

**Request for Proposals
Adolescent Clubhouse
Worcester County Health Department**

The Worcester County Local Behavioral Health Authority (WCLBHA), an agency of the Worcester County Health Department, is seeking proposals for the purpose of developing and operating an Adolescent Clubhouse in Worcester County, Maryland. It is desired for services to be incorporated in multiple locations and/or virtual services for youth who cannot access the physical location. Locations must be an easily accessible, clean and welcoming public space, that will serve adolescents ages 12 - 17 (or up to age 18 if youth is still in high school) at risk for and recovering from a substance use disorder. The Adolescent Clubhouse will allow adolescents to assemble with their peers, in a safe and supportive alcohol and substance free environment that promotes recovery. The Adolescent Clubhouse will honor and respect all diverse pathways to recovery and promote person-centered and peer-based services.

The services offered should include, but not be limited to, vocational and educational training, self-care and social skills development, peer recovery support, age and developmentally appropriate recovery support groups, resource linkage, volunteer and service opportunities, recovery related workshops and family engagement events.

The clubhouse shall employ a Young Adult Peer Recovery Support Specialist (YAPRSS) who will engage with youth at the Adolescent Clubhouse in an effort to improve hope and optimism, support symptom reduction, increase self-esteem, build overall health and wellness, reduce workplace stigma surrounding substance use and co-occurring mental and opioid use disorders, and to inform non-peer staff about recovery from a youth perspective.

Proposals will be accepted by the Office of the County Commissioners until **Monday, December 13, 2021 at 1:00 PM**. One (1) original, and five (5) copies should be in a sealed envelope marked "Worcester ACH" in the lower left corner of the envelope addressed and mailed or hand carried to:

**Office of the County Commissioners
ATTN: Mr. Weston Young, Chief Administrative Officer
Worcester County Government Center
One West Market Street, Room 1103
Snow Hill, MD 21863**

A pre-proposal conference will be held virtually through Google Meets, on **Wednesday, November 15, 2021 at 9:00 am**. Please contact Karen Waggoner at Karen.Waggoner1@maryland.gov to request being added to the virtual invitation.

All contact regarding this Request for Proposals (RFP) should be directed to Karen Waggoner at 410-632-1100, Ext. 1146 or karen.waggoner1@maryland.gov Thank you for your interest.