

OUR KIDS

A Collaborative Initiative by the Alabama Departments of Human Resources, Mental Health, and Youth Services.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Planning for the 2024-2026 OUR KIDS Initiative funding cycle is upon us. We will begin the process with a Letter of Intent, which will need to be returned by March 29, 2024. This letter will be a way for a program representative to inform the OUR KIDS Collaborative Team of interest in establishing a new program to work with clients involved with multiple agencies and also fall within one or more of the established targeted populations. In the next week we will post an application on our website for you to complete by the deadline of May 17, 2024

The OUR KIDS Collaborative Funding Initiative is funded to provide services to children and teenagers/youth who are involved with two or more of the Collaborative agencies and are at risk of disrupting their current living situation. In addition, they must fall within one of the following categories/identified populations:

- Children or teenagers dually diagnosed with co-occurring disorders where any combination of at least 2 listed below are present in the youth being at risk of out of home placement or court involvement (please check all populations that will be served with proposed program):
 - Serious Emotional Disturbance
 - Intellectual/Developmental Disability (mild)
 - Substance Use Disorder
 - Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Teenagers with CHINS charges who are involved with multiple agencies (involved with the initiative) and are at risk of disrupting the current living situation
- Children or teenagers in transitional situations due to one of the following:
 - Over the age of 18 and under the supervision of the court
 - Reintegration into the community from Therapeutic Foster Care Hospitalization, Multi-Needs, or DYS placement.
- Children/Youth at risk of out of home placement due to significant behavior problems or difficulty functioning in the community/family environment.
- Children/Youth at risk of removal from a less intensive out of home placement to a more restrictive out of home placement.
- Children/Youth with low cognitive functioning at risk of out of home placement.

The full schedule of events is as follows:

- *OUR KIDS Collaboration RFP Application Announced:* **February 29, 2024**
- *Letter of Intent from Interested Counties & Programs:* **March 29, 2024**

- *Deadline to submit grant application questions to monica.rowland@dys.alabama.gov: **April 26, 2024***
- *Teleconference (for invitation, send request to monica.rowland@dys.alabama.gov): **May 8, 2024 @ 2pm***
- *Grant Applications Due: **May 17, 2024 at 3pm** (send one copy to the address below)*

Alabama Department of Youth Services
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Montgomery, AL 36117
- *Review Period: **May 20, 2024- June 14, 2024***
- *Award Notification: **After July 12, 2021***