

Bidder's Notice: April 25, 2022

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**New York State
Office of Children and Family Services
Bureau of Program and Community Development**

Grant Procurement

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**RFP # 1078
Grants Gateway # CFS01-HFNY-2022**

Targeted Healthy Families New York (HFNY) Program with Healthy Families America (HFA) Child Welfare Protocols

This notice is being issued to focus attention on important information regarding the Targeted Healthy Families New York (HFNY) Program with Healthy Families America (HFA) Child Welfare Protocols RFP # 1078.

The RFP, Attachment 7, and Questions and Answers have been amended on 5/31/2022 to remove a requirement. Please refer to the amended documents for additional information. Amended documents can be downloaded from the OCFS website at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/contracts/funding/>, the NYS Contract Reporter at <https://www.nyscr.ny.gov/agency/adsView.cfm?numID=2081627> or the NYS Grants Gateway at <https://grantsgateway.ny.gov>.

Please note that the Grants Gateway “Program-Specific Questions” and “Pre-submission Uploads” sections cannot be updated. In the event of a disparity between the Grants Gateway and the RFP document, the RFP will take precedence. Please review all three (3) of the amended documents carefully. Applicants are encouraged to utilize the amended Attachment 7, but will not be penalized for using the original version.

The submission deadline has also been extended. Please refer to RFP Section 1.2 Calendar of Events for additional information.

To be considered for funding:

- Applicants will provide HFNY home visiting services to include the HFA Child Welfare Protocols to unserved counties in New York State. Unserved counties targeted by this RFP consist of Cayuga, Chautauqua, Columbia, Essex, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Lewis, Montgomery, Nassau, Onondaga, Putnam, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, Tompkins, Warren, Washington, and

Wyoming. No more than one proposal will be approved for funding to provide services in the same county.

- Applicants will implement the HFA Child Welfare Protocols (Attachment #8 in this RFP) in the targeted counties. HFNY is a key strategy supported by OCFS as noted in the state's Family First Prevention Services Act Prevention Plan to strengthen families, mitigate challenges that can lead to contact with the child welfare system and reduce child welfare involvement for those who are known to the system. This RFP expands the availability of the effective HFNY services in two important ways: expanding enrollment of children up to 24 months of age when referred by child welfare and adding programs in unserved counties. The Child Welfare Protocols enable families with a target child up to 24 months of age to enroll when referred by child welfare instead of the age limit of three months in the HFNY traditional model. As a result, families with older children can access the same benefits of home visiting as families with children under three months of age. This expanded eligibility allows more families involved in the child welfare system access the evidence based HFNY services, and enables the child welfare system to expand their efforts to work further upstream and prevent families from becoming more significantly involved in the child welfare system.
- Applicants will include a completed Commitment Form (Attachment #7 in this RFP) from the local department of social services of the county or counties proposed to be served stating that the county will provide appropriate referrals to the program for families with children up to the age of two eligible for IV-E funding. The Commitment Form includes the LDSS' intent to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the local HFNY program to align with the Healthy Families America Child Welfare Protocols.

This is not an all-inclusive list of requirements. Please see the RFP for more information.