



**Family First Prevention Services – Capacity Building Grants
Family Centered Treatment (FCT)
Questions and Answers**

1. On average, how many families are to be served per month/year?
State's Response: The timeframe for each of the four treatment phases is guided by FCT practitioners based on specific family indicators of progress demonstrating the family has successfully completed a phase of treatment. Providers should include the estimated number of families served per year in their proposal.
2. Is there a preferred FCT training provider?
State's Response: Providers must work with the Family Centered Treatment Foundation to be certified and trained in Family Centered Treatment.
3. Is the training covered by SCDSS or do we include all training costs in our proposed budget?
State's Response: Providers should include training costs in their proposed budget. Training and capacity building are covered through this capacity building grant.
4. Our company has been providing behavioral health services in SC since 1987. However, in the past three years we have exclusively provided residential treatment to children and families (Midlands Region), not community-based services, in the strictest use of the term. We have a new senior leader in our organization who previously launched and ran FCT services for an organization in NC (within the past three years) and has a close professional relationship with the FCTF Team. Would we be eligible for consideration given the requirement of “a three-year documented history (within the past three years) of providing community-based services to children and families”?
State's Response: Yes
5. Regarding use of these grant funds, would we be able to use any of this funding for salaries of the employees being trained in FCT, at least until the service is launched and being reimbursed or are salaries not allowed “operating costs”?
State's Response: Training and capacity building expenses are covered through this grant. A case rate will cover service provision.
6. What is the difference between the funding cycle period (through Sept. 30, 2023) and the grant period (through May 30, 2023)?
State's Response: The grant period and the funding cycle will end September 30, 2023. Programs must meet all model requirements by May 30, 2023, to allow for full caseload capacity and fidelity.
7. Is this funding only for training and not service delivery?
State's Response: Training and capacity building costs are covered through this grant. A case rate will cover service provision.

8. How will referrals be received?
State's Response: Referrals are submitted from the DSS county office through an Evidence Based Practice referral form.
9. It is not possible to become trained in FCT without open cases, how will referrals be received?
State's Response: Referrals are submitted from the DSS county offices through an Evidence Based Practice Referral form.
10. How will services be paid?
State's Response: The grantee will receive a purchase order and must submit invoices to SCDSS along with supporting documentation for payment.
11. What is the anticipated number of families to be served in each region during the grant year?
State's Response: The timeframe for each of the four treatment phases is guided by FCT practitioners based on specific family indicators of progress demonstrating the family has successfully completed a phase of treatment.
12. Historically, FCT has wanted teams of 4 therapists and 1 supervisor, which will not be feasible under the proposed funding of \$100,000. How does DSS anticipate delivering the service?
State's Response: Funding for training and capacity building expenses are covered in this grant. A case rate will cover service provision.
13. The RGFA makes a reference to include outreach and education plans. Is that intentional? What is the expectation of the outreach and education plans in relation to FCT training and service delivery?
State's Response: The agency requires each provider to develop plans to collaborate and contact county offices and share information about the services they provide. The Office of Family and Community Services will support the provider in this outreach and education.
14. The Scope of Grant states that “providers may be required to participate in the SCDSS Qualified Provider Listing (QPL) to be reimbursed for services.” When will the QPL be released?
State's Response: The agency plans to develop a Fixed Price Bid solicitation for Evidenced Based Practices but does not yet have an estimated date for this release.
15. Capacity building and service provision include operating expenses such as technology and mileage – are these expenses excluded from the funding?
State's Response: Training and capacity building expenses are covered through this grant. A case rate will cover service provision.
16. Can you provide guidance on this process “Providers applying for SCDSS’s Family Centered Treatment capacity building funding may be required to participate in the SCDSS Qualified Provider Listing (QPL)”?
State's Response: The agency plans to develop a Fixed Price Bid solicitation for Evidence Based Practices but does not have an estimated date for this release.
17. What is the CFDA# 93.556?
State's Response: CFDA stands for ‘Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance’, and is a number assigned in the awarding documents to most grants and agreements funded by the Federal Government. CFDA 93.556 is the MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families Federal Grant Award.