



## Health Resources and Services Opioid-Impacted Families Support Program (OIFSP) Application Cycle

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### Newsletter Announcement

The Opioid-Impacted Families Support Program (OIFSP) application is now open. Interested State-licensed mental health nonprofit and for-profit organizations, including accredited universities, community colleges and technical schools, are encouraged to read the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) to learn more about the eligibility requirements. The application cycle will close on April 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

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For more information, read the [HRSA announcement](#).

### Drop-In Letter

SUBJECT: Opioid-Impacted Families Support Program

Dear XX,

HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce released a new notice of funding opportunity for the Opioid-Impacted Families Support Program (OIFSP). Eligible applicants include State-licensed mental health nonprofit and for-profit organizations, including accredited universities, community colleges and technical schools. The application is currently open and will close on April 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

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HRSA will hold a technical assistance (TA) webinar for applicants seeking funding through this opportunity. The webinar(s) will provide an overview of pertinent information in the NOFO and an opportunity for applicants to ask questions. Visit the HRSA Bureau of Health Workforce's [open opportunities website](#) to learn more about the resources available for this funding opportunity.

Below are resources you may find useful. If you have questions about eligibility or the application process, please email at [OIFSP@hrsa.gov](mailto:OIFSP@hrsa.gov) for assistance.

Best,  
XX

**Resources:**

- [Link to apply](#)
- [OIFSP Website](#)

## Blog Post

Title: New Grant to Train Behavioral Health Paraprofessionals

State-licensed mental health nonprofit and for-profit organizations, including academic institutions such as accredited universities, community colleges and technical schools, across the nation are now eligible to apply for the 2020 [Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program](#) (OIFSP) grant, under a funding opportunity announcement released this week by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW).

As part of HRSA's efforts to combat the nation's opioid crisis, it is imperative to address the needs of everyone affected by opioid and substance use disorders (SUD). HRSA understands the need to train and increase the number of peer support specialists, and other behavioral health-related paraprofessionals, who provide services to children whose parents, and their family members who are in guardianship roles, are impacted by opioid use disorders and other substance use disorders.

The OIFSP grant supports training programs that enhance and expand paraprofessional's knowledge, skills and expertise. Applicants must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the specific concerns for children, adolescents, and transitional aged youth in high need and high demand areas who are at risk for mental health disorders and SUDs.

The training programs can include behavioral health-related paraprofessional occupations such as peer support specialist, peer support counselor, community health worker, outreach worker, behavioral health aide, social services aide, substance abuse/addictions worker, youth worker, and promotor/a, among other eligible titles.

The expected available funding of \$11,500,000 for FY 2020 will fund an estimated 19 awards. Awarded programs will receive up to \$600,000 per year for a period of 4 years. The application cycle closes on April 13, 2020.



HRSA will host a [technical assistance call](#) on February 4, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:30pm ET to provide more details about this grant and the application process, and answer questions from participants.

For questions, you may contact Andrea L. Knox at [OIFSP@hrsa.gov](mailto:OIFSP@hrsa.gov) or (301) 443-4170.

## Social Media Content

By posting this message below to your Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter accounts, you will help increase awareness about this funding opportunity to all your social media followers.

Tailor the message for your platforms and audience.

- Grant Alert: HRSA funds organizations that are training paraprofessionals. #opioidusedisorder #familysupport: <https://bit.ly/3aFB4aM>

If you share on your social media channels, remember to tag HRSA's accounts. Provided below are direct links to our social media accounts:

[HRSA Facebook Account](#)

[HRSA Twitter Account](#)

[HRSA LinkedIn Account](#)

## Social Media Shareable Graphics

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