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Anticipated Upcoming Procurement Opportunity:

Adolescent Substance Use Recovery Initiative

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF), Division of Children's System of Care, anticipates publishing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient Services for youth with co-occurring substance use disorders and mental health needs in **Atlantic/Cape May, Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem, and Hunterdon/Mercer** counties. The identified awardee(s) will provide substance use disorder assessment and treatment to enhance adolescents' access to substance use services, improve the identification of adolescent substance use, increase engagement in treatment and recovery support services, reduce substance use, improve functioning, and reduce rates of readmission to substance use disorder treatment services.

Scope of Services Will Include:

1. *Evaluation Services* inclusive of assessment, Strengths & Needs, Level of Care Index, and toxicology testing.
2. *Co-occurring Clinical Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Services* inclusive of individual, family, and group therapy. Adolescents with substance use disorder may also have co-occurring mental health conditions. In addition to Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) staff, the program shall have a licensed mental health clinician and access to psychiatric services to provide the below interventions. Adolescents may also have experienced trauma, loss, and other challenges that cause stress and difficulty; therefore, the program shall allow for individualized treatment plans that are youth and family driven. Awardees must ensure that the licensed mental health clinician(s) in the program are trained or will be trained/enrolled in training within 6 months of award, in Evidence Based Practices which are recognized and implemented within the substance use/mental health communities and proven effective.
3. *Non-Clinical Services* to include psychoeducation, case management, transportation, recovery supports (allied services that focus on health, wellness, and empowerment to support their treatment), and contingency management (incentives via a behavior modification strategy in which individuals are 'reinforced', or rewarded, for evidence of positive behavioral change).

This opportunity reflects DCF's commitment to making comprehensive substance use treatment services available and accessible to adolescents in the communities to reduce harm, improve functioning, and prevent future substance use.

The RFP is forthcoming and will provide:

- a detailed outline of the requirements and scope of work
- budget information
- submission deadline and instructions

Questions may be emailed to DCF.ASKRFP@dcf.nj.gov