



# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Enhanced Implementation Support  
Opportunity for NC Counties  
Implementing Triple P

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## Background & Rationale

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program system of interventions offers evidence-based parenting and family support strategies for all families. Triple P employs a public health approach to parenting and family support to reach entire communities and improve population-level child and family wellbeing. By offering families varying intensities of parenting support across flexible delivery formats (e.g., individual, group, online), Triple P enables families to set and reach goals in ways that match their specific needs and preferences.

The Triple P system, with support from Triple P America, the North Carolina Division of Public Health (DPH) and additional federal and foundation funders, is currently being scaled-up within 33 counties in North Carolina. To ensure a communitywide reach of evidence-based parenting and family support, these counties are organized into seven regional clusters of Triple P county coalitions (supported by DPH) and one independent county Triple P coalition supported by the John Rex Endowment. Clusters consist of two to 11 counties implementing Triple P, may involve as many as 40-50 local family serving agencies, organizations, and schools that are delivering various interventions from the Triple P system, and are supported by a lead community agency (in many cases, a county or regional public health agency).

Improved outcomes are not routinely reproduced from research into real-world settings. Applied implementation science has identified active processes and core functions that are necessary for bringing the full experience of an intervention to children and families. Doing “what it takes” to successfully spread Triple P for communitywide reach and impact can be effectively supported by implementation technical assistance, and may be particularly helpful when done in partnership with program purveyors, funders, and policymakers, all of which may be providing their own forms of implementation support. Purposeful and active implementation support from program purveyors and intermediary organizations assists sites with building leadership and implementation teams, ongoing professional development strategies, and continuous quality improvement approaches that are necessary for effective and sustainable implementation.

The Duke Endowment is committed to understanding the implementation infrastructure and capacities necessary to implement Triple P. An earlier project (2014-2015) evaluated the extent of implementation infrastructure and capacity for Triple P in two North Carolina counties - Cabarrus and Mecklenburg. The current project, North Carolina Implementation Capacity for Triple P (NCIC-TP), seeks to build upon lessons learned. Through this Request for Information (RFI), we would like to learn about the interest, fit, feasibility, and utility of NC counties’ potential participation in an enhanced form of implementation support to build sustainable implementation capacities and infrastructure that support the use of Triple P. Upon reviewing responses, we will select a county-cluster region with which to partner and locally tailor this enhanced implementation support activities.

## Our Request

The North Carolina Implementation Capacity for Triple P (NCIC-TP) Project, in partnership with Triple P America, the Duke Endowment, and the North Carolina Division of Public Health, would like to learn about the interest, fit, feasibility, and utility of NC counties' potential participation in an enhanced form of implementation support. The aim of the enhanced support will be to strengthen and sustain implementation capacities and infrastructure that support the use of Triple P. The NCIC-TP project team is currently in the process of developing an enhanced implementation support plan along with supportive tools and resources for NC counties scaling-up Triple P. The enhanced support plan will contain a logic model for partnering with counties to achieve and sustain high-quality implementation, articulate core domains of implementation support across a variety of co-creation partners (e.g., program purveyors and intermediary organizations, funders and policymakers, involved community members), and detail best practices for implementation technical assistance that can be utilized when working to support counties. The NCIC-TP team will then facilitate and partner in the enhanced implementation support plans with one county cluster from November 2016 through December 2018. Generally, the enhanced implementation support plans will focus on three key domains for implementation capacity:

- (1) Multi-level Leadership and Implementation Teams
- (2) Ongoing Practitioner Professional Development
- (3) Outcome and Quality Monitoring for Ongoing Improvement

Enhanced implementation support may also include attention to social engagement and communication strategies.

Upon review of RFI responses, we will select a county-cluster as a partner for tailoring and then applying the enhanced implementation support plans within local context. Tailoring implementation support will involve a collaborative relationship process with local coalition leadership and agency partners, thoughtful reviews of progress and needs to date, and formal assessments of readiness and capacity for the implementation of Triple P. This partnership will progress over a two-year period, beginning in late 2016 and going through 2018. Throughout the support period, the NCIC-TP team will incorporate lessons learned to refine implementation support approaches and resources that can then be utilized by any NC county scaling-up Triple P.

As a group of NC counties with a 3- to 4-year history of implementing Triple P, you and your county/regional health director have been identified as key contacts for one of the county-clusters. We invite you complete this RFI. This is not a requirement. It is an opportunity to receive enhanced implementation support, as well as a chance to inform and shape subsequent implementation support efforts for Triple P in NC. The actual costs of implementation technical assistance from the NCIC-TP team are being paid by The Duke Endowment. If invited to participate in the enhanced implementation support partnership, the county-cluster's costs are "in-kind," consisting of time, willingness, and active participation in enhanced implementation support activities.

