

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANT AND CONTRACT APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN DURING THE PERIOD:**

FY 2025-2026

**PROGRAM NAME:** Grants for Expansion and Sustainability of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (Short title: Children’s Mental Health Initiative)

**NEW**                       **CONTINUATION**  
**(Check One of the Above)**

**FUNDING LEVEL AVAILABLE TO PROJECT:** \$1,000,000.00 per year up to four years

**FUNDING SOURCE:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:** This grant program, also known as the System of Care (SOC) Expansion and Sustainability Grants, improves mental health outcomes for children and youth who have SED, from birth through age 21, and their families. This program will help create sustainable infrastructure and services that are required as part of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and their Families Program (also known as the Children’s Mental Health Initiative or CMHI). The grant program will fund up to \$10.4 million over four years, for up to 10 grantees.

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF CITY’S PROPOSAL:** This project proposes to establish a community-based, youth- and family-led System of Care (SOC) for CHR-P, with culturally and linguistically appropriate services, in the Greater New Haven area that is integrated with first episode services and already established statewide networks of care. The City of New Haven will partner with the PRIME Psychosis Risk Clinic at Yale University to form and strengthen a comprehensive and coordinated network to prevent, identify, and address serious emotional disturbance in youths.

This proposal aims to expand the clinical services and expertise already being employed at the PRIME clinic to create a broader comprehensive system of care for youth experiencing SED, that connects multiple levels of care for youth at risk for developing psychosis and their families, and addresses the needs of the diverse groups in the New Haven area that would benefit from a range of supports. As a part of this plan, PRIME will continue to offer specialized CHR-P services for an expanded network of clinical care in the Greater New Haven area. This project has four primary goals: 1) sustain centralized specialty treatment for CHR-P through the PRIME central hub; 2) increase access to CHR-P specialty evaluation and care by enhancing communication and collaboration between local community partners and clinics with the PRIME Clinic; 3) recruit, train, & support youth and families to participate as full partners and leaders in the evolving SOC; 4) enhance and sustain a

comprehensive information system to promote integration, expansion, and iterative quality improvement.

**MATCH REQUIREMENT FROM GENERAL FUND (if any): \$0**

**ALLOWABLE INDIRECT COST: VARIED (TBD)**

**DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING APPLICATION: Department of Community Resilience**

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