

Strong Families, Safe Communities (SFSC)

New Grantees for FY2015



The second round RFA generated 12 proposals for FY2015. Proposals were scored by a committee of staff members from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), including a family advocate. As these are only one-year projects, priority was given to expansion of existing projects to surrounding counties, and to areas of the state that were not previously served through the original awards. Seven new proposals were chosen for funding, including two which are expansions of existing SFSC grants. All seven original grants also will be funded for a second year bringing the total number of SFSC grants to 14.

Ashland/ Ashtabula/ Richland/ Trumbull/ Tuscarawas/Carroll Counties

(Expansion of existing grant serving Stark, Columbiana, Wayne, Holmes, and Portage Counties)

Proposal submitted by Mental Health and Recovery Boards and Boards of Developmental Disabilities in each of these counties. Project includes:

- Juvenile Court Liaison in Ashland County to improve service coordination for youth with MH and/or DD diagnosis involved with the juvenile court system
- Respite Care
- Specialized mental health treatment for children/youth with developmental disabilities
- Strengthening Families training
- School-based screening of high-risk students and follow up care
- Intensive Care Coordination
- Community Based Therapeutic Mentoring Program
- Social Connectedness and Improved Functioning activities
- Training and consultation on a nationally recognized model of identification and intervention in childhood trauma

Allen/Auglaize/Hancock/Hardin/Putnam/VanWert Counties

Submitted by Family Resource Center of NW Ohio. Project Includes:

- After-hours crisis response team
- Expansion of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) protocol for dealing with traumatic events in the community
- Expand respite options for high-need children and youth

Erie/Sandusky/Seneca/Lucas Counties

Submitted by Erie County Juvenile Court, Family and Children First Councils of Erie, Sandusky, Seneca, and Lucas Counties. Project includes:

- In-home crisis stabilization
- In-home Mentoring
- School Mentor Support
- Parent/Child Education Programs
- Short-term respite
- Crisis response teams

Gallia/Meigs Counties

Submitted by Woodland Centers, Inc. in collaboration with Boards of DD, Family and Children First Councils, MH agencies, Juvenile/Probate Courts, Children Services, Sherriff's Offices, and local school districts in both counties. Project Includes:

- Family Coaches to provide services in the home to families in both counties
- Family intervention to include trauma and loss workshops using the SITCAP model (Structured Sensory Interventions for Children, Adolescents and Parents), and parenting groups using the Strengthening Families model
- Crisis respite
- Training to include Virginia Student Threat Assessment Guide, Strengthening Families, SITCAP, and CIT (Crisis Intervention Team)

Muskingum/Guernsey/Coshocton/Perry Counties in collaboration with The Ohio State University

Proposal submitted by Muskingum Area Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Muskingum County Board of DD, Guernsey County Board of DD, Coshocton County Board of DD, Perry County Board of DD, The Thompkins Child and Adolescent Services, and the Ohio State University College of Social Work. Project Includes:

- Implementation of the I-FAST (Integrative Family and Systems Treatment) Integrated Episode of Care Model in four counties
- Model includes improved access to preventive and crisis mental health services for at risk children and youth with co-occurring MH and DD needs, improved care coordination across systems, and improved child, family, and system outcomes
- I-FAST training and case consultation to clinicians and care coordination supervisors in all counties in order to provide sustainability of this treatment model beyond the grant
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of this project through continuous feedback from the youth and families, and community focus groups

Warren/Clinton Counties

Submitted by Mental Health and Recovery Services of Warren and Clinton Counties in collaboration with local Boards of Developmental Disabilities, Juvenile Courts, Family and Children First Councils, and Job and Family Services. Project Includes:

- Early identification of high-risk children/youth
- Crisis response services
- Treatment services to include assessment, counseling, therapeutic mentoring, and ancillary services
- Family support through respite care, family education, home environment safety assessment, community integration events and parent support groups

Washington County

(Expansion of existing grant serving Athens, Hocking, Vinton, and Jackson Counties)

Submitted by Hopewell Health Centers, Inc. in Athens County in collaboration with the Washington County Board of DD, Mental Health Board, Juvenile Court, Children's Services, Family and Children First Council, Marietta City School District, County Sheriff, and Marietta City Police Department.

Proposed Service:

- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for law enforcement and mental health staff