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Dear Colleagues,

The Office of Child and Family Services at the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) is pleased to announce a Request for Applications (RFA) for the School Based Mental Health Services Program. The purpose of the program is to provide competitive grants to Community Services Boards/Behavioral Health Authorities (CSBs/BHAs) and Non-profit Private Providers to provide mental health services to students with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) in local educational agencies (LEAs) with demonstrated need. Funding in the amount of $6,800,000 through September 30, 2025 is available from theSubstance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Block Grant under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

See attached for the full text of the announcement which includes specific details related to the RFA including required format, contents, and templates for submission.

**Important Dates:**

Posting of Solicitation for Applications: **December 3, 2021**

Deadline for Applications: **January 13, 2022 no later than 5:00 pm**. Only complete applications will be accepted, any information that may come after the deadline will not be reviewed.

Pre-Application Virtual Meetings:Two pre-application virtual meetings for the purpose of answering questions from applicants will be held on **Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 10:00am-10:45am** and on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 4:00pm-4:45pm**. Access to the Zoom Virtual meeting can be found below.

**Join ZoomGov Meeting**

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If you have any questions prior to the Pre-Application Virtual Meetings, please contact Pam Fisher at pamela.fisher@dbhds.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,



Nina E. Marino, LCSW

Director, Office of Child and Family Services