

# Cooperative Agreements for Adolescent and Transitional Aged Youth Treatment Implementation Grant Profile



# Grant Info

- **Type of Grant:** Discretionary Grant
- **Area of Focus:** substance abuse treatment and recovery support
- **Purpose of Grant:** The purpose of this program is to provide funding to states/territories/tribes to improve treatment for adolescents and/or transitional aged youth with substance use disorders (SUD) and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders by assuring youth state-wide access to evidence-based assessments, treatment models, and recovery services supported by the strengthening of the existing infrastructure system.
- **Start and End Date of Grant:** 9/30/2017 – 9/29/2021
- **Amount of Award (all years):**
  - **Federal Award Amount:** \$800,000
  - **State Award Amount:** 0
- **% Match Required:** 0
- **Source of Funding:**
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# Overview

- State Youth Treatment will be implemented using Seven Challenges, an evidence-based practice endorsed by SAMHSA, with four provider sites statewide. Our vision of the implementation sites is one where a comprehensive system of care will be established to cover a range of person-centered, evidence-based services that are easily accessible and will promote recovery for the targeted youth and young adults and their families. This will be achieved by a strong infrastructure with state agencies, community-based providers, youth, young adults, and family members that is efficient, effective, and seamless to the person accessing services.



# Required Activities

- Enhance the integration and collaboration of the System of Care Infrastructure to better plan for and meet the service needs of the target population
- Increase and improve statewide capacity to provide effective and accessible substance use screening, assessment, evidence-based treatment, and recovery support services for targeted young people
- Develop a strong workforce development training implementation plan to increase access to a robust, diverse workforce to deliver evidenced based screening, assessment and interventions for adolescents and transitional age youth with substance use or co-occurring mental health challenges
- Ensure the implementation of the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) to increase access and address specialized needs of diverse population of focus



# Required Activities: (Cont'd)

- Raise public awareness and education to implement policies and practice that increase abstinence, early intervention, and effective treatment and recovery services for targeted transition age youth
- Maximize and align existing human and financial resources for addressing diverse needs of youth and young adults
- Review and generate recommendations to address specific needs of youth and young adults involved with the education system
- Develop unified strategies to drive changes in the behavioral health care system
- Develop culturally responsive and comprehensive continuum of care for youth and young adults with SUD and COD and their families/primary caregivers with substance use disorder treatment, mental health, health care, training and law enforcement systems, courts and other service agencies



# Required Activities: (Cont'd)

- Expand and standardized screening, assessment, and referral activities
- Utilize treatment and rehabilitation services known to be effective
- Utilize statewide workforce and geographic mapping information to improve the adolescents and transition age workforce
- Develop cross training initiatives for human service agencies' staff, community-based providers, public safety professionals, and individuals in related disciplines to enhance screening, assessment, and referral skills
- Increase knowledge about available resources to assist youth and young adults with SUD and COD and their families/primary caregivers



# Approach

Subrecipients are required to use Seven Challenges, an evidenced based, comprehensive counseling program that addresses alcohol and other drug problems. It is designed to motivate clients to evaluate their lives, consider changes they may wish to make, and then succeed in implementing the desired changes. The program may also assist clients experiencing a co-occurring mental health issue.

## **Supporting infrastructure:**

- Advisory Committee – a multi-stakeholder subcommittee of the Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee of the Governor’s Council on Behavioral Health. The focus is on substance abuse and co-occurring treatment implementation for programs and services for youth and young adults ages 12-25
- Youth and Young Adult Provider Collaborative - a multi-provider site meeting for clinical and non-clinical members of the community to meet on a quarterly basis to promote services for youth and young adults ages 12-25 with substance use and co-occurring issues





# Approach (Cont'd)

- College and University Provider Collaborative – a sub-committee which allows all colleges and universities within RI to meet on a quarterly basis to meet and discuss substance use and co-occurring treatment issues for the transitional age population
- Treatment Implementation Sub-Committee – provides all the state departments on a monthly basis the opportunity to share resources, manpower, planning, and implementation for substance use and co-occurring treatment for programs and services for youth and young adults ages 12-25
- Financing Implementation Sub-Committee - provides all the state departments on a monthly basis the opportunity to how to plan resources management for paying for the implementation for substance use and co-occurring treatment for programs and services for youth and young adults ages 12-25
- Children's Cabinet – the department directors meet on a monthly basis to oversee children's services

