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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project

Effective Dissemination of Mentoring and Family Strengthening Programs, Cross-Site Evaluation—New—The basis for the current cross-site evaluation originates from two previous efforts funded by SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) aimed at providing prevention services for high-risk youth: (1) Project Youth Connect—Mentoring and (2) Parent and Family Strengthening. The Project

Youth Connect Program, funded in 1998, was designed to determine the effectiveness of a paid mentor/advocate model in improving life achievement outcomes for youth 9 to 15 years of age and their families. The Parent/Family Strengthening Program was designed to present science-based program models that would be selected for implementation within local communities. Funding for the parent/family strengthening program was distributed in two cohorts, with Cohort 1 receiving funding in 1998 and Cohort 2 receiving funding in 1999. Both cohorts were funded for a period of 24 months to address the gap between effective family-based prevention interventions and their availability in States, communities and other organizations. The goal of the current cross-site evaluation seeks to build upon these previous efforts by evaluating the impact of a three-year Mentoring and Family Strengthening prevention program targeting high-risk youth and their caregivers on reducing risk factors related to, and enhancing protective factors against, substance abuse.

Seven mentoring and nine family strengthening study sites were funded by SAMHSA/CSAP as of September 2001 to participate in this cross-site study. The primary objectives of the cross-site evaluation are to: (1) Assess the process of implementing program models with diverse target groups, (2) measure the effectiveness of specified intervention strategies such as cultural enrichment activities, educational and vocational resources, or computer-based curricula, and (3) determine the success of the Mentoring and Family Strengthening Programs in delaying, preventing, and/or reducing the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD) among youth and caregivers at risk for such behaviors. Conducting this evaluation will assist SAMHSA/CSAP in promoting and disseminating optimally effective prevention programs.

The CSAP GPRA Adult and Youth questionnaires, which have been approved by OMB (OMB No. 0930-0208) for use in all CSAP evaluation studies, will be used to measure ATOD use and risk factors associated with ATOD abuse among program participants and comparison subjects. Scales from the CSAP Core Measures

list (OMB No. 0930-0230) and the CSAP National Youth Survey (OMB No. 0930-0178) will be used to measure other important risk and protective factors. The cross-site instrument (containing CSAP GPRA, scales from the CSAP Core Measures list, and scales from the CSAP National Youth Survey) will be augmented with additional scales in order to measure other important risk factors such as family conflict and parental stress. Protective factors that serve to guard against ATOD abuse include educational aspirations, school connectedness, and family cohesion. Data will also be gathered from program reports using a "dosage form" that will document services provided to youth and their adult caregivers.

The evaluation data will be collected through self-report questionnaires administered to program and comparison youth and adults, and to Mentors at the Mentoring Study Sites. Each Mentor, youth and adult in the intervention and comparison group will complete questionnaires at three different times: (1) Baseline, (2) program exit and (3) 6-month follow up. The dosage form will be completed by staff on a weekly basis for program youth and adults only.

Sample size, respondent burden, and intrusiveness have been minimized to be consistent with the cross-site evaluation objectives. Procedures are employed to safeguard the privacy and confidentiality of participants. Every effort has been made to coordinate cross-site data collection with local data collection efforts in order to minimize respondent burden. Pilot tests assisted in controlling burden and ensuring the user-relevance of questions.

Evaluation results will have significant implications for the substance abuse prevention field, the allocation of grant funds, and evaluation activities conducted by multiple Federal, state, and local government agencies. Results will be used to develop federal policy in support of SAMHSA/CSAP program initiatives, inform the public of lessons learned and findings, improve existing programs, and promote replication and dissemination of effective prevention strategies.

The following table shows the estimated annualized burden for data collection.

| Response type | Number of respondents | Responses/respondent | Average burden/response (hrs.) | Average annual burden hrs. |
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| Youth (intervention and comparison) | 2,50 | 1 | 1 | 2,500 |
| Adults (intervention and comparison) | 2,500 | 1 | 1 | 2,500 |

| Response type | Number of respondents | Responses/re-spondent | Average burden/response (hrs.) | Average annual burden hrs. |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mentors | 40 | 1 | 1 | 40 |
| Weekly Dosage Form—Family Strengthening Staff | 46 | 40 | .083 | 153 |
| Weekly Dosage Form—paid mentors | 21 | 9 | .167 | 32 |
| Weekly Dosage Form—volunteer mentors | 100 | 2 | .083 | 17 |
| Total | 5,167 | | | 5,242 |

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16–105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Fiscal Year 2003 Funding Opportunities

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability for grants to expand substance abuse treatment capacity in targeted areas of need (Short Title: Targeted Capacity Expansion—PA 03–001)

SUMMARY: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

(SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) announces the availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2003 funds for grants for the following activity. This notice is not a complete description of the activity; potential applicants *must* obtain a copy of the Program Announcement (PA), including Part I, Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need (Short Title: Targeted Capacity Expansion—PA 03–001), and Part II, General Policies and Procedures Applicable to all SAMHSA Applications for Discretionary Grants and Cooperative Agreements, before preparing and submitting an application.

| Activity | Application deadline | Est. funds FY 2003 | Est. number of awards | Project period |
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| Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Targeted Areas of Need. | Sept. 10, 2002 and Jan. 10 and Sept. 10 thereafter. | \$28 million | 56 | 3 years. |

The actual amount available for the award may vary, depending on unanticipated program requirements and the number and quality of applications received. This program is being announced prior to the annual appropriation for FY 2003 for SAMHSA's programs. Applications are invited based on the assumption that sufficient funds will be appropriated for FY 2003 to permit funding of a reasonable number of applications being hereby solicited. This program is being announced in order to allow applicants sufficient time to plan and prepare applications. Solicitation of applications in advance of a final appropriation will also enable the award of appropriated grant funds in an expeditious manner and thus allow prompt implementation and evaluation of promising practices. All applicants are reminded, however, that we cannot guarantee sufficient funds will be appropriated to permit SAMHSA to fund any applications. This program is authorized under Section 509 of the Public Health Service Act. SAMHSA's policies and procedures for peer review and Advisory Council review of grant and cooperative agreement applications were published

in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 58, No. 126) on July 2, 1993.

General Instructions: Applicants must use application form PHS 5161–1 (Rev. 7/00). The application kit contains the two-part application materials (complete programmatic guidance and instructions for preparing and submitting applications), the PHS 5161–1 which includes Standard Form 424 (Face Page), and other documentation and forms. Application kits may be obtained from: National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI), P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20847–2345, Telephone: 1–800–729–6686. The PHS 5161–1 application form and the full text of the activity are also available electronically via SAMHSA's World Wide Web Home Page: <http://www.samhsa.gov>

When requesting an application kit, the applicant must specify the particular activity for which detailed information is desired. All information necessary to apply, including where to submit applications and application deadline instructions, are included in the application kit.

Purpose: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

(SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) announces the availability of funds for grants to expand or enhance substance abuse treatment capacity in local communities. The Targeted Capacity Expansion (TCE) program is designed to address gaps in treatment capacity by supporting rapid and strategic responses to demands for alcohol and drug treatment services and/or innovative solutions to unmet needs in communities with serious, emerging substance abuse problems.

This Program Announcement (PA) is a re-issuance (with revisions) and replaces a prior PA by the same title, "Targeted Capacity Expansion," No. PA 00–001.

Eligibility: Only the following are eligible to apply:

- Local governments (cities, towns, counties, and their respective departments and political subdivisions, such as a Department of Health and Human Services); and
- Tribes, Tribal governments, or other federally recognized Tribal authorities and organizations.

Because States receive substantial funding for substance abuse treatment services via the Substance Abuse