## Instructions

The RFI has five sections that must be completed in order for your response to be considered complete:

- I. Respondent Contact Information
- II. Organizational Leadership and Partnership
- III. Progress-To-Date
- IV. Collaboration
- V. Acknowledgements

## Logistics

**The submission deadline is Sunday, July 24, 2016 at Midnight EDT.** The completed document should be submitted online [here](#). You may email questions to Claire Veazey, NCIC-TP Project Manager, at [veazec@live.unc.edu](mailto:veazec@live.unc.edu)

After the submission deadline, the NCIC-TP Project Team and partners (NC Division of Public Health, Triple P America, The Duke Endowment) will review responses, and identify 2-3 county clusters that may provide the best fit for the enhanced implementation support opportunity. The NCIC-TP project team will then travel to these county clusters during the weeks of August 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to meet Triple P coalition leadership, support staff, and representatives from local agencies and further discuss fit with the enhanced implementation support opportunity. NCIC-TP project team members will likely have additional questions about the local Triple P coalition, its history, and its vision for the future, and local coalition members will have the opportunity to ask questions about enhanced implementation support plans and processes. These meetings are projected to take a half-day. A final decision and notification to proceed will be made with one county-cluster by mid-September, 2016.

## RESPONDENT CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>County-Cluster Name:</b>
[Name of initiative]
<b>Please list the County names included in this cluster</b>
[County names]
<b>County-Cluster Coordinators:</b>
[Names]
<b>Respondents' names:</b>
[Names]
<b>Respondents roles within the local Triple P initiative (not necessarily roles or title in agency):</b>
[Title]
<b>Email addresses of respondents:</b>
[Email]
<b>Phone numbers of respondents:</b>
[Phone]

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## ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP & PARTNERSHIP

Please describe your Triple P County-Cluster Leadership Team. This should be the team with ultimate oversight and executive decision-making authority for your Triple P initiative. How often is this team meeting? *If still in development, what plans are in place for creating a county-cluster leadership team?*

[Answer]

Does each county in your cluster have their own Triple P Leadership Team? If so, please describe these teams below. Please provide details about how often, on average, they are meeting.

[Answer]

Please list the names, titles, roles, and agency affiliations of up to five staff members with deliberate roles to the support implementation of Triple P across your county-cluster (e.g., these staff would be members of your County-Cluster Implementation Team)

[Answer]

For each county in the cluster, please list the active agencies involved in your Triple P coalition (Agency name, population served, # of trained and active practitioners)

[Answer]

Please list all current funding (fundors and time periods) for your Triple P initiative (county-cluster and county efforts). This may be funds for Triple P training and support, TA for implementation, and/or evaluation.

[Answer]

How are you structuring practitioner peer support networks in and across the counties? How often are they expected to meet? What kinds of quality assurance mechanisms do you have in place?

[Answer]

In what other ways are you supporting or interacting with agencies in your county-cluster that are delivering Triple P?

[Answer]

Please describe your vision for funding Triple P and implementation TA in your region after this two-year period.

[Answer]

Please provide a web address for the Triple P initiative at the cluster and/or county-levels, if available.

[Answer]

## PROGRESS TO-DATE

<b>Please list all the Triple P program variants currently being provided by agencies in your county-cluster</b>
[Answer]
<b>What other evidence-based programs (EBPs) have you and are you currently expanding or scaling up in your county-cluster region?</b>
[Answer]
<b>Please describe the most important accomplishments and successes to-date related to implementing Triple P in the counties in your cluster.</b>
[Answer]
<b>Please describe your Triple P county-cluster's areas of need or challenges to-date related to implementing Triple P.</b>
[Answer]
<b>Please list your county-cluster's most significant priorities for expanding and/or sustaining Triple P.</b>
[Answer]
<b>Please describe how enhanced implementation support might help you address your challenges and priorities related to implementing and sustaining Triple P.</b>
[Answer]

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## COLLABORATION

**Tell us if and how your Triple P county-cluster is collaborating with Triple P America (TPA) to support your implementation of Triple P.**

[Answer]

**Tell us if and how your Triple P county-cluster is already collaborating with other implementation technical assistance providers to support your implementation of Triple P.**

[Answer]

**How else might Triple P America (TPA) or other implementation TA providers help to strengthen the implementation of Triple P in your county-cluster/region?**

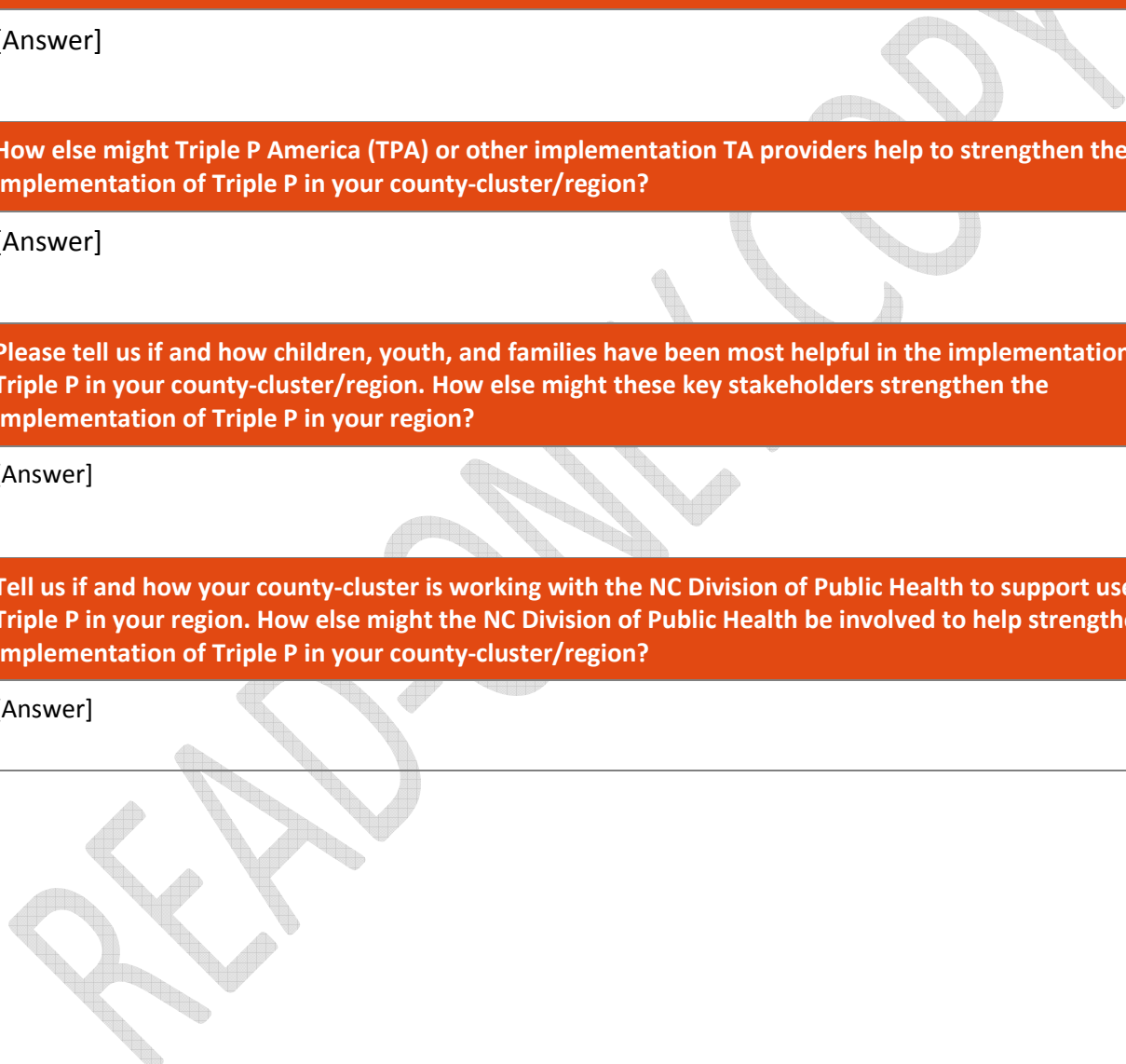
[Answer]

**Please tell us if and how children, youth, and families have been most helpful in the implementation of Triple P in your county-cluster/region. How else might these key stakeholders strengthen the implementation of Triple P in your region?**

[Answer]

**Tell us if and how your county-cluster is working with the NC Division of Public Health to support use of Triple P in your region. How else might the NC Division of Public Health be involved to help strengthen the implementation of Triple P in your county-cluster/region?**

[Answer]





## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Optional)

**If needed, please use this section to convey any additional information you feel is important for the NCIC-TP team to know about your Triple P county-cluster and initiative.**

[Answer]

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Please review, check, and sign.

- “I/we acknowledge having the authority and/or permission of \_\_\_\_\_ to complete and submit this completed RFI for NCIC-TP enhanced implementation support on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ [name county cluster].”
- I/we understand that, upon initial RFI reviews and if identified as a potential candidate, our county-cluster/counties agree to be available for on-site exploration meetings during the weeks of August 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Meetings are expected to take a half-day and should be attended at various points by Triple P coalition leadership, support staff, and representatives from local agencies to further discuss fit with the enhanced implementation support opportunity.
- I/we understand that the NCIC-TP project team’s direct costs for implementation support during the project period are paid for by the Duke Endowment.
- I/we understand that, if invited to participate in the enhanced implementation support opportunity, our county-cluster/counties’ costs are “in-kind,” consisting of our time, willingness, and active participation in enhanced implementation support activities.
- I/we understand that, if invited to participate in the enhanced implementation support opportunity, our county-cluster/counties agree to partner in planning and participating in various enhanced implementation support activities, including on-site support with coalition leadership and participating agencies, and virtual support, such as web and phone conferencing, online learning, and other virtual activities.
- I/we understand that, if invited to participate in the enhanced implementation support opportunity, our county cluster/counties will be able to start initial partnership activities in November, 2016.

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Signature

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Date