Notice of Funding Opportunity:
Transition-Age Youth and Young Adult
Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorder
Service Grant

As part of the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE), the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) will award up to four Transition-Age Youth and Young Adult Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorder Service Grants. The purpose of these grants is reduce opioid-related overdose deaths by increasing identification, engagement in services, treatment access, and treatment retention among transition-age youth (i.e., 16 – 24 years or age) and/or young adults (i.e., 18 – 35 years of age). Grants will support eligible agencies to implement or expand delivery of evidence-based services and supports for transition-age youth and/or young adults with, or at risk for, opioid and/or stimulant use disorder.

Overdose deaths in Kentucky are increasing among transition-age youth and young adults during this time in which the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have collided with the opioid epidemic. Long-standing system of care gaps and transitions in and out of systems (e.g., when young people leave juvenile justice, child welfare, or educational systems) exacerbate this trend. In addition, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) youth experience further increased risk due to systemic health and social inequities. Thus, competitive applications will propose innovative solutions to serve these populations most at risk within the current context of COVID-19.

Competitive proposals will address the following:
- Deliver developmentally-appropriate, evidence-based screening, assessment, and interventions along the continuum of prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery;
- Provide FDA-approved medications for OUD (i.e., methadone, buprenorphine, extended-release naltrexone);
- Support positive youth development; see https://cssp.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/youth-thrive-protective-promotive-factors.pdf
- Design culturally responsive outreach and engagement strategies that take into consideration where youth are, as well as their unique experiences and priorities;
- Address misinformation and stigma including stigma towards medications for OUD;
- Create or enhance community partnerships and collaboration efforts to coordinate care and bridge gaps;
- Incorporate harm reduction principles and services (e.g., naloxone prescribing, linkage to Syringe Service Programs; see https://harmreduction.org/about-us/principles-of-harm-reduction/);
- Address structural barriers to service access and retention such as housing, transportation, and digital connectivity for telehealth;
- Address co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders;
- Incorporate family centered approaches and supports;

Partners who may apply can include, but are not limited to, primary care providers, behavioral health treatment providers, local health departments, federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, home visitation and community health programs such as the HANDS program, hospitals, justice partners, and Opioid Treatment Programs. Collaborative community partnerships are strongly encouraged to provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of OUD. Settings for service delivery can include physical locations as well as mobile and/or telehealth platforms.

The following serve as examples of evidence-based models and resources for serving transition-age youth and young adults:

OUD Treatment – Best Practices

TIP 63: Medications for Opioid Use Disorder –
https://store.samhsa.gov/system/files/sma18-5063fulldoc_0.pdf

Provider Readiness & Implementation Checklist –
https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/integrated-health-coe/resources/

Principles of Community-based Behavioral Health Services for Justice-Involved Individuals –
https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Principles-of-Community-based-Behavioral-Health-Services-for-Justice-involved-Individuals-A-Research-based-Guide/SMA19-5097

Treatment of Stimulant Use Disorders –
https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Treatment-of-Stimulant-Use-Disorder/PEP20-06-01-001?referer=from_search_result

Transition Age Youth and Young Adult Resources

National Network for Youth
https://nn4youth.org/learn/resources

Research and Training Center (RTC) for Pathways to Positive Futures
https://www.pathwaysrtc.pdx.edu/pathways-transition-training-modules

MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Transitions to Adulthood
https://www.macfound.org/networks/research-network-on-transitions-to-adulthood/

