

First 1,000 Days

Preproposal Webinar Questions and Answers

Can you tell me how this intersects with other statewide initiatives like Help Me Grow? It sounds very similar. What is different?

There are many intersections that this work has with a broad array statewide initiatives that share elements of this work. [Help Me Grow](#) (HMG) is a great example of an initiative that might already be a part of your local community (or not?). There is a statewide HMG leadership group and agenda for this work that a collective of organizations and disciplines have promoted for some time. How can what we learn from this community level Research & Development (R&D) accelerate the work of these initiatives? There is a long list of other statewide initiatives being implemented in communities around the state that touch on the many pieces of this work. The idea is to examine these statewide and federal initiatives and weave them together most effectively across disciplines, within communities, in a way that both leverages that local work and systematically identifies and moves forward 1) the system change opportunities we can do right now, and 2) the broader policy implications for the long term.

Can you please tell me more about technical assistance(TA)? Will communities have access to a researcher, and who would that be?

The TA will include community planning meeting facilitation, notes, snacks etc., access to state data experts both within agencies and across agencies, and linkages to statewide initiatives for the Phase I planning period. At the end of this period (not more than one year) we will have co-generated strategies that create system and policy R&D learnings. At this point we will create a shared evaluation plan and a strategy around who will do that work. There is a high level of support and interest from the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard, the partner agencies noted on the request for letters, and among several of the agencies you will find on the [Newborn Study Group roster](#). Identifying the primary areas of impact – the focal point of the demonstration project – will be a large component of the initial discussion at the March information exchange as we work together to identify what the community of interest needs and what we as Team Resource can offer. We will move forward to Phase II work when there is a specific research plan and resources to execute that plan.

Can you explain more about any opportunity for funding?

This work is divided into two stages; Phase I: Technical Assistance, Planning, and Design and, Phase II: Study implementation. There is a genuine interest from state level partners to listen and co-generate system strategies and mine policy implications. First 1,000 days will launch with WA FOI staff doing the heavy lifting around planning to generate a program and business model, that will likely move forward with public private resources. We will move into Phase II Implementation together after we have secured adequate resources (i.e. either new dollars, realignment of existing dollars, and agency in-kind) to effectively complete the work.

Our local hospital does not offer OB services. They must travel into Oregon to have their child. Is it okay that some systems work includes multi-state collaborations?

Thank you for shining the light on OB linkages those are important partnerships and systems that will need to be made at the local level. If your family centered care includes providers on the other side of the border, then we will need to include those perspectives. This would be interesting work on a variety of fronts as much of the service continuum in SW WA for example is woven together across the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan region. But of course families do not see it that way as they travel back and forth for work, play, medical care etc..

When submitting the LOI are you looking for only one agency/program to be the main applicant or contact or are you looking for multiple agencies to be submitting the LOI together?

Either way is fine. From the perspective of reviewing and organizing, it certainly helps if there is a single/main point of contact, though we know that communities are working together on this important work and we want to be flexible to the needs of those who are interested in working with us. If we receive more than one LOI from the same geographical region we will connect you together and look for one combined effort.

If you identify multiple LOIs from a single community, can you help connect the participant to each other for collective efforts?

Yes. Reviewing the letters of interest is a huge piece of the initial discovery work needed for identifying a community with which to work and bringing partners together. The in-person Information Exchange meetings will be another opportunity to learn more about how these complex systems work in your local area and to connect the dots around existing efforts.