

Frequently Asked Questions:
Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation FOA
SM-19-010

1. Can the grantee establish their own website?

Yes

2. Who is the intended audience for ECHO?

The ECHO model, originally developed to equip primary care clinicians with the skills needed to provide specialty care in areas where it was previously limited or unavailable, is now being used more widely across disciplines and topical areas. The ECHO model includes weekly teleECHO clinics led by experts in the field, offering a combination of didactic learning, case presentations, and mentoring to practitioners. The model offers service providers the opportunity to become part of a community of practice and learning, increasing satisfaction and reducing experiences of professional isolation.

In addition to developing resource documents and webinars to provide general technical assistance to the field, the Center of Excellence will also include more direct training opportunities to further build the capacities of the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation workforce. Applicants should propose what they think would be a valuable application of the ECHO model to the field of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation. As an example, a proposal might be developed to build the capacities of IECMH consultants working in particular settings (e.g. child care, home visiting, child welfare, primary care) or addressing particular topics (e.g., trauma, neonatal drug exposure, attachment).

3. Is there flexibility in following the requirements that the University of New Mexico has articulated for the ECHO model?

Consultation through an ECHO type model is one of the required activities listed in the FOA - refer to Section I-2: Required Activities (page 8 of the FOA). We recognize that reasonable adaptations may be necessary and applicants should describe in their application narrative any proposed adaptations to the ECHO model.