



CRAWFORD COUNTY SYSTEM OF CARE PARTNERSHIP

Youth Organization Funding 2020 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CRAWFORD COUNTY SYSTEM OF CARE

Project Overview:

System of Care works to bring youth, family, and system leaders together in equal partnership to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth, particularly those with struggling with their mental and emotional health. This project encourages, in formally organized groups or informal face-to-face or digital interactive groups or activities, youth and young adults to participate as equal partners in the development, implementation, and evaluation of a program.

Project Goals:

- Create a welcoming, inclusive environment in which youth and young adults can collaborate and network with peers outside of their own cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic groups.
- Engage teens via ongoing outreach to schools, other youth-focused organizations, places of worship, government agencies, etc.
- Involve teens in every step of the planning process, including design, marketing, hosting, and evaluation.
- Use a flexible, participatory design model to allow teens to modify and adapt activities to meet their needs.
- Enable teens to engage in peer-to-peer learning activities.
- Balance the needs and skills of all youth program participants.
- Develop interest-based, developmentally appropriate programs that support connected learning (combines personal interests, supportive relationships, and opportunities).

Evaluation Metrics and Criteria:

- Innovation around youth and young adults having the ability to commune and develop new skills.
- Development of a memorandum of understanding between agencies and/or community organizations to provide in-kind or matching funding/support.
- Utilization of funding for existing or newly funded youth organization/groups to support improved trauma awareness.
- Advertise the youth organization/group opportunity to the identified population.

Due: September 30th, 2020

Budget: Not exceeding \$7,000.00

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