

December 17, 2020

Congratulations Broken Arrow Public & Family & Children's Services,

Your Local Education Agency (LEA) application has been selected by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) as one of the Oklahoma Recovery and Resilience (OK R&R) Initiative LEA sites. *Awarded funding amounts are still under consideration based on our final number of awardees and you will be informed with more detail in January 2021.*

Oklahoma will implement the Oklahoma Recovery and Resilience (OK R&R) initiative to provide services to students in disaster declared areas affected by the 2019 severe storms and floods. With damage estimates at \$22 million, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved disaster assistance for 27 Oklahoma counties. Children in these counties are at heightened risk of developing anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress, impacting their mental and physical health, quality of life, and school success. OK R&R goals are to:

1. Develop community and family mental health awareness and outreach campaigns to increase knowledge of issues and awareness of school and community based resources.
2. Increase school's capacity to respond and prevent mental health problems associated with disaster by equipping school districts with comprehensive, multi-tiered plans.
3. Develop and implement a school wide referral process for students identified as needing mental health or substance use treatment as a Tier 3 intervention.
4. Provide direct treatment service in schools to school age youth to maximize student's social, emotional and behavioral self-management skills utilizing EBPs and BPs Models.

LEA Justification: The LEAs will be responsible for designating an Embrace OK LEA Coordinator at a minimum of 50%FTE/yr. for each LEA. Responsibilities will include strong facilitation, coaching, conflict resolution and problem-solving skills; demonstrated understanding and appreciation of diversity; and knowledge of and experience with mediations and conflict resolution. Qualifications for these positions will include working collaboratively with the community, schools, and state agencies on project implementation. Staff time reimbursement will be provided to assist with the cost to the LEA for teacher, counselors and other school administrators to attend training and meetings. Supplies will support any item need for facilitate the role as a LEA Coordinator.

Provider Justification: Funds may be used to: (1) increase awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth; (2) provide training for school personnel and other adults who interact with school-aged youth to detect and respond to mental health issues; (3) connect school-aged youth, who may have behavioral health issues (including serious emotional disturbance (SED) or serious mental illness (SMI), and their families to needed services; and (4) provide direct treatment services within school settings.

Refer to the provided enclosure for the Initiative Overview and LEA Commitment.

Sincerely,

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