

Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Application to the State of Florida Department of Children and Families

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED APPLICATION

Broward Behavioral Health Coalition (BBHC), the Managing Entity for Substance Abuse and Mental Health in Broward County, through the Broward Youth Re-entry Collaborative (BYRC), is seeking **implementation** dollars to continue with work of the BYRC to increase the County's efforts to transform the juvenile justice/criminal justice system to increase public safety, avert increased spending in the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems, decrease residential juvenile placements, improve treatment services for participants ages 12-21 years, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of treatment services for those who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorders, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders involved in the criminal/juvenile justice systems.

BBHC, on behalf of the BYRC, is applying for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Application to the State of Florida Department of Children and Families to **implement the strategic plan** created by the BYRC in its work to transform the existing Children's and Adult Mental Health Systems of Care (SOC). During the one-year planning phase, BYRC and its partners were able to

- develop a Strategic Plan that identifies the intervention and treatment of youth and young adults (ages 12-21) with mental health disorders who may also have substance use – co-occurring disorders, trauma, and other complex challenges with strategies to divert individuals from judicial commitment to community-based service programs;
- develop and strengthen collaboration efforts among the providers serving the target population of youth involved multiple agencies, forming the basis of the Strategic Plan to intercept individuals from the system at the earliest point possible while promoting public safety; and
- use the Sequential Intercept Model (required by the funder) as a conceptual framework for effective planning.

The current application is for an **implementation** grant for 36 months/3 years for approximately \$400,000 per year, and its goals are:

- To implement the Strategic Plan developed by the BYRC and refine any strategies as necessary.
- To provide staffing support to the Collaborative and to serve the project participants.
- With the collaborative partners, serve youth/young adults with comprehensive Evidence Based assessment and service strategies, including case management using Transition to Independence Process (TIP coaches), Therapeutic Behavioral On-site Services (TBOS), Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT), evidence based trauma intervention practices, an array of clinical services, supportive employment/education and housing, peer support services for both families and youth, and engaging Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Plans.
- Coordinate with MMA Plans by the last year of the grant to begin funding these services for their members to sustain and expand the program. The project will show data collected after the second year to MMA Plans to engage them in funding this treatment approach.
- To strategize and implement sustaining this program for non-Medicaid eligible youth through BBHC, Children's Services Council, and Broward County funders.

The BYRC is seeking designation by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to serve as the mental health and substance abuse planning council to oversee the implementation of the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program.

Funding from the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment implementation grant will provide Broward County, with leadership from the BYRC, the opportunity to build an infrastructure that will sustain the system of care for juveniles and young adults who have a mental illness, substance abuse disorders, or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders involved with the criminal/juvenile justice systems. The grant requires a 1:1 local match; therefore, the Human Services Department (HSD) has committed a \$200,140 in-kind match and the Children's Services Council (CSC) of Broward County has also committed an additional \$200,000 in-kind match.