Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (BHSP): Technical Assistance Webinar

May 31, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Agenda

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Caryn Rizell, Deputy Director

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HCAI and Behavioral Health Scholarship Program: Overview

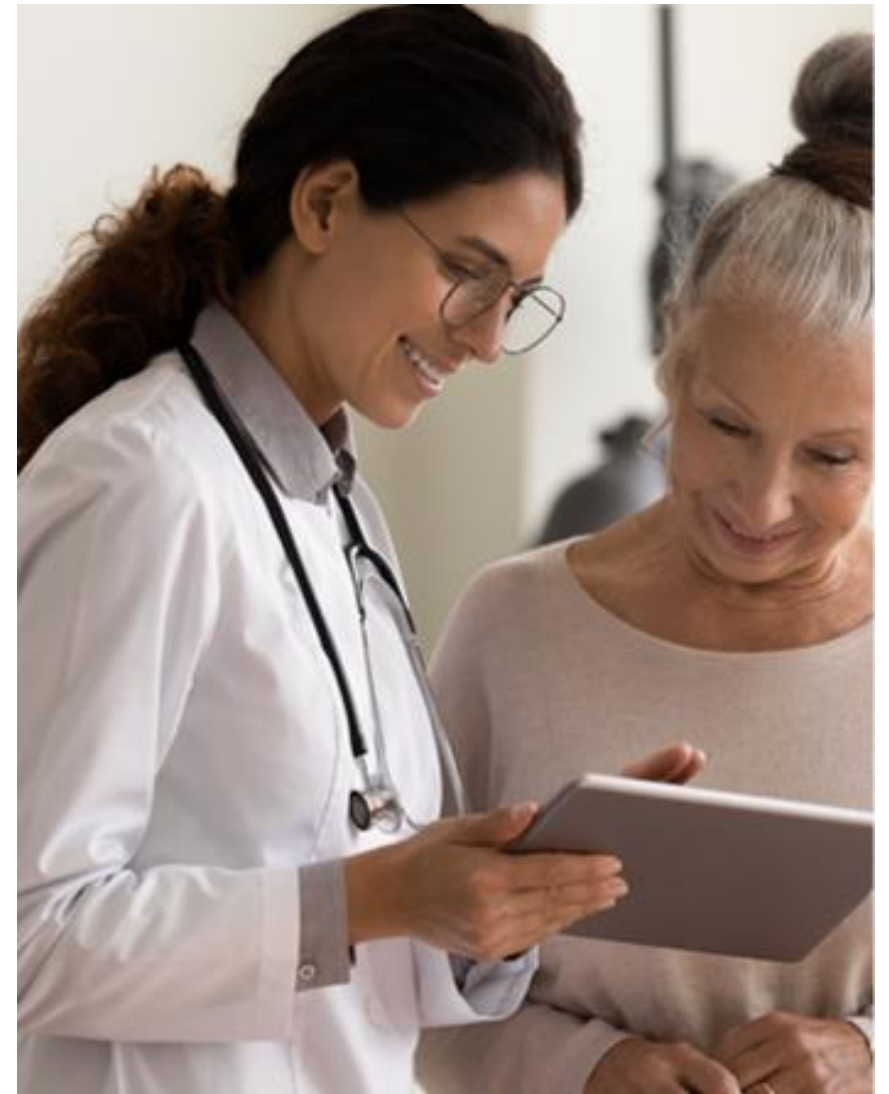Caryn Rizell, Healthcare Workforce Development Deputy Director

Our Mission

HCAI expands equitable access to quality, affordable health care for all Californians through resilient facilities, actionable information, and the health workforce each community needs.

HCAI Overview

- Established in 1978 as **OSHPD** – the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to ensure healthcare accessibility within California

- Transitioned to the Department of Health Care Access and Information (**HCAI**) in 2021 to reflect a growing portfolio and a more descriptive name

Health Workforce Development

- **Support and increase a health workforce that:**
  - Serves medically underserved areas.
  - Represents the California it serves through racial and language diversity
  - Serves Medi-Cal members.
- **Offer programs that provide financial support for:**
  - Organizations expanding educational capacity
  - Individuals to pursue health careers (scholarship and loan repayment)
  - Organizations to build the workforce pipeline

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Behavioral Health Scholarship Program (BHSP) Overview

Program Purpose

- To increase the supply of trained behavioral health workforce in California

- $30 million is available to fund individual scholarships of up to $25,000

- This program is funded by the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative, which supports behavioral health professionals to serve children and youth ages 0 through 25 years

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Reproductive Health Support

- Additional funds are available to support awardees intending to provide services in reproductive health settings

