

Promising Minds: Clinical Partnerships Funding Opportunity



Online Application Deadline: Tuesday, July 05, 2022, 4:00 p.m. HST

OVERVIEW

Grant award available: up to \$100,000 for 15 months

The Promising Minds initiative works across early childhood and early care and learning environments to promote wellness in young children from birth through age 5, including the prenatal and postpartum period, by increasing the capacity of adults to support the social, emotional, and behavioral development of keiki using a variety of research-informed practices. We would like to expand this work to provide access points through clinical and health care settings. The goal of the program is to demonstrate high-impact partnerships with clinical and health care settings to integrate and sustain Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) principles in those settings. By doing so, we will increase access for families to IECMH services.

According to Zero to Three, infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) is “the developing capacity of a child from birth to five years old to form close and secure adult and peer relationships; experience, express and manage a full range of emotions; and explore their environment and learn.” Social emotional development and well-being of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers occur in the context of family, community, and culture. This can happen in a variety of settings: pediatric health care, early care and learning, home visiting, early intervention, judicial system, and more. Some professionals specialize in delivering IECMH support, such as trained IECMH consultants.

The Clinical Partnerships project developed out of the objectives in Hawai'i's [Integrated Infant and Early Childhood Behavioral Health Plan](#) which sets out objectives around systems changes including sustainable financing, increasing the specialized workforce, and improving access to programs and services for families. This project helps to meet and understand how to meet two key objectives:

- Policy & Systems—Financing utilizing a variety of sources
- Programs & Service—Expand access to IECBH services including health screenings, mental health assessment, prevention education services, developmental delay prevention activities, family therapy, multifamily group therapy, case management, mental health consultation, parenting education, and skills training.

The Plan also led to the development of a white paper *Advancing IECBH in Hawaii: Exploring Options for Financing Sustainability*. A recommendation in that paper is: Onboard New Providers of IECBH Services—Bill Medicaid for their services and determine needed changes for

Hawai'i (e.g., Infant Family Specialists Category 2 Endorsements). All these outlined objectives have led to the development of this funding opportunity for clinical partnerships.

ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

Criteria

- Organizations applying must be a clinic, Federally Qualified Health Center, Native Hawai'i Health Care, or another health care provider.
- Serves a birth through age 5 patient population or whole family care through pediatrics, family medicine, or other practices.
- Providers may serve multiple counties.

Desired Criteria

- Have an existing behavioral health department, program, or provider on staff.
- Actively enrolled Hawai'i Medicaid provider.
- Have familiarity with Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health services, e.g. maternal depression screening, and dyadic treatment such as Child Parent Psychotherapy.
- Certification or commitment to trauma-informed care
- Priority will be given to applications serving rural, and/or Native Hawaiian, Micronesian, or other populations historically excluded from access to health care.
- Priority will go to applicants committed to working with patients or clients with any of the well-known risk factors that can negatively impact early relationships and social and emotional development, including prematurity and low birth weight, genetic disorders, exposure to substances, and exposure to violence, abuse, or chronic stress and adversity.

Deliverables

1. Complete a baseline scan of the applicant's current services and assessment of needs for additional services in your service reach area (your community). The narrative and qualitative scan would include items such as what services and treatments are currently offered for: infant and early childhood behavioral health, general and adult behavioral health, developmental screenings, parent/caregiver depression screenings, and social determinants of health screening. Additionally, the scan may include outlining how referrals are made for additional services and treatment such as with therapists, licensed clinical social workers, and other services for families;
2. Develop and implement a Work Plan with outcomes, benchmarks, and milestones. Work Plan may outline shared agency/agencies planning; child and family-focused IECMH treatment and consultation; and staff, parent, and community member training. Key areas to be addressed in the Work Plan include:

- Identify goals for staff training on IECMH principles, and complete needed staff training by end of the grant period;
 - Complete staff training on trauma-informed care (if not previously completed);
 - Plan for offering IECMH services at your site (or multiple sites) through a clinical partnership;
 - Test and learn from an initial offering of IECMH services serving a target number of children and families identified in your Work Plan;
 - Other identified, customized milestones
3. Applicants awarded grants agree to employ or contract qualified IECMH consultants, treatment providers, and supervisory staff. IECMH providers must be Endorsed¹ or working toward Endorsement).
 4. Participate in a peer learning community (~3 times a year) with other providers in the Clinical Partnerships group, which may be expanded to include those in the Pediatric Mental Health Access Program² administered by the Department of Health; and
 5. Participate in evaluation and learning, particularly on challenges and opportunities in implementation, the billing and financial model, and financial sustainability of services.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Online Application

This application is available for online submission. Beginning January 2022, the Hawaii Community Foundation transitioned to a new Grants Portal. New users may register for an account here https://hawaiicf.smartsimple.com/s_Login.jsp. Registered users may log in to their account to submit an application. Please give yourself adequate time before the submission deadline to access the system and familiarize yourself with the application process and requirements.

