



Provider Notice

July 30, 2024

Family Peer Support Providers

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division (BHDD) is awarding grant funds to create a family peer support pilot program

Governor Greg Gianforte signed [House Bill 872](#) into law on May 22, 2023, providing a generational investment to reform and improve Montana's behavioral health and developmental disabilities service systems. A central component of the governor's Budget for Montana Families, the \$300 million investment will expand intensive and community-based behavioral health care and developmental disabilities services across Montana.

On April 23, 2024, the Behavioral Health Systems for Future Generations (BHSFG) Commission passed the Family Peer Support Pilot Program Near-Term Initiative (NTI). The NTI was subsequently approved by Gov. Gianforte on June 12, 2024.

The [Family Peer Support NTI](#) will provide up to \$350,000 to pilot a Family Peer Support program to help improve health outcomes for youth with behavioral health challenges and their families or caregivers. The state will award up to five one-time grants to organizations with a proven track record of providing Family Peer Support services in Montana. The peer support services will focus on families with youth with serious emotional disturbance (SED) in need of behavioral health services. All grants combined will fund up to five Family Peer Supporters. Over the two-year period the grant awardees will track activities and monitor outcomes as defined by DPHHS.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for this grant, service providers must complete an application outlining their experience providing and monitoring Family Peer Support within Montana. Provider organizations must commit to the following:

- Serving families who are raising children under the age of 21 who require behavioral health services.
- Hiring Family Peer Supporter(s) dedicated to this project.
- Adhering to evidence-based and/or evidence-informed Family Peer Support models.
- Initial and ongoing training and oversight of the Family Peer Supporter(s).
- Maintaining and tracking services for a two-year period.
- Administering satisfaction surveys to all families served.

Oversight and Grant Management

Providers must commit to reporting requirements including, but not limited to:

- Track activities;
- Monitor outcomes through administering surveys to members served and other activities;
- Report individual members served; and
- Provide data (including reporting related to outcomes and outputs).

DPHHS will be accepting proposals beginning July 30, 2024 through August 30, 2024. All proposals must be submitted via [Submittable](#).

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact Ryan Bonser, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division at (406) 444- 1837 or email ryan.bonser@mt.gov.

For more information regarding eligible uses of the Behavioral Health System for Future Generations fund, please reference [HB 872](#) and/or visit the [Behavioral Health System for Future Generations](#) website to see our current approved initiatives.