

Request for Proposals (RFP): Tri-County Collective Trauma and Resilience Needs Assessment

Background: Gang Alternative, Inc. (GA), through the Collective Action to Address Trauma and Stress (CAATS) initiative, seeks proposals from qualified consultants to conduct a needs assessment focused on collective trauma, resilience, and community capacity across Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

CAATS is funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) ReCAST Program and works to strengthen community resilience, promote trauma-informed practices, and address the impact of violence and trauma on youth, families, and communities.

Project Period: July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2026

Qualifications: Applicants should demonstrate:

- Experience conducting community needs assessments.
- Experience with trauma-informed or behavioral health initiatives.
- Experience engaging diverse community stakeholders.
- Strong quantitative and qualitative research skills.

Scope of Work and Deliverables

The selected consultant shall conduct a Tri-County Collective Trauma, Community Violence, and Resilience Assessment for the Collective Action to Address Trauma and Stress (CAATS) initiative serving Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. The assessment shall be completed within a three-month period beginning in July and concluding no later than September 30, 2026.

Task 1: Project Initiation and Work Plan

July 1 - July 15, 2026

The consultant shall:

- Participate in a kickoff meeting with CAATS leadership.
- Review any available materials, reports, and available community data.
- Develop a detailed project work plan and timeline.
- Finalize data collection instruments and stakeholder engagement strategy.
- Identify priority communities and stakeholder groups for engagement.

Deliverable: Project Work Plan and Data Collection Plan

Task 2: Data Collection and Environmental Scan
July 15 - August 15, 2026

The consultant shall:

- Identify and review local quantitative data related to:
 1. Community violence
 2. Crime
 3. Mental health indicators
 4. Substance use
 5. Poverty
 6. Educational outcomes
 7. Housing instability
 8. Other social determinants of health

- Conduct an environmental scan of existing trauma-related services, supports, and initiatives throughout the tri-county area.

Deliverable: Environmental Scan Summary

Task 3: Stakeholder Engagement
July 15 - August 31, 2026

To collect qualitative data, the consultant shall conduct stakeholder engagement activities across all three counties, including:

- Key informant interviews
- Focus groups
- Listening sessions
- Community surveys

Stakeholders shall include:

- Youth
- Parents and caregivers
- Educators
- Faith leaders
- Behavioral health providers
- Healthcare providers
- Community-based organizations
- Government representatives
- Residents with lived experience

At minimum, the consultant shall conduct:

- One stakeholder engagement session in Miami-Dade County
- One stakeholder engagement session in Broward County

- One stakeholder engagement session in Palm Beach County

Deliverable: Stakeholder Engagement Summary

Task 4: Asset Mapping and Gap Analysis
August 15 - September 10, 2026

The consultant shall:

- Identify existing resources and services that address trauma, violence prevention, mental health, and community resilience.
- Assess service gaps and barriers to access.
- Identify underserved populations and geographic areas.
- Evaluate opportunities for collaboration and systems improvement.

Deliverable: Community Asset Map and Gap Analysis

Task 5: Findings and Recommendations
September 1 - September 20, 2026

The consultant shall:

- Analyze all quantitative and qualitative data.
- Identify key themes and findings.
- Develop recommendations addressing:
 - Collective trauma prevention
 - Community resilience
 - Trauma-informed systems change
 - Coalition development
 - Capacity building
 - Community engagement
 - Sustainability opportunities

Deliverable: Draft Needs Assessment Report

Task 6: Final Report and Presentation
September 20 - September 30, 2026

The consultant shall:

- Incorporate feedback from CAATS leadership.
- Submit a final report.
- Develop a community-friendly executive summary.
- Present findings to CAATS stakeholders and coalition members.



Deliverables:

- Final Needs Assessment Report
- Executive Summary
- Community-Friendly Summary Report
- PowerPoint Presentation
- Electronic copies of all data collection tools and supporting materials

Expected Outcomes

The assessment shall provide CAATS with:

- A clear understanding of collective trauma and resilience across the tri-county region.
- Identification of priority populations and communities.
- An inventory of existing resources and service gaps.
- Actionable recommendations to guide future programming, coalition activities, funding strategies, and community-wide trauma response efforts.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals shall include:

- Relevant experience
- Proposed methodology
- Project timeline
- Resumes of key personnel
- Three references
- Budget and budget narrative

Submission Information

Proposals must be submitted electronically by June 26 to info@myga.org.



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