

2025 Pediatric Primary Care Mental Health Training Grant Questions and Answers

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To submit a question, please email health.orhpc.workforcegrants@state.mn.us no later than January 24, 2025.

Q1. Would internal training be eligible for funding under this program?

A1. Yes, internal trainings provided to pediatric primary care providers are eligible to receive funding under this grant program, as long as they fulfill the criteria in RFP section 1.4 and advance the goals of the grant program outlined in RFP section 2.1.

Q2. Can you provide advice for how to collaborate with other organizations for this grant?

A2. Collaboration between higher education institutions and outpatient primary care clinics is highly encouraged. Training programs must be located in outpatient primary care clinics, and higher education institutions may be well-equipped to provide training resources and expertise.

Partnerships between training programs and community resources are required. Community resources should support pediatric patients' well-being, mental health, and behavioral health needs. Community resources often address social drivers of health. Programs should form intentional partnerships with community resources to optimize their use and effectiveness. Programs are encouraged to consider how in some situations, community resources may be utilized as an alternative to hospitalization.

Examples of community resources include, but are not limited to, mobile crisis mental health services, school programs and supports, food and housing resources, community programs for youth, domestic violence resources, and mental health-related hotlines.

There are several ways potential collaborators might connect with one another. Applicants may reach out to their networks to seek clinical, training, or community partners. Applicants may also consider reaching out to past grantees from this program or similar grant programs to hear about the work happening, lessons learned, and any opportunities for collaboration.

Q3. Our organization is considering submitting two proposals. The first is a fellowship opportunity in partnership with another entity, and the other is an expansion of an existing primary care continuing education training program. Which proposal would be stronger?

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A3. To uphold a fair and competitive process, MDH cannot speak to which proposal would be stronger. Applicant entities may submit multiple proposals, each of which will be considered independently and compared to all submissions as part of the competitive review.

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