Grant Title: DEVELOPING CENTERS FOR INNOVATION IN SERVICES AND INTERVENTION RESEARCH (DCISIR)

PA Number: PAR-05-144

Area of Research: Intervention and services research studies


Application date: November 1, 2005; June 1, 2006, 2007 and 2008

Amount: NIH Exploratory Center Grant award mechanism (P20). Up to $600,000 (revised 3/10/06) per year direct costs, plus negotiated Facilities and Administrative costs.

Length of Support: 5 years, non-renewable.

Eligible applicants: For-profit and non-profit organizations; public and private institutions, including universities, colleges, hospitals, and laboratories; units of state and local governments; eligible federal government agencies; domestic institutions; faith based or communities based organizations; and units of state and local tribal government. Institutions should have both ongoing research activity in the intervention or services area and a demonstrated need for support to take full advantage of their research potential.

Agency/ Department: DHHS, NIMH, NIAAA.

Summary: The ultimate goal of this program announcement (PA) is to establish support for groups of researchers to develop intervention and services research studies that will directly address the missions of NIMH and NIAAA and to prepare these research groups to develop advanced centers. It also supports two of the three central themes of the NIH Roadmap initiative: developing interdisciplinary research teams for the future, including public-private partnerships; and re-engineering the clinical research enterprise. The developing center must have a clearly articulated plan to develop a set of scientific core functions that will enhance and expand capacity to move mental health and/or alcohol interventions into community settings.

The intervention and services research needed to provide pragmatic information for decision making, improve current community practice, and ultimately reduce the burden of mental illness and of alcohol-related problems for youth and adults requires (a) the creation and adoption of novel methodological and organizational approaches, (b) the use of behavioral, social, economic, and/or political theories to transport interventions into community settings, (c) the creation of sustainable community partnerships, and (d) the creation of sustainable multidisciplinary research teams that can work cooperatively and creatively to find new ways to get the right package of mental health care to the people who need it most and ultimately improve their functioning and quality of life. This PA is intended as a mechanism to build capacity at qualified institutions to achieve these goals and those of the NIH Roadmap initiative.