

## September 2005 GRANT ALERTS BULLETIN

### **Community-Based Family Preservation & Support Services (VDSS):**

VDSS announces the issuance of a Request for Application (RFA) for the Healthy Marriage and Stable Families Initiative to establish projects that will provide community-based family preservation and support services designed to strengthen marriages and stabilize families.

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, for-profit organizations or collaborative partnerships made up of public and private sector agencies in the Commonwealth. Local departments of social services may apply in collaboration with one of the community-based organizations listed above. Successful applicants must be able to fully operate their proposed program on a reimbursement basis.

VDSS will award between 10 to 20 sub-grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$22,500. The funding period is October 1, 2005 thru September 30, 2006.

The application deadline is Friday September 16, 2005 at 12:00 noon. An optional pre-application workshop will be held on Friday August 26, 2005 at 1:00p.m. in the Home Office sixth floor conference room.

The complete sub-grant announcement can be found on the VDSS web-site at [http://www.dss.virginia.gov/form/grants/g\\_com\\_06\\_007.html](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/form/grants/g_com_06_007.html)

### **Head Start Program (ACF):**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announces availability of funds and request for applications to sponsor a Head Start program in New Kent, King and Queen, King William, Charles City and/or Caroline Counties, Virginia. The Administration for Children and Families solicits applications from local public or private non-profit (including faith based organizations) or local for-profit organizations that wish to compete for funds which are available to provide Head Start services for pre-school children living in **New Kent, King and Queen, King William, Charles City and Caroline Counties, Virginia**. The Head Start Act authorizes the Secretary to designate as a Head Start agency any local public or private non-profit or local for-profit agency within a community. In the remainder of this document the term "Head Start program" means a program for pre-school children ages 3 to 5.

The intent of this announcement is to provide for the continuation of services in **New Kent, King and Queen, King William, Charles City and Caroline Counties, Virginia** previously provided by Quin Rivers Community Action Agency. Funds in the amount of **\$1,197,255** annually will be available to provide Head Start program services to eligible children and their families.

The former grantee was funded for a total enrollment of 195 children and families to operate a Head Start program for children living in the counties listed. **Applicants may apply to operate a Head Start program for one or more of the areas in New Kent, King and Queen, King William, Charles City and Caroline Counties.** Head Start regulations allow for a variety of program options and designs. Applicants should propose a design or designs that best address the needs of the proposed service area. Applicants have flexibility in determining the appropriate number of children to be served in each county through the various program options (center-based, home-based, or combination) and program designs (hours per day, days per week, weeks per year.)

**CLOSING DATE:** The closing date for receipt of applications under this announcement is **September 29 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/grant/fundingopportunities/varegioniii\\_aug05.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/hsb/grant/fundingopportunities/varegioniii_aug05.htm)

### **Mental Health/Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment (SAMHSA)**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), and Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) are accepting applications for SAMHSA Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants (also referred to as SAMHSA Conference Grants). The purpose of the Conference Grant program is to disseminate knowledge about practices within the mental health services and substance abuse prevention and treatment fields and to integrate that knowledge into real-world practice as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Please visit [http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2006/RFA/PA\\_06\\_001\\_Conference.aspx](http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2006/RFA/PA_06_001_Conference.aspx) for more information.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) anticipates funding for the Family Therapy Model discretionary grant program in FY 2006, based on the President's FY 2006 budget request. This information provided is tentative and preliminary. Plans may change and final figures will not be available until after SAMHSA receives its FY 2006 appropriation. The target publication date is November 2005. The purpose of Family Therapy Models is to fund providers to adopt the Assertive Community Reinforcement Approach (ACRA) within their adolescent SA treatment programs in order to provide an effective treatment intervention for youth and their families based on a practice with an evidence base of effectiveness. (ACRA is an effective treatment intervention from the CSAT CYT Study.)

Please see <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2006/ata glance.aspx> for additional information as it becomes available.

### **Richmond Metropolitan Area - Working Communities (Robins Fdtn):**

**The Robins Foundation** is dedicated to supporting organizations and the community needs of Virginians. The foundation is particularly interested in grants that improve the lives and opportunities of at risk-youth. Grant making is normally limited to the Richmond metropolitan area which consists of Richmond, Petersburg, Hopewell and Colonial Heights and the nine surrounding counties. Please see the website listed below for additional information.

[http://home.earthlink.net/%7Erobinsfdn/Our\\_Programs/General\\_Grants/general\\_grants.html](http://home.earthlink.net/%7Erobinsfdn/Our_Programs/General_Grants/general_grants.html)