

URGENT NOTIFICATION FOR PROVIDERS

REQUEST FOR INTEREST

TRILLIUM JUVENILE JUSTICE PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION NETWORK

Trillium Health Resources is the LME/MCO for individuals with substance use, mental illness, and intellectual/developmental disabilities in 28 counties in eastern NC. Trillium's mission is transforming lives and building community well-being through partnership and proven solutions. We help every community and individual we serve to reach their fullest potential. By coordinating care across multiple systems, we achieve improved health outcomes, quality of care, and efficient use of resources. Trillium remains focused on delivering the right services, in the right amount, at the right time.

Trillium Health Resources is developing a Network for the independent assessment and evaluation of justice involved youth. We are inviting local licensed psychologist to conduct comprehensive clinical evaluations including when needed psychological testing for youth ages 6-17 years old that are referred from juvenile court services. This request seeks to address gaps in care for youth being referred. Trilliums goal is for this population to have access to a valid, reliable and comprehensive evaluation to determine the best services for these youth given appropriate diagnoses, treatment and placement recommendations. Flexibility and timely responsiveness in scheduling appointments and completion of documentation and reports are both essential. Duties include completing comprehensive clinical evaluations, consulting with juvenile court counseling staff, school staff, psychiatrists, social services, and other agencies as needed, attending required meetings and trainings, writing reports, and providing emergency risk assessments for youth who are being seen at the Division of Juvenile Justice office to determine if that youth poses a safety threat to themselves or others. Applications will be considered from NC Licensed Psychologists (LP) and Licensed Psychological Associates (LPA). Trillium intends to work with Psychologist to cover all costs associated with this work.

Priority Consideration:

Overall the rate of referrals to juvenile court and suspensions from school have declined over recent years, however the disparity between minority and nonminority referrals and suspensions has largely remained unchanged, evidencing multi-systemic problems with disproportionate minority contacts, juvenile court referrals and school suspensions. To that end, Trillium Health Resources is particularly interested in providers that seek to work with the population of youth and the adults having authority over them in the home, school and community environments who are disproportionally impacted by involvement across multiple agencies. The willingness to provide services onsite or in close proximity to the county juvenile justice services office location is preferred.

Application Submission Requirements:

Psychologist and Licensed Psychological Associates interested in this work please email Cindy Ehlers at <u>Cindy.Ehlers@TrilliumNC.org</u> for this recruitment and put **RFI for Psychologist** in the subject line.

Thank you for your attention to this communication. All questions related to this Clinical Communication Bulletin can be sent to RATESFinance@trilliumnc.org. Questions will be responded to as quickly as possible.

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