Provide the basis for all project-related costs and the sources of any match, as required.
- Thoroughly and clearly describe every category of expense listed.
- Be complete, cost effective, and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).
- Be written to begin September 1, 2021 and conclude August 31, 2022.
- You **DO NOT** have to budget for travel expenses for your team to participate in the peer-to-peer exchange. This will be covered for you and your team if you are selected.

Q&A

