

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

TRAUMA INFORMED COMPREHENSIVE CLINICAL ASSESSMENTS (TICCAS)

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INTRODUCTION

Trillium Health Resources is actively seeking organizations that are interested in conducting Trauma Informed Comprehensive Clinical Assessments (TiCCAs) as part of the Standardized Assessment Process (SAP) with Wilson County Department of Social Services (DSS) and the surrounding counties.

The TiCCAs will be for youth impacted by Wilson County DSS in an effort to ensure proper diagnosis, leading to proper service provisions subsequently enhancing the outcomes for both children and their families. The assessments are developed by Benchmarks NC, who will also provide the appropriate trainings for clinicians to perform the TiCCAs.

Trillium will choose two provider agencies in Wilson County and the surrounding counties to conduct the TiCCAs. The selected provider agencies will designate a clinical team leader to oversee the project and the clinical team. The clinical team will be comprised of no more than five additional clinicians who will also participate in the project.

OVERVIEW OF SAP PROJECT AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

- ▲ TiCCAs are in-depth evaluations conducted by experienced, licensed clinicians that aim to help the care team (social worker, mental health professional, others involved in case) fully understand a child's experiences and how those life experiences affect the child.
- ▲ The overall goal of the SAP project is to use TiCCAs as an early intervention tool ensuring DSS-impacted youth are able to receive a proper diagnosis and implement appropriate services at the appropriate time.
- ▲ Proper assessments and early intervention decreases the use of Emergency Department visits, crisis management and residential placement.
- ▲ The practice of trauma-informed care is essential in securing the best outcomes for children impacted by DSS. Steps taken in this process will be used to recognize strengths and resiliency while concurrently helping those who have experienced trauma to overcome its negative effects.
- ▲ The TiCCAs will help inform all involved of the appropriate model of care for each child, including what services the child should receive. All recommended referrals and services will be given with the youth and their family in mind. This can include

services that help parents/guardians create and maintain a healthy family environment.

- 🌱 Through Benchmark NC's previous Partnering for Excellence (PFE) project, off of which the SAP project is based, early intervention has shown to have cut Medicaid costs by up to 44 percent per child 12 months after entering the custody of DSS.

PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER SAP PROGRAM

The selected provider/clinical team will be responsible for the following under the SAP program guidelines:

- 🌱 Reviewing the completed Project Trauma Screening Tool after the DSS social worker has completed it and sent it to them.
- 🌱 Meeting with the DSS social worker, where the social worker will provide the case documentation to the clinician as part of the referral process.
- 🌱 Providing the assessment (TiCCA) to the DSS impacted youth. Each assessment is authorized to take no more than 6 hours from start to finish.
- 🌱 Returning the completed assessment to the DSS social worker and review the recommendations for the DSS-impacted youth. This process will also involve the youth and their birth family (or current caregivers, etc.), if deemed appropriate.
- 🌱 Requesting authorization of services for the affected youth from Trillium, or making referrals to the proper provider agencies. This will include collaborating with the Care Manager to arrange the appropriate services as needed based on the outcome of the TiCCA.
- 🌱 Providing appropriate services and treatment to the affected youth (if able to do so).
- 🌱 Providing any documentation of assessment and/or services rendered to Trillium as requested.

PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS/PREFERENCES

- 🌱 Provider agency must provide services in Wilson and surrounding counties.
- 🌱 All clinicians involved with the TiCCAs must be licensed clinicians.
- 🌱 Preference for clinicians who have experience and/or training in trauma focused assessments.

- 🌱 The clinical team leader must have the ability to engage with SAP group, which meets monthly to discuss the progress of the project.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Clinicians must receive TiCCA certification to be able to perform the TiCCAs. The trainings will focus on defining trauma, the use of the battery of measures, proper use of the standardized assessment tool, case conceptualization, and more specific training designed on working with youth in foster care. Below you will find the schedule for the trainings:

- 🌱 October 1, 2024 (virtual) - Trauma Training - This is for clinicians who have not previously had trauma training. If you have had trauma training, you are exempt from this portion.
- 🌱 October 9, 2024 (10:00 am – 12:00 pm, virtual) - Clinical Team Leader Training - This training will be mandatory for all clinical team leaders.
- 🌱 October 9, 2024 (10:00 am – 10:30 am, virtual) - TiCCA Clinician Program Overview - All clinicians that are on the team will need to attend this session, which will comprise the first 30 minutes of the clinical team leader training. All clinicians who are not clinical team leader will only need to attend this portion of training.
- 🌱 October 24 – 25, 2024 (in-person) - TiCCA Training - All clinicians that will provide TiCCAs on the team are required to attend this portion of training.

Please apply using the form link below. Trillium will receive applications until September 13, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

[Link to Application](#)

- 🌱 This Request for Applicants (RFA) is open to in-network provider agencies that are free of contract sanctions, fraud investigations, and/or current or previous IRS liens.
- 🌱 This RFA should not be construed as a contract (implicit, explicit, or implied), nor does it imply any agreement with any potential candidate.