

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is accepting applications for up to \$144 million in grants for Cooperative Agreements for Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families. The purpose of the cooperative agreements is to develop and expand systems of care for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families.

It is expected that up to 16 grants will be awarded for cooperative agreements lasting up to six years. The agreements will support integrated home and community-based services and supports for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families by encouraging the development and expansion of effective and enduring systems of care.

The average annual award amount to each grantee is expected to be up to \$1 million for the first year, \$1.5 million for the second year, \$2 million for the third and fourth years, \$1.5 million for the fifth year and \$1 million for the sixth year. The actual award amounts may vary, depending on the availability of funds and the progress made by the grantees. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services will administer the cooperative agreements.

**WHO CAN APPLY:** Eligibility is limited to public entities, such as states, cities, counties and towns; Indian tribes or tribal organizations; and federal territories.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applications for No. SM-10-005 are available by calling SAMHSA's Health Information Network at 1-877-SAMHSA7 or by downloading <http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2010/SM-10-005.aspx> or [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Applicants are encouraged to apply online using [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

**APPLICATION DUE DATE:** December 8, 2009

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Applicants with questions about program issues should contact Diane L. Sondheimer at 240-276-1980, [diane.sondheimer@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:diane.sondheimer@samhsa.hhs.gov), or Gary M. Blau, Ph.D., at 240-276-1980, [gary.blau@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:gary.blau@samhsa.hhs.gov). For questions on grants management issues, contact Gwendolyn Simpson at 240-276-1408 or [gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov).