

Healthy Weight Collaborative Call for Applications - Deadline 1/27

Dear *We Can!* leaders,

We wanted to share an opportunity for you to engage in a virtual learning community with other groups across the nation that are currently engaged in evidence-based obesity intervention programs.

The Collaborate for Healthy Weight project (developed by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)) recently announced a Call for Applications for community teams to participate in Phase Two of the Healthy Weight Collaborative, a national quality improvement effort to test and spread evidence-based and promising interventions to prevent and treat obesity.

For those of you implementing *We Can!* curricula or other evidence-based obesity interventions, this is a great opportunity to share your experiences and learn from others. Collaborate for Healthy Weight will consider community teams based on:

Broad geographic distribution, with representation from urban, rural, tribal, and underserved communities facing significant health disparities,
Tribal communities, as well as teams with a focus on faith-based, intergenerational, and womens health approaches are encouraged to apply,
The application of community health workers (ie. patient navigators, promotoras, or community advocates) and mHealth or innovative technology (ie. text messages, smart phone applications, or other innovative approaches) is encouraged, and
IT capacity (or access to resources) to participate in the virtual collaborative, including webinars and videoconferencing.

The Call for Applications may be found at: <http://www.collaborateforhealthyweight.org/Take-Action/Join-the-Collaborative.aspx>. Please access the PDF version of the complete application, or click on the blue Apply Now! box for access to the online application.

The application deadline is January 27, 2012 at 3 p.m. EST. An informational webinar for interested applicants will be held this Wednesday from 3-4 p.m. Registration is required to attend, and may be accessed at <http://www.event.com/d/dcq8qx>. Space is limited.

For more information about the Healthy Weight Collaborative and the Collaborate for Healthy Weight initiative, please visit the projects website: <http://www.collaborateforhealthyweight.org>. If you have any further questions, please email info@collaborateforhealthyweight.org or contact Becca Lipman at 617-391-2700.

We hope one or more of you have the opportunity to participate in this great initiative!

Best wishes,

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