

## **North Carolina Division of Public Health/Women's and Children's Health Section**

### **PPACA Funding Opportunities Presentation by Kevin Ryan**

#### **State Personal Responsibility Education Program (STATE PREP)**

- STATE PREP provides funding to support evidence-based programs that “educate adolescents on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS, and at least three adulthood preparation subjects.”
- North Carolina eligible for \$1,544,312 (formula basis) each year for five years.
- Administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

#### Core features of STATE PREP:

- Support the Healthy Youth Act requiring NC schools to implement both abstinence only and comprehensive sexuality education in 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Implement two of the 28 evidence-based program models identified in the funding opportunity announcement.
- Use an RFA process to identify community agencies to implement these programs in schools and other community based venues.
- Create infrastructure at the state level to support contractors with consultation, training, and monitoring of program delivery.
- Support Family Life Institute training for teachers/educators across the state who work with youth and teach sexuality education.

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#### **Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program – NC Home Visitation (NCHV)**

- NCHV program will implement a continuum of evidence-based home visitation services for families with children ages 0-8 that will support each child's physical, emotional, cognitive and behavioral wellbeing, and will provide children the resilience they need to enter school ready to achieve and on their way to success in life.

Funding: \$2,263,162 (NGA received)

#### **Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens (Project Connect)**

- Project Connect seeks to help young pregnant and parenting women in high need communities in North Carolina overcome their challenges and achieve their life goals.
- An RFA process will be used to choose five counties selected from 20 identified high-need counties to receive funding.
- Activities of the local projects include:
  - improvement of referral and coordination with other agencies serving teens and women throughout the community;
  - integration of one of three pre-selected, evidence-based home visiting models into existing services;
  - integration of six pre-selected best practice areas into project activities;

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- development of an action plan for strengthening systems of care in communities relating to services for pregnant and parenting teens and women.
- Public Education and Information Campaign, to include a text message service, webisodes, PSAs and TV advertisements promoting healthy behaviors and resources for pregnant and parenting teen and women.
- Objectives:
  - Increase local high school graduation rates by 5% in the five counties by 9/2013.
  - Decrease the rate by 3% of substantiated CAN cases in the 5 counties by 9/2013.
  - Increase 1<sup>st</sup> trimester enrollment and compliance with recommended prenatal care visit schedule by 5% at local prenatal care providers in the 5 counties by 9/2013.
  - Increase by 10% the number of women <age 25 seen in Title X clinics in the 5 counties by 9/2013.
  - Decrease unintended pregnancy rate by 10% among the participants in the home-based visiting programs in the 5 counties by 9/2013.
- Funds administered by DHHS Office of Adolescent Health

#### Competitive

Average Funding: \$1,000,000/Applied for \$2M

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Addendum 10/7/2010: funded at \$1,768,000

#### **Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)**

- PREP aims to provide grants to provide youth with comprehensive sex education and life skills that will enable them to make responsible decisions to lead safe and healthy lives.
- North Carolina has applied for funds to expand 7 existing Adolescent Parenting Program (APP) projects and add 8 new APP projects.
- An evaluation of these APP projects is also planned utilizing 15 non-APP comparison sites.
- The Adolescent Parenting Program (APP) is designed to prevent repeat pregnancies by targeting **first-time mothers who are 19 years of age or younger** at the time of enrollment and enrolled in school or an equivalent educational program.
- Strategies:
  - home visiting
  - group educational sessions including medically-accurate sexuality education
  - intensive individual case management services
- Evaluation: RTI International (RTI) will conduct a grantee-level evaluation of the APP (15 APP sites and 15 matched comparison communities).
- Hypothesis: a teen mother's participation in APP will be associated with a reduced likelihood of repeat pregnancy and childbirth at 2 years after first birth as compared to usual care.
- Funds administered by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

#### Competitive cooperative agreement funds

Application Submitted: June 8, 2010

Anticipated Funding: \$1,000,000

Project Period: FFY 2010-2014

Addendum 10/7/2010: Grant was not received.