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Announcement of a Request for Proposals Regarding Child Care Services Systems Change

The Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities announces the availability of funds to be awarded by the Texas Rehabilitation Commission on its behalf for a Child Care Services Systems Change Project. The purpose of this request for proposals (RFP) is: 1) to promote development of a statewide system of inclusive child care services by funding a project to implement the recommendations of the "Planning Study on Integrated Child Care Options in Texas" (a copy of the report is included in the application kit); and 2) to provide hands-on technical assistance, including necessary services and supports, to child care providers to increase the number of children with developmental disabilities who are included in family day homes and child care centers.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants must have previous experience in program development, training, and policy analysis related to child care services; expertise in information dissemination activities and meeting planning and coordination; and knowledge of state and federal policymaking processes in the area of child care.

Terms

Up to a three-year project term. Up to \$200,000 available per budget year. The budget period will begin July 1, 1991. Nonfederal match is required.

Evaluation and Selection

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee and evaluated on the basis of the content of the proposal (narrative, methodology, budget, qualifications of the applicant and criteria included in the RFP). The grant award will depend on available funds.

Application Process

For the application kit that contains the full request for proposals, application forms, instructions and a copy of the "Planning Study on Integrated Child Care Options in Texas," please submit a written request to:

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for Developmental Disabilities
4900 N. Lamar Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78751-2316
(512) 483-4084

Deadline

Proposals will be accepted at the Texas Planning Council Office, 4900 North Lamar Blvd., Office #4141, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas until 5 p.m. on May 1, 1991. No FAX copies will be accepted.

Definition of Developmental Disabilities

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The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act defines a developmental disability as:
"A severe, chronic disability of a person 5 years of age or older which --

- (a) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments;
- (b) is manifested before the person attains age twenty-two;
- (c) is likely to continue indefinitely;
- (d) results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity
 - self care,
 - receptive and expressive language,
 - learning,
 - mobility,
 - self-direction,
 - capacity for independent living, and
 - economic self-sufficiency; and
- (e) reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated; except that such term when applied to infants and young children means individuals from birth to age 5, inclusive, who have substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired conditions with a high probability of resulting in developmental disabilities if services are not provided."

Examples of developmental disabilities include autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, mental retardation, deaf-blindness, chronic mental illness and various birth defects.

The Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities

The Texas Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities is a 28-member board whose mission is to plan and advocate for the independence, productivity and community integration of Texans with developmental disabilities by working to develop a comprehensive service delivery system in Texas. Council members include people with developmental disabilities and their parents or guardians, as appointed by the governor, as well as representatives from each major state agency that serves people with developmental disabilities. The Council also has a representative from the state's University Affiliated Program, The University of Texas at Austin; a representative from the state's protection and advocacy system, Advocacy, Inc.; and a representative from an institution of higher education.

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