



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services
Administration

Rockville, MD 20857
Maternal and Child Health Bureau

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Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader:

Last month, HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau shared multiple open funding opportunities as well as forecasted opportunities that may be of interest. One of these opportunities was the [Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program \(PMHCA\)](#).

Since its inception in 2018, *PMHCA* has ensured that pediatric primary care providers are confident and routinely able to screen, diagnose, treat, and refer children with behavioral concerns. The *Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program* now reaches across 43 states, D.C., the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Chickasaw Nation, and the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians. This collaborative program increases workforce capacity by helping pediatric providers better care, in real time, for children, adolescents and families with behavioral concerns in their practices.

We are pleased to share that the [FY2023 application cycle for HRSA's Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program](#) is now accepting applications. Tribes and tribal organizations in states with existing awards are eligible to apply for **new** awards if they are not currently funded.

Pediatric mental health care teams will provide tele-consultation, training, technical assistance, and care coordination support for pediatric PCPs to diagnose, treat, and refer children with behavioral health conditions. The PMHCA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be accessed on grants.gov.

Details for new awardees include:

- Up to \$500,000 per year for a period of performance of 3 years (September 30, 2023 – September 29, 2026)
- States, political subdivisions of states, Tribes and tribal organizations that are not currently funded under HRSA-21-122 and HRSA-22-121 are eligible to apply for new awards
- One-year planning year to develop infrastructure, such as hiring staff, executing contracts, and establishing partnerships
- Tailored technical assistance resources and tools

We have attached a NOFO flyer that summarizes additional information about the funding opportunity.

HRSA will be hosting a [New Applicant webinar](#) on April 26, 2023 at 3:00PM EDT where we will share best practices, technical assistance, and guidance to potential applicants.

Please share this information with Tribal Nations and encourage them to apply for this opportunity. HRSA is committed to working with and addressing the behavioral health workforce needs of Indian Country.

If you have questions or want to learn more about this program or other HRSA programs, please visit our website at www.mchb.hrsa.gov

Sincerely,

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