

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) ANNOUNCEMENT

FAMILY IMPACT INITIATIVE (FII)

RFA 67-207

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF FAMILY HEALTH (BUREAU) IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE A FUNDING OPPORTUNITY RELEASED ON JUNE 18, 2026.

GOAL

Parents and caregivers of children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) often experience a complex system of uncoordinated services. The aim of the FII is to improve community systems to better meet the needs of families of CYSHCN. A series of strategies is implemented to support the development of community based and family-focused systems of care for CYSHCN. The FII Coordinator(s) lead local efforts to identify a committee of stakeholders, which includes a parent advisory committee. The committees work together to assess community capacity to meet the needs of CYSHCN, identify areas in need of improvement, and develop strategies for addressing those areas. Implementing these strategies leads to strengthened local-level system change capacity. This increase in system change capacity leads to service delivery system improvements, which over the long-term leads to meaningful improvements in the lives of CYSHCN and their families.

The Bureau of Family Health (BFH) is seeking to award one entity that is positioned to affect change in the Northeast region of Pennsylvania and will meet the needs of CYSHCN through implementation of FII across the following counties: Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming. The awarded applicant shall focus system change efforts throughout all counties identified in this region. Applicants shall develop and implement substantive, sustainable, and family driven system change activities based on needs identified within the identified region to improve community systems across multiple counties.

BACKGROUND

Health Resources and Services Administration notes that CYSHCN have or are at increased risk for having chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions. CYSHCN have conditions, which include but are not limited, to such diagnoses as asthma, sickle cell disease, epilepsy, anxiety, autism, and learning disorders. CYSHCN may require more specialized health and educational services to thrive, even though each child's needs may vary. According to the 2023-2024 National Survey of Children's Health, only 15.2 percent of CYSHCN in Pennsylvania received care in a well-functioning system¹.

FUNDING INFORMATION

Using Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant funding, the Bureau has released an RFA for the FII on June 18, 2026, with an anticipated grant start of January 1, 2027. The Bureau anticipates awarding one grant to provide services in the Northeast region of Pennsylvania.

¹ 2023-2024. Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health.
<https://www.childhealthdata.org/browse/survey/results?q=12180&r=40>

QUESTIONS & FURTHER DETAILS

The FII RFA can be found on the Pennsylvania eMarketplace (www.emarketplace.state.pa.us) by searching for RFA 67-207. Questions regarding the RFA can be submitted through the Pennsylvania eMarketplace process until July 9, 2026, and during the pre-Application Conference, which is scheduled for July 16, 2026. Responses will be posted as an addendum to the RFA. Questions can be directed to Danielle Rhodes (danierhode@pa.gov). Applications will not be accepted after July 23, 2026.