

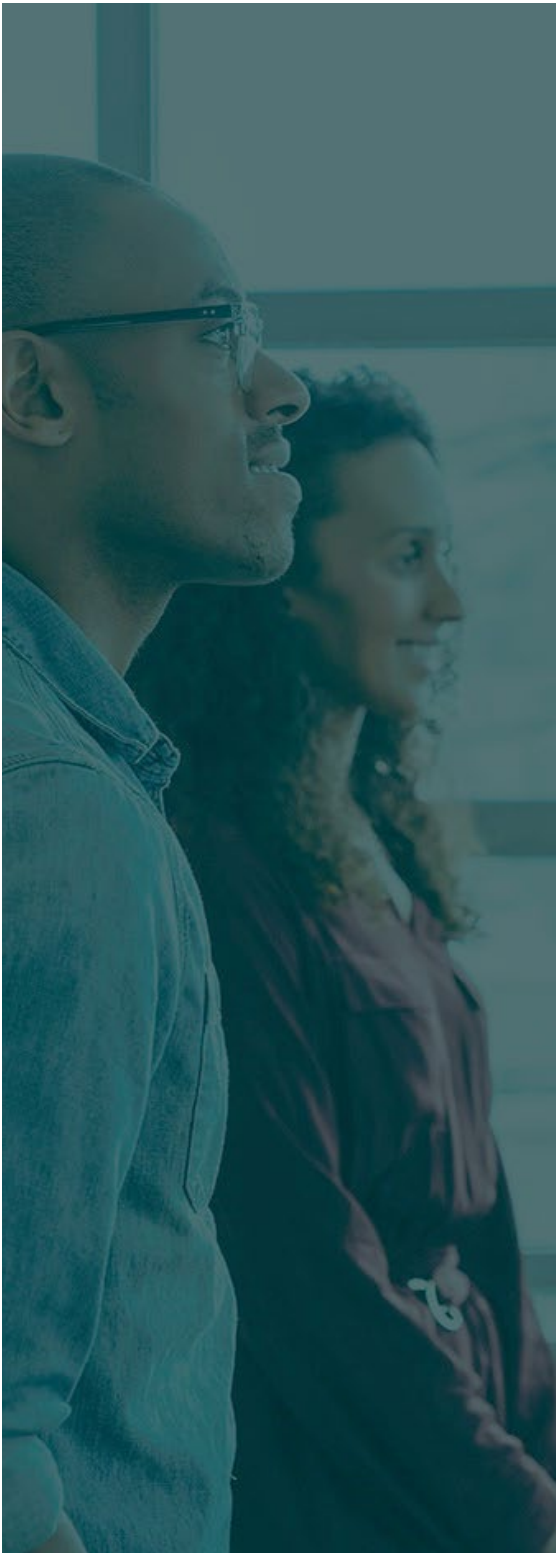


# CY25 Funding Plan

July 31, 2024



**ADAMHS**  
BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



## INTRODUCTION

The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County is statutorily responsible for planning, funding and overseeing public mental health and substance use disorder treatment services, as well as prevention, crisis and recovery support services for the residents of Cuyahoga County. The Board wants to ensure that a continuum of care remains available and is working at its optimal level to provide the best services.

The increased awareness and need for mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery supports, along with the behavioral health workforce shortage, calls for a focus funding process that:

- Adheres to statutory requirements
- Concentrates on essential and most needed services
- Financially supports providers that do well with the services
- Meets the culture needs of the diverse populations of Cuyahoga County

# PRIORITIES

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As shared at a previous meeting, the Board has identified three top service priorities for the 2025 funding cycle:

- Case Management
- Certified Prevention Services
- Crisis

Since our last comprehensive RFP, the mental health and substance use disorder field has undergone significant changes.

The pandemic has highlighted behavioral health, accelerated the adoption of telehealth and has highlighted the system's extreme workforce shortage. State initiatives like MRSS (Mobile Response and Stabilization Services) and OhioRise (Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence) have transformed service delivery for children and families.

Crisis services have garnered increased attention from the state and the community and often serve as the entrance to our system.

Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion consultant conducted a racial and health equity analysis of our system and offered recommendations for enhancing prevention services to reach marginalized communities.

