

RFI – Fam-001 Family Support Consultant Network

ODH

Overview

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Bureau of Early Intervention Services (BEIS), through the county Help Me Grow sub-grantees requires that all families who have children of ages birth to three receiving services in the Help Me Grow (HMG) system have opportunities for individualized family to family support. The family to family support component of Help Me Grow is outlined in Help Me Grow stakeholder recommendations and used to guide counties in implementing their family support activities. The Family Support Consultant Network (FSCN) can be used to provide family support by providing educational opportunities for families about topics in the HMG system and disseminate a newsletter about topics that are of interest to families in HMG. The FSCN will continue to be an integral part of the Help Me Grow state monitoring team. The FSCN consultants participate in the monitoring process as part of the HMG state team by providing a family-centered focus.

The FSCN is a statewide network that offers information and education to the families of young children that have developmental delays/disabilities. The consultants will have sensitivity with interacting with families of children who have developmental delays and/or disabilities.

The Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Early Intervention Services is seeking the professional services of an Ohio based agency(s), organization(s), or individual(s) to establish a statewide consultant network that will provide family to family support in the HMG system.

Needs / scope of work

Contractor shall conduct 17 educational webinars using own technology (internet based) for parents and professionals in Early Intervention on the following topics.

1. Things Parents Can Do to Keep Their Child Safe
2. Everyday Experiences and the Young Child's Brain
3. Getting Your Child Ready for Preschool
4. Navigating Early Intervention in Ohio as a Parent
5. Navigating Early Intervention in Ohio as a Professional working with infants & toddlers

The Webinars are provided to give information about child development for all children in Help Me Grow Early Intervention. Each session shall be an hour and a half long, and are to be presented by professionals with expertise in their field (topic).

Contractor Qualification:

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated knowledge of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, its federal regulations, and HMG statute and Ohio Administrative Code 3701-8. Academic or professional conference presentations or publications on the topic of Early Intervention will demonstrate this expertise. Moreover, the successful applicant will have knowledge in how to teach adults through online, distance learning and/or webinar formats;

through demonstration of courses completed on the topic of adult learning and teaching and webinar delivery.

Submission of Interest

Submit letters of interest to Paul Maragos, Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, 4th floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 by 4:00 p.m. on December 28, 2012.

Provide documentation as to how you meet the qualification above.