

Statewide Family Network (SFN) Pre-Applicant Webinar NOFO
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Questions & Answers

1. Can the SFN program help parents understand and navigate school attendance policies and procedures? Yes, supporting families to overcome the barriers leading to school absence falls under the required activity “Providing workshops addressing the needs of families/caregivers raising children, youth, and young adults with SED/COD, including the challenges specific to underserved, culturally, racially, and ethnically diverse families” or the required activity, “Providing individual family advocacy and support for families raising children with SED [e.g., attending and participating in meetings with family members in any system touching their child with a SED/COD.”

2. Is teaching parent leadership an appropriate activity for a SFN grant?

Yes, it falls under the required activity, “Providing leadership development, training, outreach, and education for family/caregivers to facilitate and expand their participation in partnering with state and community agencies concerning behavioral health policy development and implementation to support needed family/caregiver voice, direction, empowerment and participation in treatment and service systems improvements.”

3. Can SFN grant activities include presenting at conferences?

Yes, this falls under the required activity, “Attending and participating in local, state, and/or national meetings and conferences to provide information about mental health issues affecting children and youth with SED/COD and input and feedback about service and system planning.” Of note, the presentation topic must be grant relevant topic.

4. Can a SFN grant pay for a parent to attend a leadership training?

Grant funds can be used to pay for parent leaders and SFN staff to attend leadership training. Please review the Funding Limitations/Restrictions of the NOFO as well as SAMHSA’s Standards for Financial Management and Standard Funding Restrictions in [Section H](#) of the Application Guide on page 22 of the NOFO.

5. Can applicants use graphs in their project narratives? SAMHSA does not dictate how you present the information in your project narrative.