LIMITED SUBMISSION: HRSA Bright Futures Pediatric Implementation Program

****PLEASE NOTE: ONE (1) PROPOSAL FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED****

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline: December 27 by noon
Sponsor Deadline: February 5, 2018

For those interested, please send an email of intent to the Limited Submissions Team at limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. EOI’s received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent must include:

1. The name of the solicitation,
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI’s,
3. A 2-3 sentence description of the proposed project.

Should the number of interested applicants exceed the number allowed by the funder, an internal selection process will be conducted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, and candidates will be notified to submit internal application materials. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful applications must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/

PROGRAM INFORMATION: The purpose of the Bright Futures Pediatric Implementation (BFPI) cooperative agreement is to improve health outcomes for the nation’s infants, children, and adolescents by increasing the quality of primary and preventive care through the use of age-specific, evidence-driven clinical guidelines. The BFPI Program achieves this goal by spreading use of the Bright Futures Guidelines, which reflect consensus among primary health care experts on the latest, state-of-the-art design for preventive checkups.

Proposed updates to the Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule will be published for public comment in the Federal Register prior to adoption of the recommended updates. Accordingly, the award recipient will review the evidence on an annual basis to determine whether updates are needed, using a deliberative review process by experts qualified to conduct such a review; administer the receipt and consideration of public comments for a minimum of 30 calendar days following publication of the Federal Register Notice setting forth the proposed updates; and provide to HRSA a written report that sets forth its recommended updates, including a summary of the public comments it received, a list of general topics that were commented on and its responses to those comments.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The awardee will initiate, implement, and assess the effectiveness of new, innovative, and focused strategies that advance the full integration of the Bright Futures Guidelines into clinical practice and public health initiatives, including efforts to empower families as active partners in their child’s health. The awardee will work in collaboration with HRSA and other stakeholders to provide national leadership in addressing the following objectives. By 2023, the Program will:

• Objective 1: Review new scientific evidence on an ongoing basis and annually publish relevant updates to Bright Futures periodicity schedule and other related resources.
• Objective 2: Ensure that 100 percent of accredited pediatric residency programs integrate Bright Futures Guidelines within training.
• Objective 3: Train at least 20,000 practicing primary care clinicians on the use of Bright Futures Guidelines and resources within clinical preventive services.
• Objective 4: Provide annual training to each of the 59 state maternal and child health (MCH) programs on the use Bright Futures resources.
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- Objective 5: Provide at least 300,000 families with Bright Futures resources to help them prepare for preventive checkup visits with their primary care clinician.

The awardee will implement the following program activities in order to address the above objectives:

1) Administer a process for developing and regularly recommending updates to the Bright Futures guidelines, assuring comprehensive, objective and transparent review of available evidence that incorporates opportunity for public comment.

2) Integrate Bright Future Guidelines and Tools into academic training programs across various primary care disciplines including pediatricians, family practice physicians, and nurse practitioners.

3) Provide continuing education training to practicing primary care clinicians, other health professionals, and public health professionals on the use of Bright Futures Guidelines and resources within preventive services and public health programs.

4) Provide technical assistance and training to state MCH programs in applying Bright Futures Guidelines and Tools within public health efforts to improve performance measures.

5) Disseminate Bright Futures tools to families, empowering them to seek a family provider partnership throughout the delivery of preventive checkups.

The award recipient is responsible for submitting an annual report to HRSA which includes:

1) description of actual and proposed updates to the Periodicity Schedule for the past year,
2) rationale and evidence base for each update, and
3) summary of public comments received and the recipient’s responses to those comments.

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:** HRSA has no limits on who can serve as PI.

**AWARD INFORMATION:** One cooperative agreement will be awarded in the amount of $1,000,000 per year for five years.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

**NOTE:** Program announcement instructions supersede instructions delivered in this document.