

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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## **Person Centered Planning in the Foster Care System**

One grant of up to \$100,000 for 12 months will be funded by the DDPC to infuse person-centered planning and enhance the transition-planning process for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) transitioning from the foster care system to the adult service system. The grant will assess and provide supports to multiple stakeholders including: individuals with I/DD, their biological and foster care families, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), County Department of Social Services workers and their supervisors, not-for-profit foster care agencies, the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) and other case-specific agencies. During the 1st year of the project, a comprehensive organizational assessment (COA) will be completed in the counties of Westchester, Orange, Erie, Cattaraugus, Columbia and the New York City Administration for Children's Services. The COA will systematically review barriers, gaps, training needs, disproportionality and disparity issues, and policies and procedures that impede an individualized transition-planning process for youth with I/DD in the foster care system. The final product of the first year will be strategic plan developed from the COA.

The strategic plan will identify, assess, and include:

1. tools, resources, and training needs of transitioning individuals with I/DD, their biological and/or foster care families on person-centered planning;
2. individualized services available from the adult-service delivery system;
3. systemic assessment of the foster care delivery system in the 6-identified counties including specific policy and procedural barriers and training needs; and a
4. plan for the infusion of person centered principles into the NYS Office of Children and Family Services and county service delivery systems and an outline of the OPWDD training including eligibility requirements, available services and system access points.

The potential 2nd year and 3rd years of the grant will be implementing the provisions of the strategic plan, developing resources, and scaling up the project to a statewide audience.

The full RFP can be downloaded from [www.ddpc.ny.gov](http://www.ddpc.ny.gov). All interested applicants are required to submit a one page letter of intent by April 19, 2013 to [James.Huben@ddpc.ny.gov](mailto:James.Huben@ddpc.ny.gov). Letters of intent are required for applications to be accepted for this RFP.

It is the applicant's responsibility to check the DDPC website

periodically for any amendments to the RFP. All changes will be posted by May 7, 2013 at [http://ddpc.ny.gov/Pages/requests\\_for\\_proposal.html](http://ddpc.ny.gov/Pages/requests_for_proposal.html). No other notifications will be given.

All final grant applications should be sent to the address listed above and to the attention of Sheila Carey, Executive Director, and must be delivered to the DDPC office by close of business (5:00 pm) on May 24, 2013. No applications will be accepted after this deadline.