Instructions

- Only complete and timely applications will be accepted.
- The online application has fillable boxes with character limits. The character counts in MS Word may not match the character counts in the application. If you cut and paste your work into the application, please be sure your text fits the space provided.

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

As part of the online application, your organization profile must be certified prior to submission

¹ The [Infant Mental Health \(IMH\) Endorsement](#) is a verifiable process that recognizes the knowledge and training among professionals across disciplines that use culturally sensitive, relationship-focused learning and work experiences that promote infant mental health. AIMH-HI holds the Endorsement license for Hawai'i.

² In 2021, the Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) was one of 30 states to receive a \$2.2 million federal Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA) grant to address pediatric mental health care for children and youth ages 3 to 21 years. The purpose of the PMHCA program is to promote behavioral health integration into pediatric primary care using telehealth, which has drastically increased during the COVID-19 pandemic to curb the spreading of the disease.

of grant applications and must be certified annually. Information needed to complete your organization's profile includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter (not required if previously applied to the Foundation or if applying through a fiscal sponsor)
- Number of full-time, part-time, or regular volunteer staff
- Organization Mission
- Service Location(s)
- Types of services provided – including age, gender, and target populations served
- Financials – including, income statement (or profit/loss statement) and balance sheet for the most recently completed fiscal year, and an annual operating budget for the current year
- Board of Directors List

APPLICATION

The application consists of 4 tabs. Information needed to complete your application includes, but is not limited to the following:

- **Program Overview:**
 - Provide general information and characteristics about the program including program title, duration, area of interest, program location(s), ages and genders served, and the CHANGE sector(s) your program most closely aligns with (typically Health and Wellness: Access to Mental Health Care).
 - For more information about the CHANGE framework, please visit our website <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/change>.
 - If you have a fiscal sponsor, you will be asked to identify your fiscal sponsor. Please note, that your fiscal sponsor must first be registered in the Grants Portal prior to submitting your application.
- **Program Information:**
 - **Organization Description:** Describe the history and mission of the organization/program. What is the organization's experience implementing this program and staff capabilities to conduct the proposed work? (*Maximum 2,500 characters = ¾ page*)
 - **Executive Summary:** Provide a brief but concise summary of the applicant's proposed program. This executive summary may be used for different purposes, including external communications, to describe the program should a grant be awarded. (*Maximum 2,500 characters = ¾ page*)
 - **Problem or Opportunity:** Describe the need or opportunity you are trying to address and why this is critical. (*Maximum 3,000 characters = ¾ page*)
 - **Program Activities:** Describe the activities that will be completed to address the need/opportunity. Explain why you chose this approach. Provide a program timeline. Describe how your project aligns with the priority of the fund you are applying. (*Maximum 3,500 characters = 1 page*)
 - **Expected Results:** Describe what you hope to achieve and how you will measure the effectiveness of your program. (*Maximum 3,500 characters = 1 page*)

- **Budget:** Provide your total program budget, and amount requested through this application, and upload a copy of your program’s budget, showing income and expenses, indicating sources of income that are pending and secured.
- **Support Documents & Certification:** Upload any additional required documents as listed in the application guidelines.

KEY DATES

Application Release	June 6, 2022
Info Session and Coffee Hour	June 7, 2022, at 12 PM June 13, 2022, at 11 AM
Application Deadline	July 5, 2022
Grant Start Date	August 1, 2022
Grant End Date	October 31, 2023

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- IECMH Clinical Partnership Project Support Needed Questionnaire

FISCAL SPONSORS

- Resolution by fiscal sponsor’s board of directors authorizing fiscal sponsorship
- Fiscal sponsor’s agreement form
Both forms can be found at: <http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/grants/fiscal-sponsor-materials>
- Fiscal sponsor’s IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter

RESOURCES

- [What is IECMH Consultation?](#) (video, 2 minutes) by Georgetown University Center for Child & Human Development
- HCF [Promising Minds Initiative](#) web page – overview of the strategy and goals.
- Hawai’i’s [Integrated Infant Early Childhood Behavioral Health \(IECBH\) Plan](#)
- Association for Infant Mental Health in Hawai’i [Promising Minds Fellows Program](#) – overview of the program that has trained over 40 infant and early childhood mental health providers

DEADLINE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions about this funding opportunity or would like to RSVP to one of the coffee hours, please contact Jarissa Lum at jlum@hcf-hawaii.org.

For technical assistance with the online application process, please submit a support ticket at <http://hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/ticket>.