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**RFA**

The RFA announcement was released via email on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. As introduced in the June call, the RFA program will have two tracks to increase the opportunity for more people to have access to the online program. There are two ways to participate in the RFA program:

*Track A* is a stipend for \$2,000 for participation in the field test evaluation of the Adolescent SBIRT online virtual human simulation training only, during the period of approximately January 2016 through May 2016.

*Track B* is a stipend for up to \$10,000 for full implementation of the Adolescent SBIRT program, including an Instructor's Toolkit and online virtual human simulation training, during the period of approximately January 2016 through September 2017.

Learning Collaborative members who are receiving SBIRT funds are still eligible to apply to Track A without the stipend. NORC has released an FAQ document that contains the submitted questions regarding the RFA. The document is posted on the website "[Call for Applications](#)" page.

The RFA is due to NORC by 6 PM ET on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The deadline has been extended from the original July 20<sup>th</sup> date.

### **Request to Schedule Walk-Thru Calls**

Completing a one-on-one call with NORC is required to apply for the RFA program. A "Walk-Thru" call is a 30 minute introduction to LC member's programs in which members will talk about their programs with NORC staff. One call is required per program. To schedule a call, email [SBIRTeam@norc.org](mailto:SBIRTeam@norc.org) with two to three half hour time slots Monday through Friday between the hours of 11 AM and 5 PM Eastern.

### **Development of Interactive Patient Simulation Training (Kognito)**

Cyrille Adam from Kognito gave an update on the development of the online simulation program. He thanked the Learning Collaborative members who have provided feedback and participated in Online Review Group opportunities. Currently, Kognito has scripted and finalized 50% of the content for the program. One of the practice conversations for the simulation is of Josh – a friendly and comical teen who ends up in the emergency room with an ankle injury after jumping off of a roof at a party. During the conversation, Josh can easily disengage if the provider is directive or authoritative which would require the students to practice addressing him in a way that keeps him engaged. The Josh conversation has been scripted, recorded and animated.

The other conversation that will appear in the simulation is for Kayla – a teen who comes into the clinic for a well visit. The provider has known Kayla for several years and she has always been friendly and receptive, although she can be shy and soft-spoken. She is not experiencing strong negative consequences for her alcohol use, and will challenge the student to increase and support her readiness to change. This conversation has been scripted and recorded. It is currently undergoing animation.

There will also be a third conversation for Emily which will take place in a school nurse/social work setting. This conversation is currently being scripted. Kognito will be reaching out to the LC members for feedback on this conversation. Cyrille noted that they would also like more feedback from nursing students and school nurses/SW practitioners on the content so if LC members know of any individuals that fit these descriptions, please send them to [SBIRTeam@norc.org](mailto:SBIRTeam@norc.org) or to Cyrille at [cyrille@kognito.com](mailto:cyrille@kognito.com). Members can also contact Cyrille for more information on the simulations and Kognito demos.

### **Upcoming Needs Assessment**

NORC has been working with the Adolescent SBIRT Project Steering Committee and partners to create a needs assessment survey. The purpose of this survey will be to understand the

landscape of schools of nursing and social work. The survey is currently being finalized and will be sent out during the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> via email. NORC will rely on a snowball sampling method to collect data for this so LC members are encouraged to not only participate but send the survey to colleagues as well.

### **Upcoming Webinars**

There are several upcoming webinars on specific SBIRT topics that LC members are encouraged to attend. The webinars are all free. Upcoming webinars include:

- **Drugs are a Local Phenomenon for LGBTQ Populations: Implications for SBIRT:** July 22, 2015  
<http://hospitalsbirt.webs.com/sbirt-lgbt>
- **Integrating SBI for Alcohol and Other Drugs into Behavioral Health Settings Serving College Students:** August 19, 2015  
<http://hospitalsbirt.webs.com/college-students-sbirt>
- **Seeding and Implementing Systems Change Efforts to Improve the Lives of Youth: Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's Youth Substance Use Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative:** September 16, 2015  
[http://ireta.org/improve-practice/addiction-professionals/webinars/?utm\\_source=iContact&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=IRETA&utm\\_content=](http://ireta.org/improve-practice/addiction-professionals/webinars/?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=IRETA&utm_content=)

### **Introduction to SBIRT**

In an effort to make these monthly call more informative, Tracy McPherson created an "What is SBIRT" powerpoint and presentation for those members who are just starting out with SBIRT. This topic was requested from several members during walk-thru calls. If members have other topics that they would like to learn more about, please email [SBIRTeam@norc.org](mailto:SBIRTeam@norc.org) and NORC will try to create either a similar on call learning presentation, a webinar or provide resources.

This introduction to SBIRT presentation included the following key points:

- The current model of substance use is outdated and views substance use issues as an addiction.
- SBIRT identifies a substance abuse problem as unhealthy risky excessive use allowing for a full continuum of substance use behavior.
- SBIRT is defined as a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for people with substance use disorders, and those at-risk for developing them.
- Components of SBIRT are screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment.
- Validated Adolescent/Young Adult Screening Tools include CRAFFT, GAIN-SS and AUDIT.

- A Brief Intervention is a time limited, individual, non-confrontational, health counseling session.

The full “What is SBIRT” presentation is uploaded onto the website.

### **Questions**

*Will there be training credits available for nurses?*

There are several trainings that exist for nurses including several from IRETA and one for the Big Initiative. The NORC Team can pull together resources for nurses and post on the website.

In addition to resources, NORC is also working with partners to have credit hours available for the Kognito online simulation program.

### **Next Call**

Tuesday, August 11, 2015