

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Application to be Deemed Evidence-Based

From: The Evidence-Based Practices Workgroup, a subcommittee of the Prevention Advisory Council-Workgroup of the Governor's Council on Behavioral Health

Thank you for your interest in having your program evaluated as an evidence-based practice by the Rhode Island Evidence-Based Practices Workgroup (RI EBPW). The goal of the RI EBPW is to provide guidance to the Prevention Advisory Committee of the Governor's Council on Behavioral Healthcare on the use of evidence-based practice in the delivery of behavioral healthcare services within the state.

An evidence-based practice (EBP) is one that is based in research and shows effectiveness under a particular set of circumstances. The term "practice" is synonymous with "program, intervention or strategy" in this context. The type of evidence and the relative strength of the evidence may differ based on the fidelity to the practice, culture, context and population targeted. Even though a proposed practice has been implemented in another setting or with a different population, it should not be assumed to be evidence based in all contexts.

Please fill out the enclosed application and submit your completed application via email to [bhddh.ebpw@bhddh.ri.gov](mailto:bhddh.ebpw@bhddh.ri.gov).

Your submitted application will be reviewed by a staff member for completeness. You may be contacted if formatting revisions or clarifications are necessary. Completed applications will then be reviewed by a panel of three experts. You may expect a decision regarding your application approximately 8-10 weeks after submission. At that time, applicants will be advised of acceptance or any requested revisions.

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