



Community Based Care
Integrated Health

FUNDING AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE IMPLEMENTATION

Proposals sought for projects that advance use of *Brief Strategic Family Therapy* to improve behavioral health outcomes for youth in Florida's child welfare system

Jan. 15, 2021 - Sunshine Health and Community Based Care Integrated Health, partners in the Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan (CWSP) Reinvestment Fund, are pleased to announce the release of a new Request for Proposal: *#2021-CWSP – Advance use of the Brief Strategic Family Therapy practice model to improve behavioral health outcomes.*

Established in 2017, this privately-funded Reinvestment Fund is a strategic vehicle for building and improving the child welfare system of care in the State of Florida. In fiscal years 2021-23, the priority of the Reinvestment Fund is to support DCF implementation of the federal Families First Prevention Services Act, while simultaneously improving medical and behavioral health outcomes for children in Florida's foster care system.

With this release, the Reinvestment Fund is specifically soliciting proposals for projects that advance the EBP titled *Brief Strategic Family Therapy* for the purpose of improving behavioral health outcomes for children and youth in Florida's child welfare system. This EBP is rated "well supported" on the Prevention Services Clearinghouse.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

The Reinvestment Fund is committed to supporting and promoting a strong and skilled provider network and culture based on evidence based, family-centered and trauma-informed care practices to serve children in the child welfare system.

Among other expectations, successful applicants must:

- Serve one or more of the priority populations detailed below.
- Demonstrate understanding of the requirements necessary to ensure fidelity to an evidence based practice model; ability to meet the standards of the practice model; and readiness to implement the model.
- Demonstrate ability to strategically integrate the Brief Strategic Family Therapy EBP outlined below into a clinical service model, for the purpose of improving behavioral health outcomes for children and youth in Florida's child welfare system.
- *Note:* Eligibility as a Medicaid provider within the Sunshine Health Plan network is required.

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

Outcomes are designed to support Florida Medicaid-eligible children under the age of 21 years who have an open case in the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) and Florida Medicaid-eligible children who have been adopted through the state's child welfare system and are receiving a state adoption subsidy. Our priority populations include:

- Adoptive children and families
- Relative/non-relative (kinship) families
- Biological families with goal of reunification
- Children ages six to eighteen
- Children exhibiting maladaptive behaviors stemming from trauma
- Children with co-occurring behavioral health and physical health needs

HOW TO APPLY

RFP #2021-CWSP is now available at www.cbcih.net/rfp. Up to \$200,000 is available through this procurement process. Written inquiries are due no later than 3pm EST on February 1, 2021. Final proposal responses are due no later than 3pm EST on March 19, 2021.

To review the grant application, go to: www.cbcih.net/rfp

QUESTIONS? Email grants@cbcih.com

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About the Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan Reinvestment Fund:

The Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan Reinvestment Fund was created in 2017 by the partners of the Sunshine Health Child Welfare Specialty Plan, a Florida Medicaid Managed Medical Assistance Program designed to provide services to Florida Medicaid-eligible children under the age of 21 years who have an open case in the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) and Florida Medicaid-eligible children who have been adopted through the state's child welfare system and are receiving a state adoption subsidy. The Child Welfare Specialty Plan is administered by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), which contracts with Sunshine Health to serve this specialty population. Sunshine Health sub-contracts with Community Based Care Integrated Health (CBCIH) to perform critical functions of the Child Welfare Specialty Plan. The fund was created with the mutual intent of improving the quality of the state's child welfare system and health outcomes for the children served.

While tremendous strides have been made in providing comprehensive healthcare coverage to youth in foster care under Sunshine Health's Child Welfare Specialty Plan, service needs still exist. In addition to working alongside colleagues at the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to expand coverage, this partner-funded reinvestment plan is designed to proactively address the following priorities:

- Fund programs designed to improve system quality and health outcomes
- Fund programs designed to increase system capacity and to make the provider network more robust
- Fund programs designed to address gaps in care for youth in the child welfare system

The CWSP Reinvestment Fund is managed on behalf of the partners by Embrace Families Foundation, Inc.