



Family Led Group Partner Request for Proposals

Advancing Resources for Children (ARCh) Project:
Connecting NC's Systems to Strengthen Infant and
Early Childhood Mental Health Outcomes

RFP Release Date: February 17, 2023
Responses Due: March 31, 2023 (or ASAP)

Center for Child & Family Health (CCFH),
Durham, NC

Email questions about the RFP and
application to:
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Proposed Project Overview

The purpose of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to acquire the services of a qualified contractor to support the Advancing Resources for Children (ARCh) Project in its overarching goal of improving infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) outcomes of North Carolina children ages birth to five through increasing access to services and advancing workforce capacity to effectively meet their needs. Undergirding all activities is a goal of reducing disparities in access to developmentally-sensitive, culturally-responsive, trauma-informed, evidence-based practices.

Specifically, the objectives for the selected Family Led Group are to:

1. Review the [Family Voice Report \(FVR\)](#) from NC Child/Early Well and identify themes and ideas from the FVR that ARCh project trainings could support.
2. Review project plans for congruence with the [Irving Harris Foundation's Diversity-Informed Tenets for work with Infants, Children & Families \(Tenets\)](#).
3. Partner with the ARCh project staff to align its training topics and audiences to the identified themes and ideas from the FVR and the Tenets.
4. Propose strategies for ongoing evaluation of ARCh activities' alignment with FVR and Tenets.
5. Prepare and submit a summary document of their work and of recommended strategies.

Budget

Budget: up to \$25,000 for one year of partnership

Timeline

Ideally, we will establish a contract and begin work before the first grant year ends on 9/30/2023. Hours per month, including meeting attendance, etc., to be determined in partnership with the ARCh project team and the Family Led Group consultant.



Advancing Resources for Children (ARCh) Project Overview

The ARCh project at the Center for Child and Family Health (CCFH) in Durham, NC is one of four Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) grants awarded in 2022 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The ARCh project seeks to improve infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) outcomes of North Carolina children ages birth to five by increasing access to services and advancing workforce capacity to effectively meet their needs.

For five years, from Fall of 2022 until Fall of 2027, the ARCh project will partner with agencies around the state and engage families of young children to build a robust NC workforce focused on young children's mental health. ARCh will:

- expand mental health consultation to pediatricians and early interventionists,
- support the development of a statewide childcare consultation model,
- increase equitable access to IECMH endorsement,
- and provide training and supervision to professionals across the state in a wide range of IECMH topics, including screening, referrals and cross-disciplinary collaboration, diagnostic assessment, reflective supervision, secondary traumatic stress, several evidence-based therapeutic treatment models, and more.

For more information, see: <https://www.ccfhnc.org/programs/advancing-resources-for-children-arch-project/>

Center for Child & Family Health (CCFH) Overview

Since 1996, CCFH has responded to the terrible reality of child abuse, neglect, and other traumas with compassion and evidence-based interventions grounded in rigorous research. The heart of our work is the compassionate care we provide to traumatized children in the Martha S. Urbaniak Clinic, restoring children to hope and stability with outpatient therapies grounded in rigorous research. Through our prevention efforts, we equip families of all kinds to create safe, nurturing environments for their children through home visits and other intensive supports. Each year, these direct services reach more than 2,000 children and their families in Durham and surrounding communities.

What makes CCFH truly unique, though, is our wide-ranging work to train others in the evidence-based practices we use. From topical workshops to long-term learning collaboratives, our practitioner-trainers teach hundreds of child-serving professionals each year, steadily improving the trauma-informed care available to thousands of children in North Carolina and beyond.

Founded in collaboration with Duke University, North Carolina Central University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, CCFH works at the intersection of academic research, evidence-based practice, and community impact.



Budget Details

As listed in the summary, our budget for this contract is \$25,000.

Thank you for your interest in responding to this RFP with a proposal to bring family voices to the ARCh project and its activities.

Please **complete the attached fillable application** and send it to mary.wise@duke.edu no later than 3/31/2023 in order to be considered for this contract. We look forward to hearing from you.