

Greetings All:

We are excited to announce that the request for applications for **Circles of Care IV: Infrastructure Development for Children's Mental Health in American Indian/Alaska Native Communities (short title: Circles of Care) RFA No. SM-08-012.**

Application deadline is May 9, 2008.

RFA can be found on-line at: http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/sm_08_012.aspx

The general purpose of these awards are for tribal communities to have three years to plan and design a service delivery model that addresses the mental health needs of children and youth with serious emotional and behavioral disturbances. This will be the fourth *generation* of Circles awards. Many of the previous Circles communities went on to implement their models through Systems of Care <http://systemsofcare.samhsa.gov/>

Some changes to this year's RFA include:

- the addition of State recognized tribes in the eligibility criteria
- two special emphasis areas: 1.) returning veterans and their families 2.) integrating behavioral health with primary care

Technical assistance webinars will be offered to applicants on March 31, 2008 and April 1, 2008 from 1-230 pm PST. You can find more information and register for this two part webinar at <https://nicwa.on.intercall.com/confmgr/> The purpose of the webinars is to guide applicants in understanding the application process. (Information for these sessions will be on-line soon)

Please share this information with tribal leaders and communities who may be interested in applying.

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