

# Request for Information (RFI) for Youth Peer Support Services

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## Purpose

This document outlines the St. Clair County Community Mental Health (SCCCMH) need for Youth Peer Support Services.

SCCCMH is a provider of Medicaid services and functions as part of Region 10 Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (Region 10 PIHP), comprised of Genesee Health Services, Lapeer CMH, Sanilac CMHA, and SCCCMH.

## Project Details

Youth Peer Support is intended to be provided to children, youth, and young adults who are middle school to 26 years of age. SCCCMH intends to expand Youth Peer Support Services in St. Clair County specified below.

- County-wide Capacity to:
  - Support youth and young adults with serious emotional disturbance/serious mental illness through shared activities and interventions in the form:
    - Direct support
    - Information sharing
    - Skill building
  - Supporting youth and young adults by:
    - Building strong relationships built on mutual respect
    - Strategic self-disclosure to increase hope, confidence, self-advocacy skills, and decision making
  - Assist and prepare youth and young adults to:
    - Successfully navigate challenges
    - Encourage participation in services and daily activities

## General Expectations for Interested Providers

- Interested providers must have the appropriate and necessary agency credentials in order to provide services being sought, or the capacity to obtain.
- Interested providers agree to adhere to the provider enrollment and credentialing policies/procedures of SCCCMH to be a credentialed member of SCCCMH's Provider Panel through a formal contractual agreement. For additional information, please see SCCCMH's policy #01-003-0011, *Provider Enrollment and Credentialing*, located on our website at <https://scccmh.org/policy-index/> ;

- Interested providers must have sufficient qualified staff currently available to provide the services being sought, or, in the alternative, identify an expected timeframe of acquiring qualified staff;
- Interested providers must have the financial capacity to establish or expand existing service locations in St. Clair County to provider services being sought;
- Interested providers must currently be or have the capacity to be paneled to be a Medicaid and private insurance provider.

### General Information

- Due date for RFI response with statement of interest: **12/23/2024**
- Qualifications for Youth Peer Support Specialists (page 3)
- Anticipated length of contract: TBD – generally fiscal year to fiscal year with renewal on an annual basis solely at SCCCMH’s discretion

### General Submission of Interest Information

All interest submissions should include the following components:

- Brief overview of the provider’s current Youth Peer Support service array/history
- General/high level narrative of how the provider would establish the requested services in St. Clair County.
- General/high level description of the provider’s sustainability plan for new or expanded service sites.
- Any supportive documentation the provider may want to include.
- All questions and statement of interest should be submitted in writing by email to:

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## Youth Peer Support Specialist:

Youth Peer Support Specialists must have lived experience navigating behavioral health systems and must actively participate in and complete the approved MDHHS curriculum, ongoing certification, and recertification requirements. Qualifications for the Youth Peer Support Specialist include:

- Young adult, ages 18 through 28, with lived experience with mental health challenges as a youth and who received mental health support as a youth or young adult.
- Willing and able to self-identify as a person who has received or is receiving behavioral health services and is prepared to use that experience in helping others.
- Experience receiving services in a variety of systems (such as child welfare, education, the justice system, vocation, housing, etc.) as a youth or young adult is preferred.
- Employed by PIHP/CMHSP or its contract providers.
- Trained in the MDHHS approved curriculum and ongoing certification and recertification model.

Youth Peer Support Specialists are required to receive regular supervision by a child mental health professional and shall participate as an active member of the treatment team.