

SAMHSA Accepting Applications for Project LAUNCH – A Grant Program Promoting the Wellness of Young Children and their Families

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is soliciting applications for Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Childrens Health), a grant program designed to promote the physical, emotional, social, cognitive and behavioral health of young children, birth to 8 years of age.

Project LAUNCH grants support improved collaboration and integration among early childhood service systems at the state, territorial, tribal and community levels, and as well as the expansion of evidence-based practices in prevention and wellness promotion for young children and their families. A wide range of early childhood service programs can be provided through Project LAUNCH grants, including mental health consultation, integration of primary and behavioral health care, developmental assessments, parenting skills training, and home visiting services.

Those interested in applying for Project LAUNCH grants can download the Request for Application announcement (No. SM-09-009) and application forms at http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2009/sm_09_009.aspx or call SAMHSA's Information Line at 1-877-SAMHSA7 [TDD: 1 800-487-4889]. Applicants are encouraged to apply online using www.grants.gov.

The anticipated total number of grant awards is 12 for up to 5 years. The anticipated award amount is \$850,000per year.

Applications must be received by the May 20, 2009 to be considered for review -- hard copy applications are due by 5:00 PM (EST) and electronic applications are due by 11:59 PM (EST). Please carefully review Section IV-3 of the application announcement for revised fiscal year 2009 submission requirements.

Applicants with questions about program issues should contact Jennifer Oppenheim at (240) 276-1862 or Jennifer.Oppenheim@samhsa.hhs.gov. For questions on grants management issues contact Gwendolyn Simpson at (240) 276-1408 or gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov.