
1. **Q:** How will we determine if we have eligible school readiness sites in our counties this year?

A: That will be based on the status of the elementary schools in your community. Those schools that both receive Title I funding and are required to submit either a priority improvement or turnaround plan to CDE will be eligible. The application will also contain a list of eligible schools.

2. **Q:** Should the strategic and work plans all be 3-year plans?

A: The strategic plan should cover the three year period, and the work plans should cover each of the years individually. Councils will have the opportunity to update and change work plans based on changing conditions each year.

3. **Q:** What needs to be included in the letter of intent?

A: The letter of intent is really just a statement of the community's intention to apply for the next round of funding. State staff uses the information to get a sense of how many applicants to expect. There will be additional details in the application, but the letter is not meant to be a complicated process; it should be submitted electronically to Joyce Johnson (Johnson_joyce@cde.state.co.us).

4. **Q:** Related to EQ, how would a new council coordinator/member determine whether or not to apply for EQ funding if we have other mental health initiatives currently in our community?

A: The best way to get more information on EQ is to attend the EQ administrators' training that will be held on January 18th. You should also feel free to call Jo Koehn, Senior Consultant for the EQ Initiative, (303-866-6706) if you'd like to have a private conversation or more information.

5. **Q:** Our council may want to use the rubric to review/potentially refine our LSA. Is that appropriate?

A: Yes, absolutely- that's part of why the rubric is being released the same day as the grant is being released.

6. **Q:** On the LSA, do should we include success indicators only, or would it be better to include the targets we're trying to achieve as well?

A: The target should be part included as part of the success indicator so that outside reviewers have a way to understand what you're trying to achieve.

7. **Q:** What's the difference between the strategic plan being developed as part of the LSA process and the information you're requesting on the narrative page?

A: The strategic plan and associated work plans are the end products of the entire Local Systems Assessment process and must be submitted on the required templates. The narrative page/summary is there for you to share the vision behind the strategic plan. Think of the narrative as your opportunity to tell the story of why you selected the goals, strategies, etc. you did.
