

PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Endowment Act Funds
Project Summary and Analysis

Project Title: Endowment Act – Treatment Training

Applicants: 5 applicants in 5 counties

Project Duration: January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

Project Description:

On June 17, 2015, the Office of Research, Evaluation, and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD) at PCCD announced the availability of state Endowment Act (Act 1 of 2013) Funds. Act 1 outlines five categories which are eligible for funding for the benefit of the residents of the Commonwealth. For the purposes of this funding announcement, the following four categories were opened:

- (i) Programs or projects assisting the victims of child sexual abuse.
- (ii) Child Advocacy Centers (CACs).
- (iii) Victim service organizations that provide services to children subjected to sexual abuse.
- (iv) Training of persons who treat victims of child sexual abuse.

The Endowment Act – Treatment Training solicitation focused on providing funding to support the training of persons who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse. Applicants were eligible to apply for up to \$75,000 for training costs or up to \$150,000 to provide a statewide training and technical assistance component for one nationally recognized evidence-based, trauma-focused program or practice. Funding under this category was limited to supporting:

- (i) Training that will help medical and mental health providers who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse meet National Children's Alliance (NCA) accreditation standards.
- (ii) Evidence-based training for health care providers who treat victims/survivors of child sexual abuse.
- (iii) A statewide training and technical assistance component for a nationally recognized evidence-based, trauma-focused program/practice for children who have been sexually abused.

Staff Analysis and Recommendation:

In response to this solicitation, ORESPD received 9 applications requesting a total of \$653,992. The following table was prepared to provide highlights from the applications being recommended for funding. Staff is currently in the process of reviewing each application being recommended to ensure compliance with the requirements set forth in the funding announcement.

The Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee and Staff are recommending approval of these 5 applications requesting \$287,798 in Endowment Act Funds pending the resolution of outstanding programmatic and fiscal concerns.

<p>Victim Services, Inc. Cambria County Grant # 26258 Amount: \$74,682</p>	<p>Victim Services, Inc. is requesting funding to train 10 therapists in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) to provide services to child victims of sexual abuse in Cambria and Somerset Counties. EMDR is evidence-based and is used to treat troubling symptoms such as anxiety, depression, guilt, anger, and post-traumatic reactions. It can also be used to enhance emotional resources such as confidence and self-esteem. The therapist guides a client in concentrating on a troubling memory or emotion while moving the eyes rapidly back and forth (by following their therapist's fingers). This rapid eye movement, which occurs naturally during dreaming, speeds the client's movement through the healing process. Funding will be used to support the five-day EMDR training and 20 hours of consultation by an approved EMDR consultant.</p> <p>Funding for this project is conditioned upon clarification of implementing EMDR with fidelity to the model.</p>
<p>Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc. Clearfield County Grant # 26237 Amount: \$22,607</p>	<p>Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc. is requesting funding to increase the number of therapists trained in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). Through this initiative, Cen-Clear will train a total of nine mental health staff including two clinical supervisors and seven masters' level therapists to serve approximately 27 children and their families at one of the 16 outpatient sites across Clearfield County. Not only will this allow for child victims of sexual abuse to receive specialized treatment, but will also improve the access and availability of this service to children and their families across the county. Funds will be used to pay for the therapists time during the training and consultation and for training costs. TF-CBT certification fees and training manuals will also be supported.</p>
<p>Lehigh Valley Hospital, Inc. Lehigh County Grant # 26336 Amount: \$74,101</p>	<p>Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH) is requesting funding to build capacity to develop support and treatment to children who are victims/survivors of sexual abuse by ensuring that more medical and mental health providers receive training and certifications essential to providing high quality care. Approximately 24 licensed mental health providers from LVH and community partners who support the CACs efforts will be trained and certified to provide TF-CBT. Up to 40 medical providers (nurses, nurse practitioner, or physicals) from LVH sites plus community partner sites will complete the Commission for Forensic Nursing Certification, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner – Pediatric Training (SANE-P) with the goal of also receiving certification after 300 clinical hours are completed. Funds will be used to support TF-CBT training, SANE-P training and training materials.</p>
<p>Creative Health Services, Inc. Montgomery County Grant # 26284 Amount: \$41,508</p>	<p>Creative Health Services, Inc. is requesting funding to TF-CBT training for 36 qualified clinicians from their own agency and partnering entities with the goal of strengthening trauma-focused competencies and build service capacity within Montgomery County. All clinicians will participate in the initial online training, the 2-day onsite training, monthly consultation calls and participate in the certification process. Funds will be used to support the two-day onsite training, monthly consultation calls and certification.</p>
<p>Children's Crisis Treatment Center Philadelphia County Grant # 26285 Amount: \$74,900</p>	<p>The Children's Crisis Treatment Center is requesting funding to further develop and expand their use of Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP). CPP is an evidence-based treatment for children from 0-5 years who have experienced at least one traumatic event and, as a result, are experiencing behavior, attachment and/or mental health challenges, including post-traumatic stress disorder. The training model consists of an initial 3-day workshop and two additional 2-day booster sessions. In addition, bi-monthly telephone-based case consultation calls of ongoing treatment using the CPP model are held between the trainers and learners. Funds will be used to partially fund the time of 15 therapists to participate in the trainings/booster sessions. Funds will also be used to cover the cost of the training, booster sessions and consultation calls.</p>

	Total Amount Requested: \$287,798
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