



County of Fort Bend, Texas

Grant Intent to Apply Form

Name of Grant: Texas Change in Mind Learning Collaborative		
Purpose of Grant: To strengthen ability of BHS to translate brain science concepts into programs, practice, and p		
Department/Division: Behavioral Health Services		
Point of Contact: Dr. Connie Almeida		Phone Number: (281) 238-3079
Announcement Date: 12/17/20	Commissioners Court: 1/26/21	Submission Deadline: 1/27/21

Pre-Application Considerations:

1) Financial

i) Financial Breakdown (First-year applicants, please provide best estimates.)

Grant Funding Request:	\$50,000.00	
Match	Amount	Source
Cash:	\$0.00	
In-kind:	0.00	
Program Income:	0.00	
Total Project Cost:	\$50,000.00	

ii) Staffing Requirements (including salary and benefits increases for multi-year grants, number of personnel and brief description of duties. If this a first-year application, please provide best estimates.)

BHS staff will convene with other sites in Texas five times for learning and networking, over two years. The number of staff will be determined. If the meetings are held virtually, several staff will attend, however if the meetings take place in-person, fewer staff will attend and a portion of the funding will be used for travel.

The site will receive coaching, technical assistance, and consulting on evaluation and brain science integration. A portion of the funding will be used for training.

A part-time staff person will be hired / allocated for this project to assist with training and service delivery (BA minimum, Master's degree preferred). Projected cost 25,000 per year.

iii) Operational Needs (i.e., office space, equipment, IT needs, etc.)

Additional office space, IT needs, and equipment will not be needed for this grant.

iv) Grant Financial History (Two-year history if available. Please write N/A for first-year applications.)

N/A

v) Sustainability Plan (continuation for grant-funded program if grant funding is reduced or terminated)

The funding requested will allow us to enhance our training and the work we currently we do to heal trauma of the youngest victims of abuse and neglect (children birth to 5 years of age involved in CPS). We will continue to leverage our partnerships and pursue additional funding to sustain our expansion services. BHS has a history of success in sustaining grant funded programs and we expect to be able to demonstrate the value of our activities to other funders as well as Commissioners Court to sustain our program/ activities.

2) Programmatic

i) Alignment with department/program's plans and priorities

This grant aligns with the mission, vision, and goals of Behavioral Health Services. BHS is a local, multi-service department with regional and state influence. The Change in Mind initiative will provide BHS with the language and tools to build capacity and infuse brain science into its policy and practice. The grant is aligned with BHS's plans in relation to the knowledge of brain development, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and experience providing trauma-informed care. The grant will expand BHS collaborative work with other organizations around this very important area. BHS

ii) Department's capacity to administer the financial and administrative aspects of the grant

BHS has the capacity to administer the financial and administrative aspects of the grant.

iii) Prior year performance data and accomplishments (Please write N/A for first-year applications.)

N/A