Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

Health Resources and Services Administration: Early Detection of Vision Problems in Young Children

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The purpose of this grant program is to increase the detection and diagnosis of visual impairment in children aged five (5) years and younger in five (5) States by enhancing the capacity of the State public health agencies to use and apply quality improvement principles and practices to implement universal vision screening for preschool-aged children. Funds will be provided to a single entity to convene a learning collaborative comprised of five States to work together jointly to identify challenges, interventions, implementation, and measurement related to implementing universal vision screening for preschool-aged children.

To facilitate collaborative learning and quality improvement efforts, the awardee may ask each of the five participating States to consider forming a vision screening quality improvement team. The optimal team would include representatives from the State Title V program, State early childhood and education programs, State health surveillance and information systems (e.g., immunization registry), community health centers, pediatric primary and vision specialty care, and family organizations. The awardee may convene the State teams to apply rapid test cycles to increase coordination among the relevant State agencies, providers, and community organizations to support the tracking, disseminating, and spreading of innovative and promising practices necessary to achieve the program purpose.

To accomplish the program purpose and aim, it is expected the awardee will:

- Establish a multidisciplinary project advisory group made up of stakeholders including families and experts who have specialty background and experience in vision screening and diagnosis;
- Provide opportunities including a sufficient number of learning sessions, for participating States to dialogue, share experiences, and learn from each other and national experts;
- Establish an online platform to facilitate communication, learning, and knowledge transfer across State teams.

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION

One application per institution is allowed.

KEY DATES

If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu) by March 2, 2015.

The sponsor application due date is April 10, 2015.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.
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