

## **Project Firstline Training – Infection Prevention & Control Health Needs Assessment**

*Call for Health System Applicants*

### **Overview**

AHA is seeking health systems to partner with us to identify and address training needs related to infection prevention and control (IPC), teamwork and effective communications. Selected partners will collaborate with AHA to implement a training needs assessment, develop an action plan to address gaps in skills and knowledge, pilot IPC training materials and evaluate program implementation.

**Deadline Friday, December 29, 2021**

### **Benefits of Participation**

- Financial support of up to \$500,000 per participant. Award amounts will be based on scope of work (SOW) and the number of awards granted.
- Access to IPC and TeamSTEPPS training resources.
- Access to a 2-day TeamSTEPPS training course with follow-up coaching.
- National recognition of program participation and co-branding of AHA and CDC training materials.
- Opportunity to offer feedback and insight on the development and implementation of IPC tools to support the health care field.

### **Criteria**

- Hospital applicants must be part of a health system.
- AHA member status.
- Ability to execute SOW within designated 9-month timeframe.
- Demonstrated need of training resources for IPC, teamwork and effective communications.
- Willingness to complete and implement a training needs assessment. Note that assessment tool will be developed by AHA/HRET.
- Designated project lead and team to facilitate and champion the scope of work. Willingness to share feedback on program activities with AHA and CDC to help inform the development and usability of IPC training resources.
- A signed letter of support from an executive at your health system.

## **Requirements**

CDC and AHA are committed to supporting participating hospitals with all aspects of the project. The project may require a 9-month commitment by the hospital or health system to do the following activities. The timeline may be subject to change based on the agreed upon scope of work.

<b>Requirement Timelines</b>	
<b>Application Deadline</b>	December 29, 2021
<b>Interview and Award Process</b> For those awarded, an SOW will be developed in collaboration with the AHA.	Early January 2022
<b>Administer training needs assessment.</b> Obtain 75% response rate from the identified workforce*. <i>Timeline: Up to one month.</i> *Target audience for the work will be identified when SOW is created. For example, the identified workforce may include staff in a select acute care unit(s).	Early February 2022
<b>ID project lead and team; conduct assessment and develop plan. –</b>	April 2022
<b>Participate in a 2-day TeamSTEPPS Master Trainer Course.</b>	TBD
<b>Rollout customized training plan for the selected workforce.</b>  AHA/HRET to support roll-out via monthly check-in calls, TeamSTEPPS coaching, feedback on implementation, and input on evaluation of education.	May 2022-September 2022
<b>Measure knowledge uptake and acceptance of educational offerings among selected workforces.</b> Hospital to participate in feedback activities with AHA/HRET and CDC to inform the development of IPC training resources.	April -September 2022

Please complete the application to the best of your ability. The AHA Project Firstline team will contact qualified applicants in January 2022 to schedule a 1:1 call to better understand the hospital's needs and interests. Submit program questions to [ProjectFirstline@aha.org](mailto:ProjectFirstline@aha.org).

- First Name
  - Last Name
  - Email
  - Phone number
  - Job Title/Position
  - System Name (No abbreviations)
  - Organization Name (No abbreviations)
  - Address
  - Address 2
  - City/Town
  - State/Province
  - Zip/Postal Code
  - Briefly explain why you are interested in this opportunity.
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- What goals do you want to accomplish through this work?
  - Describe the hospital(s) within your health system that will likely participate in this work. Explain how you envision the hospital(s) participating in the program.
  - Briefly describe the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training and measures you currently use within your organization.
    - How do you engage your front-line staff in these efforts?
    - How do you envision this award enhancing your current efforts towards IPC training?
    - What area(s) of need do you plan to focus on?
  - Which hospital units will participate in this work? Please briefly describe the audience and the work to be done (i.e., number of staff, types of roles involved, etc.)
  - Can you commit to designating a project lead for this work? Yes, No
  - Who do you envision being part of your designated project team for this work (Please specify roles or job titles)?
  - Do you currently have an electronic learning management system (LMS) in place? Yes. No. Not sure.

- If yes, please explain how your LMS is used to provide education and training for your staff.
- What is your largest area of need related to teamwork and communication?
- Does your system or hospital use any teamwork and communication frameworks such as TeamSTEPPS? Yes, No, Not Sure
- Has your hospital been trained in using TeamSTEPPS? Yes, No, Not Sure
- If selected as an awardee, can you provide a signed letter of support from your hospital leadership? Yes, No, Not Sure