Transitions to Adulthood Center for Research

https://www.umassmed.edu/TransitionsACR/

https://www.umassmed.edu/TransitionsACR/publication/

Applicant Eligibility

- Lead applicant must be a nonprofit organization with 501(c)3 status. For-profit agencies may partner as a sub-awardee or sub-recipient of the nonprofit organization
- Applicant and their partners must maintain appropriate licensure for their level-of-care and have the capacity to bill Medicaid within 6 months of award.
- Applicant must have at least two (2) years of experience serving individuals experiencing OUD including transition-age youth, young adults, and their families.
- Proposed projects must have at least two prescribers who are DATA 2000 waivered **or** are willing to obtain a DATA 2000 waiver within 60 days of Notice of Award
- For Community Mental Health Centers, funds awarded under this grant mechanism must be used to provide services in locations within the counties for which your Board is duly recognized as the Regional Community Mental Health Center
- Please be prepared to provide the following within 14 business days of award notification:
    - Vendor Code from the Finance Cabinet
        - https://finance.ky.gov/services/eprocurement/Pages/doingbusiness.aspx
    - Kentucky Secretary of State Vendor Code
        - https://onestop.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx

Award Information

- Federal Funding Source: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA; TI-83-283)
- Funding Mechanism: Grant funding from KDBHDID
- Award Ceiling: $300,000
- Budget: Submit a 12-month budget with an anticipated start date of March 1, 2021
- Cost Sharing/Match Requirement: No
- Service Delivery Data: To begin no later than 30 days from receipt of contract.
- Reporting Requirements: Awardees must submit monthly progress reports and participate in client-level longitudinal data collection using the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) tool and submit online through the Redcap platform. For more information on the GPRA, visit the Additional Information section of the KORE website (kore.ky.gov) or directly through the following: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dbhdid/Documents/KOREGPRAManualforProviders20.pdf

Optional Applicant Call to review purpose of funding and answer questions is scheduled for January 20, 2021 4:00 p.m. (EST)

You can join the call from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5565474681?pwd=b1o5eTFLV0o5amR3S1hseE92YU5JUT09
Password: 275

Funding parameters

Grant funds <u>may</u> pay for the following:

- Non-billable or start-up staff time and recovery support services.
- Supplement existing activities. "Supplement" is defined as adding new programmatic components or capacity to existing activities.
- Pay for a building or vehicle lease, but not beyond the project period.

Grant funds <u>may not</u> pay for the following:

- Supplant current funding of existing activities. "Supplant" is defined as replacing funding of a recipient's existing program with funds from a federal grant.
- Pay for the purchase, construction, or renovation of any vehicle, building, or structure to house any part of the program.
- Support non-evidence-based treatment approaches.

Multi-Tiered Review and Selection Process

Proposals will be screened to ensure minimum eligibility requirements have been met. Proposals meeting minimum eligibility requirements will be assessed by the KORE review committee and funded on a competitive basis.

Criteria	Possible Points
1. Mandatory Submission Requirements	Pass/Fail
2. Project Narrative Evaluation Criteria	

A. Organization Qualification	15
B. Population of Focus and Statement of Need	15
C. Description and Implementation of Program Services	50
D. Sustainability	10
E. Performance Data Collection and Reporting	10
Total points possible for technical proposal	100

Mandatory Submission Requirements

1. Cover letter on agency letterhead.

2. Project abstract/summary of proposal. The total abstract must not be longer than 35 lines.

3. Project Narrative Sections A-E.

   o Sections should be organized and labeled such that each is clearly identifiable to the reviewers (e.g., B-1, B-2, etc.)
   o Proposals must be double-spaced using Times New Roman 12-point font
   o Pages must be numbered consecutively from beginning to end of the Project Narrative
   o The page limit for the Project Narrative is 8 pages, excluding the cover page and attachments. Any narrative information that exceeds the 8-page limit will be excluded from the review process

4. Detailed Budget Worksheet and Narrative using template provided.

5. Letters of commitment (minimum of 3) for direct service provider organizations that will assist in services such as outreach and engagement, providing treatment services including medications for opioid use disorder, and recovery support services. Do not include letters of support.

6. Signed Attestation to Access to FDA-Approved Medications for Opioid Use Disorder form.

7. Signed Attestation ensuring at least two years of experience serving individuals experiencing OUD including transition-age youth, young adults, and their families.