## **CASE MANAGEMENT:**

We will NOT issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Case Management services – which is an important part of system. This priority will be addressed through the Board Training Institute, which will create and offer a free course of study to providers. We will also review current Case Management services offered by our providers.

## **CRISIS:**

We will NOT issue an RFP for crisis services due to our ongoing expansion efforts, including the care response pilot program, working with OhioMHAS on a crisis center in Cuyahoga County and the newly opened stepdown/step up facility at Orca House, and collaborating with the County on the development of a Children's Wellness Campus and continued operation of the Diversion Center. These Crisis initiatives are expected to continue and remain a priority, as will our existing crisis services such as mobile response, the hotline and crisis beds for children.

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

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We have viewed the priorities and evolving conditions as opportunities in a rapidly changing environment to ensure that our network remains strong. Therefore, looking ahead to the 2025 funding cycle, we do not feel that we can do everything the same way that we have in the past, but we also do not want to be disruptive to a system in 2025 that has already experienced so much change in recent years.

Therefore, with the priorities still in mind, we are planning to issue RFPs for 2025 funding but ONLY for the following services:

- Children’s Behavioral Health Services
- Certified Prevention services for all ages
- Adult Care Facilities (ACFs)

## **CHILDREN’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES:**

Issuing an RFP for these services for 2025 funding will help us address the significant changes in the child and adolescent services landscape and better meet the evolving needs of young people and families.

*Funding for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) services and consultation will NOT be part of this RFP process. Funding will be handled in a separate process with the Cuyahoga County Office of Early Childhood and Invest in Children*

## **CERTIFIED PREVENTION SERVICES:**

We are committed to strengthening certified prevention programs for all ages while offering all current prevention providers the opportunity to innovate, re-imagine or design services to meet current needs.

## **ADULT CARE FACILITIES:**

For the Adult Care Facility RFP, our goal is to expand our offerings to replace several ACF providers we have lost since the pandemic, including homes for specialized populations, such as high-risk offenders, physical disabilities, and people needing 24-hour care.

*Our existing ACF operators will NOT need to respond to the RFP. We will not issue an RFP for our other housing, residential, or supportive services.*

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

## CONTINUED


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We are expecting most of our other programs/services to continue and receive funding in 2025 – meaning they will NOT have to respond to an RFP at this time to receive funding from the ADAMHS Board in 2025.

However, we will review programs and may revise funding to providers for programs that best meet the needs of the community, reduce duplication and/or maximize funding.

We are not intending to reduce our overall system budget in 2025, but we want to maximize the funding that we have and focus on the most needed services, providers that do well, and fund at a level to assist providers with offering appropriate compensation to their staff.

Behavioral Health Treatment Services will remain in pooled funding.



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# RFP TIMELINE

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The following are key dates for this RFP. The ADAMHS Board is committed to adhering to this schedule but reserves the right to make modifications.

Date	Task
<b>8/1/2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County releases RFP.</li></ul>
<b>8/8/2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4:00 p.m. deadline for submission of e-mailed questions related to RFP.</li><li>E-mail questions to <a href="mailto:RFP@ADAMHSCC.ORG">RFP@ADAMHSCC.ORG</a></li><li>E-mail subject line MUST READ: RFP Question.</li></ul>
<b>8/13/2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Responses to e-mailed questions posted online at <a href="https://www.adamhsc.org/rfp">https://www.adamhsc.org/rfp</a> by 5:00 p.m.</li></ul>
<b>8/30/2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4:00 p.m. deadline for submission of RFP.</li><li>Proposal and all required documents shall be submitted via this link: <a href="https://www.adamhsc.org/rfp">https://www.adamhsc.org/rfp</a>. Proposals received after that date and time shall be rejected.</li></ul>
<b>8/31/2024 – 10/22/2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposals will be reviewed. Organizations may be contacted for further clarification of RFP submissions and vendor(s) may be chosen.</li></ul>
<b>10/23/2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recommendation for approval to contract with organizations will be made through the October 2024 ADAMHS Board of Directors meeting cycle, with a goal to initiate services in January 2025.</li></ul>