

Grant Title: ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT APPROACHES TO PREVENT MALTREATMENT AND PROMOTE FAMILY STRENGTHS AND OPTIMAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

Funding Opportunity Number: N/A

Agency/Department: The National Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect. Sponsoring Organizations: Center for the Study of Social Policy, ZERO TO THREE: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families, and the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds, in collaboration with the Children's Bureau, Administration of Children and Families.

Area of Research: Research and Demonstration Projects in Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention.

Release and Expiration: N/A

Application Deadline: A Letter of Interest must be submitted by November 9, 2009. Based on a review of the Letters of Interest, applicants may be invited to submit full proposals which will be due January 19, 2010.

Amount: Three to five grants with maximum funding per award: \$1,240,000 for a 40-month grant period (March 1, 2010 - June 30, 2013), assuming five grants awarded. A match of 10% of the total project budget is required.

Length of Support: 40-month grant period.

Eligible Applicants: Public and private interagency collaborations or partnerships between institutions and organizations with experience and expertise in child welfare, child maltreatment prevention, early childhood programs, and other related areas, are eligible to apply including public/state and private institutions of higher education. See the full announcement for a complete list of eligible applicants.

Summary: The National Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood (QIC-EC) is accepting Proposals for Research and Demonstration (R&D) projects. Interested parties are invited to submit proposals to implement and rigorously evaluate approaches to prevent child maltreatment and to promote family strengths and optimal development among infants and young children (birth-5) who are at high-risk for abuse, neglect, and abandonment, including those impacted by substance abuse and/or HIV/AIDS, and for whom there is no substantiated Child Protective Services report. R&D projects must employ interventions with research designs that reflect criteria along the evidence-informed to evidence-based continuum. R&D projects may propose an evaluation research design that includes a randomized control group or a quasi-experimental design that includes the use of both quantitative and qualitative data, as well as treatment and comparison groups. R&D projects must demonstrate the integration of the target population's characteristics, culture, and values into the design and implementation of the interventions to help expand the knowledge base on the role of culture in preventing child maltreatment. The QIC-EC support (R&D) projects that show promise of generating robust evidence and new knowledge related to the following overarching research question: How and to what extent do collaborations that increase protective factors and decrease risk factors in core areas of the social ecology result in optimal child development, increased family strengths, and decreased likelihood of child maltreatment, within families of young children at high-risk for child maltreatment?

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