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Call for External Research Team for Rigorous Evaluation of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) under Colorado's Family First Strategy

The Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) has partnered with the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab (Colorado Lab) at University of Denver to coordinate rigorous evaluation of practices prioritized by the state for evidence-building under the Family First Prevention Services Act. As part of this effort, the Colorado Lab is **accepting Letters of Interest** for research teams interested in receiving funding to design and conduct a rigorous evaluation of trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT) in Colorado.

The goal is to design and execute a rigorous study that helps build evidence for TF-CBT, moving the practice from a promising to a well-supported practice, as designated by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse. The design phase will occur during SFY22. The study will be launched early in SFY23 and can continue for multiple years.

Letters of Interest should be submitted to admin@coloradolab.org no later than end of day Monday, November 15, 2021 and include:

1. **Timeline of Deliverables and Tasks:** A proposed timeline of tasks within each of the broad deliverables for the time frame of January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. The timeline of tasks should account for iterative review and feedback on deliverables by the Colorado Lab and state partners.
 - a. Deliverable 1: Evaluation Plan that proposes a study design that will meet the requirements of the [Title IV-E Clearinghouse: Handbook of Standards and Procedures](#) and inform scaling of this service within Colorado.
 - b. Deliverable 2: Study sites proposed in the design are successfully onboarded.
 - c. Deliverable 3: IRB approval is secured.
 - d. Deliverable 4: Multi-year budget of full costs necessary to execute the proposed evaluation plan. The funding for execution of the evaluation plan will be contracted beginning in SFY23.
2. **Skilled Research Team:** Please provide a brief description of relevant qualifications and experiences of the project team leads, and how the team is well-positioned to feasibility execute the proposed study within Colorado. Also identify any anticipated support that will be needed from the Colorado Lab in successful completion of the proposed evaluation plan.
3. **Total Cost for SFY22 work (Deliverables 1-4 above):** For the letter of interest, only a total cost for SFY22 work is needed. Assume that IDCs are capped at 15% for this project. A detailed budget will be requested should your team be selected for this opportunity.

Questions may be directed to Elysia@coloradolab.org and Courtney@coloradolab.org.