- Completing the application will determine if an applicant qualifies for these funds

- Applicants who are not eligible for Reproductive Health funds may be eligible for BHSP funds

BHSP Program Elements & Key Dates

Anne Powell, Health Program Specialist II

Eligible Professions (1/2)

- Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist
- Assistant Psychologist
- Associate, Bachelor or Master Degreed Social Worker
- Bachelor Level Mental Health Worker
- Behavioral Health Case Managers
- Certified Peer Specialist
- Behavioral Disorder Counselor
- Behavioral Health Assistant

- Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- Community Health Worker
- Community Response Counselor
- Licensed Applied Behavioral Analysist
- Licensed Clinical Psychologist
- Licensed or Associate Clinical Social Worker
- Licensed or Associate Marriage and Family Therapist

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- Licensed or Associate Professional Clinical Counselor
- Licensed Psychiatric Technician
- Mental/Behavioral Health Services Specialist
- Mental Health Care Specialist
- Mental Health Counselor
- Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapist Assistant

- Peer Personnel Specialist
- Psychiatric Aid
- Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurse
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Registered Nurse
- Psychiatric Technician
- Registered Psychological Associate
- Substance Use Disorder Counselor

Awards

- **Award levels**: HCAI may award full, partial, or no funding to an applicant based on the applicant's criteria score and the amount of available funds

- **Geographic distribution**: Award decisions will depend on application scoring results and geographic coverage across California

- Applicants will be awarded no more than their total cost of attendance for one year of the program

- Within six months of graduation, awardees must begin one year service obligation providing direct client/patient care in a qualified worksite

Key Dates

Event	Date
Application Available	May 15, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Technical Assistance Webinar	May 31, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Application Submission Deadline	August 15, 2023, 3:00 p.m.
Anticipated Award Notice Dates	July, August, and September 2023
Scholarship Grant Agreement Start Date	September 29, 2023

BHSP Grant Application Process

Christina Gonzalez, Program Officer

Application Components

- The application has nine sections:

1. General Information
2. Profile Information
3. Contact Information (one contact required)
4. Educational Information
5. Professional Information
6. Scholarship Program Verification
7. Employment History

8. Required Documents
   - **Ensure you use an acceptable file format**, **or your application will be rejected**! Examples of acceptable formats are .jpg, .doc, .docx, and .pdf.

9. Application Certification

Post-Award and Payment Provisions

- HCAI expects the Grantee will begin performance of the grant agreement on the start date listed on the grant award documents.

- The State Controller's Office mails a paper check directly to the Grantee's address on file. ***Please ensure HCAI has your most recent residential address on file to avoid delay in payment.***

- HCAI cannot provide tax advice to Grantees. HCAI are not tax professionals and tax consequences may vary depending on the Grantee. For this reason, Grantees should seek professional tax advice.

- HCAI reserves the right to recover monies for a Grantee's failure to perform service and other grant agreement obligations.

BHSP Evaluation & Application Scoring Procedures

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Evaluation and Scoring Procedures

- At the time of application closing, HCAI will review each application for the presence or absence of required information to conform with the application submission requirements

- HCAI may reject applications that contain false or misleading information

- HCAI will use the evaluation criteria described in the Grant Guide to score applications

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Scoring Criteria

Core Categories	Guideline	Max Points Possible
Languages Spoken	20 points: Speaks one or more listed languages fluently/well enough to be able to provide direct care services to clients 0 points: Does not speak any of the listed languages	20
Medically Underserved Areas/Populations	Volunteered or worked in a medically underserved area or with medically underserved populations in the United States or overseas 20 points: Yes; 0 points: No	20
Graduation Date	20 points: Graduation date is within calendar year 2024 0 points: Graduation date is later than December 31, 2024	20
Economically Disadvantaged	As defined by the Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students program, identified as having a disadvantaged background based on environmental and/or economic factors, or received a federal Exception Financial Need Scholarship 20 points: Yes; 0 points: No	20
Academic Performance	10 points: Student has a 3.0+ GPA 5 points: Student has a 2.0 - 2.99 GPA or equivalent	10
TOTAL POINTS		**90**

Questions & Answers

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Closing Remarks

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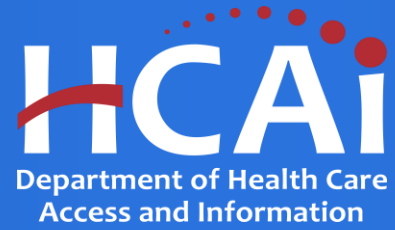☎ **Phone** (916) 326-3600

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