HOPES

Q & A

This document has been developed to provide information on commonly asked questions about the Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support Program (HOPES) and the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Division. For any additional questions on the HOPES program, please email: hopes@dfps.state.tx.us

1. **How do I learn about new PEI funding opportunities?**

   Funding opportunities are posted on the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD).
   http://esbd.cpa.state.tx.us/

2. **Does PEI award grants or contracts?**

   All PEI services are through contracts.

3. **How long is the typical response period for a PEI RFP?**

   Historically PEI has given respondents 60 days from the date the RFP is posted to submit a response however each RFP is unique and may have different guidelines.

4. **Can current PEI Contractors apply for additional PEI funding?**

   Yes, if you believe you meet the eligibility criteria listed in an RFP, you can apply.

5. **What kinds of services are typically provided through PEI programs?**

   Examples of services provided include but are not limited to: home visiting, parent education, counseling/therapy, crisis intervention, family enrichment services, and workforce development.

6. **Does PEI prefer or require a particular program model for the current HOPES programs?**

   No.

7. What kind of organizations does PEI contract with?

PEI contracts with a variety of organizations including: non-profits, state/county/city agencies, for-profit, religious organizations, etc.

8. Is there a HUB requirement?

HUB plans are required for all contracts over $100,000.

9. Does PEI allow a lead agency to subcontract out all services for a PEI program?

Yes, PEI has historically allowed this and it is possible for the lead agency to subcontract for all direct services.

10. Are clients referred to PEI programs by DFPS?

In general, PEI programs do not rely on DFPS referrals. The one current exception is for the (Helping through Intervention and Prevention) program.

11. Is emergency respite an allowable service type under HOPES I and II?

Yes.

12. What is the eligible population for HOPES?

In general, families that include a primary caregiver who is expecting a child OR have at least one child age 0 - 5 are eligible. A comprehensive assessment from the PEI contractor will also help determine goodness of fit. Clients with an open CPS case are not eligible for services from HOPES I contractors. However, clients with an open CPS case are eligible for services from HOPES II contractors.

13. Does the HOPES program currently require the PFS (Protective Factors Survey)?

Generally, anyone receiving the evidence-based or promising practice program will be required to complete the PFS. This is true for other prevention programs within PEI as well.

14. What is the contract period for HOPES I and II?

Contingent on available funding, contracts are anticipated to be up to 5 years, the maximum allowed under state law.

15. Can PEI make the county rankings publically available?

Yes, this has been posted to the DFPS website.

16. Is there an annual report for HOPES I and II?

There is not an annual report for HOPES I and II. PEI has an annual report which can be found on the DFPS website as part of the DFPS annual report.

17. Is there a copy of the HOPES II RFP online?

No. Once the RFP is closed, it is removed from the ESBD.

18. What is the future of the HOPES Program?

Funding is currently available for a third iteration of HOPES (HOPES III). DFPS anticipates HOPES III contracts to start September 1, 2016.

19. Where can I learn more about evidence-based programs?

Visit the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare: http://www.cebc4cw.org/

20. What is the difference between the HOPES program and the Texas Home Visiting Program?

Texas Home Visiting is a home visiting program currently funded by HHSC. HOPES is a child abuse and neglect prevention program which may include home visiting as one of its service components and is funded by DFPS.