8. Copy of the 501(3)(c) IRS letter indication non-profit status.

All materials must be submitted in a combined PDF titled **KORE_TAY2020** and **the name of your agency** by email to kore@ky.gov no later than 5pm ET on February 5, 2021. For example, **KORE_TAY2020_AgencyABC**.

Please submit questions regarding proposals to KORE at: kore@ky.gov

Project Narrative Evaluation Criteria

The Project Narrative Evaluation Criteria describe what the applicant intends to do with the project and will be reviewed according to the quality of responses to Sections A-E below. Suggested page lengths are provided for each section.

A. Organization Qualification (1.5 pages)

The purpose of this section is for the applicant to provide a description of the organization's experience and qualifications generally, and specifically to the provision of treatment services for transition-age youth and young adults experiencing opioid use disorder and/or stimulant use disorder.

1. Provide a brief description of your organizations' experience and qualifications to reach the population(s) of focus and provide the proposed services.*

*Note: Minimum experience stated in above Eligibility section.

2. Describe the implementation team that will be responsible for overseeing and operating the proposed project. Please indicate each member's role in service delivery and credentials, the advisory structure(s), and the feedback loops that will inform implementation and ensure quality improvement by including perspectives from individuals and families receiving services.

3. Identify and describe the necessary community partners/organizations with whom you will collaborate to ensure equitable outreach and engagement, link to a full continuum of trauma-informed services and levels of care (i.e., medications for OUD, evidence-based treatments, medical and behavioral health care, case management, recovery services, harm reduction services, crisis services).

*Note: Include at least three letters of commitment from community partners with whom you will collaborate to implement this project.

B. Population of Focus and Statement of Need (1 page)

The purpose of this section is to identify the geographic area(s) in which the organization plans to deliver services. If the applicant proposes to provide expanded treatment services in multiple distinct geographic areas, provide this information for each area.

1. Identify the geographic area(s) in which you plan to deliver the proposed expanded services, the physical location(s) at which these services will be delivered, and the current licensure status, if any, of the physical location(s).

2. Describe the need to expand the organization's transition-age youth and young adult opioid use and stimulant use disorder services in the proposed geographic service area(s) and communities.

3. Describe the target population(s) experiencing an increased risk of overdose and disparities in health within the current context of COVID-19 this project is intended to serve.

4. State the number of transition-age youth/young adults with opioid use and/or stimulant use disorder currently served annually and the proposed number served if the grant is awarded.

C. Description and Implementation of Program Services (4 pages)

The purpose of this section is to provide a detailed description of the project.

1. List the goals and measurable objectives of this proposed project.*

*Note: The following link provides guidance on writing goals and objectives.

https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/nc-smart-goals-fact-sheet.pdf

2. Describe the proposed project, including but not limited to:

- Specific outreach strategies that will be used to identify and engage transition-age youth in services
- Services that will be provided and how these services will adhere to the principles of trauma-informed care
- Evidence-based practices that will be utilized
- How the partnerships identified in Section A will be leveraged to provide a whole-patient approach to care
- How the project will support treatment retention and long-term engagement in services

3. Provide a project implementation timeline. For each key activity (e.g., hiring, staff training, service delivery start date) list the specific time-period during which it will occur.

4. Describe how the project will decrease overdose deaths and reduce unmet treatment need in an underserved part of the community.

D. Sustainability (3/4 page)

The purpose of this section is to provide evidence of a feasible sustainability plan.

1. Describe a detailed sustainability plan that supports the delivery of services beyond the 12-month award period and includes multiple potential reimbursement pathways and/or forms of revenue generation.

E. Performance Data Collection and Reporting (3/4 pages)

The articulation and achievement of measurable outcomes is critical to help ensure effective programming. At a minimum, applicants will be expected to collect and report data indicators and measures as described in this Notice of Funding Opportunity.

1. Describe the organizational procedures for collection and reporting of client demographic and service data using the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) tool.

2. Describe how the implementation team will use data for planning, evaluation, monitoring for equitable access for racial and other minority groups, and quality improvement purposes.