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Transition Age Youth Advocacy Procurement Planning

CLCC August 23, 2022

Transition Age Youth (TAY) Listening Sessions

- Two Listening Sessions held on August 2 and 4
- Over 100 TAY and adult allies attended
- Inform the upcoming TAY Request for Applications to support advocacy, training and education, and outreach and engagement on behalf of TAY

Advocacy Contracts

- Funding for advocacy on behalf of 9 populations:
 - Consumers
 - Family Members
 - Diverse Racial and Ethnic Communities
 - Immigrants and Refugees
 - K-12 Students
 - LGBTQ
 - Parents and Caregivers
 - TAY
 - Veterans

TAY Request for Applications Goals

- Be less prescriptive
- Increase focus on equity and diversity
- Plan to reach underserved and vulnerable TAY

What We Heard

- Most critical mental health needs of young people
 - Infrastructure: mental health care providers+outreach and advocacy
 - Intersectionality
 - Lack of mental health education and information
- Need for support in a post-pandemic world
 - Lack of services
 - Youth turn to each other for support—potentially negative effects
 - Increased isolation
- Important characteristics of a TAY advocacy organization
 - Youth-lead
 - Focus on equity and advocacy
 - School and campus based resources

Do committee members have any questions for us so far?

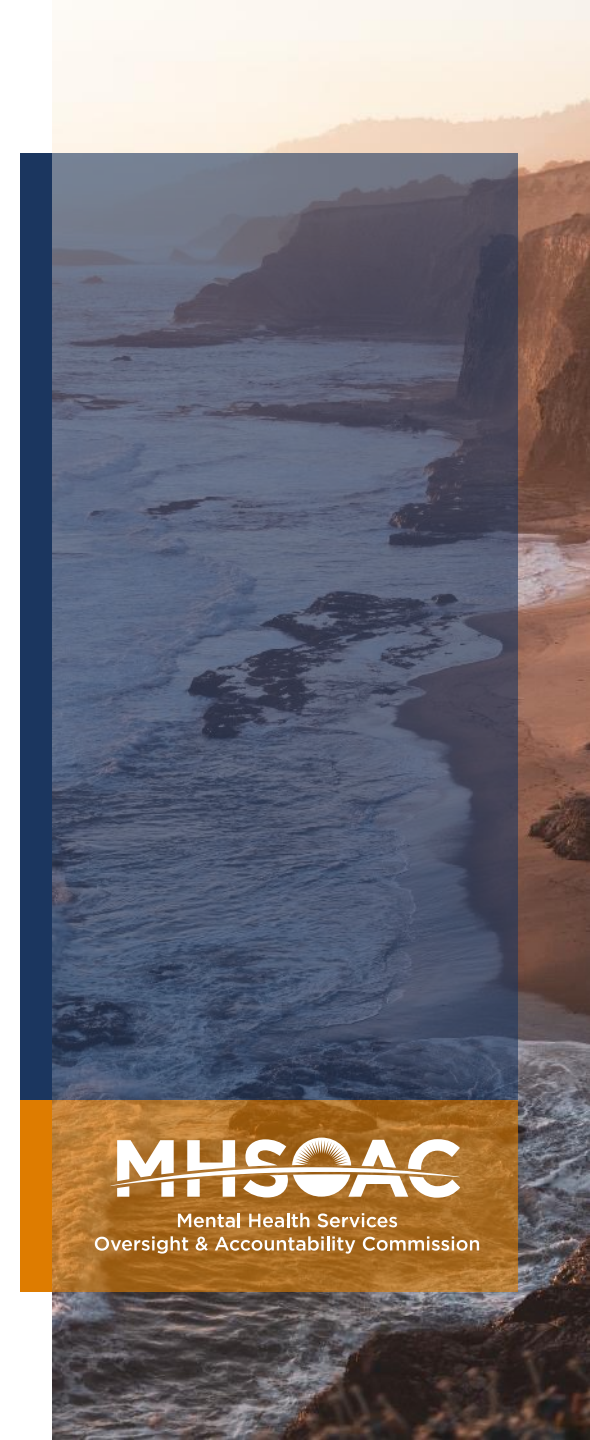
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Strategies for engaging TAY

1. What priorities should we consider for this RFA from an equity perspective?
2. What are the most important characteristics of an organization that advocates on behalf of diverse TAY?
3. How do we ensure that TAY from marginalized backgrounds are reached to determine mental health needs?

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