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Dear Providers,

It is well established that Kentucky has a significant public health crisis with regards to substance use disorder, particularly opiate dependence. As a subgroup, women of child-bearing age and those who are pregnant and parenting are at extreme risk for poor outcomes. Senate Bill 192 provides funding to the Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (KY-ASAP) for \$1,000,000 to address Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) by funding substance use treatment providers to offer comprehensive residential treatment services to pregnant women who have opiate dependency through programs that employ evidence-based behavioral health treatment or medically-assisted treatment. KY-ASAP and Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID) have partnered to distribute these funds through a competitive grant application process.

As a result, this letter is a solicitation of proposals in response to this funding opportunity. Attached is a proposal guideline document, outlining the necessary components to be included. This letter, proposal guidelines, budget worksheet, and compliance statement can also be found on the DBHDID website, <http://dbhdid.ky.gov> and the KY-ASAP website at <http://odcp.ky.gov/Pages/Agency-for-Substance-Abuse-Policy.aspx>. Proposals must be received *electronically* no later than **5pm EST on August 21, 2015**. Questions may be submitted to Catherine.Troop@ky.gov.

We appreciate your dedication to addressing this public health crisis, look forward to reviewing your proposals, and hope to work with you in the future.

Sincerely,


Mary Reinle Begley, Commissioner