



## **Rick's Team**

### **Children's Mental Health and Well-being Workgroup Prevention Services for Improved Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing**

#### **Purpose**

To establish and/or expand prevention efforts to promote improved children's mental health and well-being throughout the state. Services shall be:

- Community based
- Family driven and youth guided
- Trauma Focused and
- Culturally and linguistically competent.

This shall be achieved through:

- Provision of service delivery for prevention services (Primary, secondary, and tertiary) in the designated geographical area that is aligned, effective, non-duplicative and provided by the best possible fit for the family.
- Provision of training and technical assistance to a diverse array of stakeholders
- Support in the establishment and expansion of local collaborative efforts within a designated geographical region
- Develop and provide public awareness materials and updates on state and federal legislative actions in relation prevention services for improved children's mental health and wellbeing

Services shall also include support and technical assistance in collaboration efforts to assure they are a part of a continuum of services and do not duplicate or leave gaps in the broader service array.

#### **Community Entities**

The Agency intends to select up to [# of partners] community entities that will be responsible for developing interagency coordination and collaboration for the provision of prevention services within a designated geographical region. Qualified Community Entities shall, at a minimum:

- Demonstrate experience and a strong understanding of how best to work with children and families to achieve mental health and wellbeing outcomes.
- Demonstrate an ability to provide and/or administer the delivery of prevention services for improved children's mental health and wellbeing.
- Demonstrate experience and effectiveness in coordinating the efforts of multiple smaller groups working toward the same goal for the purposes of collaboration to improve effectiveness of the groups' efforts to achieve measurable improved outcomes.

Selected community entities will be responsible for coordinating services within their designated geographical area. This includes:

- Establishing or expanding prevention efforts that improve children's mental health and wellbeing effective collaboration and cooperation of existing community entities including, but not limited to, Mental Health, Education, Judicial, Child Welfare, Health Care, Juvenile Justice, Substance Use Disorders, Early Childhood, encourage and support efforts that align with prevention and treatment programming that do not duplicate or leave additional gaps in local services.
- Providing direct support and technical assistance to the collaborative in the following areas:
  - Development, implementation and analysis of a community needs assessment.
  - Development implementation and assessment of a community work plan based on the results of the needs assessment.
  - Understanding funding sources and how to use available funding most effectively.
  - Selection and implementation of evidence based prevention models.
  - Public awareness campaigns
  - Recruitment and retention of collaborative membership.

### **Desired Community Level Outcomes**

The overarching goals of the collaborative efforts within each defined geographical areas are:

- Improved mental health and well-being outcomes for the child population within the designated geographical area as measured by:
  - Increased school attendance
  - Domains: Basic Needs, Education and Workforce, Family Supports, Community Engagement (Four Oaks Assessment)
- Implement an effective, aligned model of service provision that provides the best fit for the family without being restrictive or duplicative.

### **To be Defined**

1. Term "Prevention Services"
2. Geographical areas
3. Community needs assessment (i.e. what would it include?)
4. Expected work products (Policy, fiscal, regulatory, etc.)
5. Independent Evaluation