



The NC *I'm IN: Community Inclusion* Advisory Group is seeking proposals for innovative, non-traditional community initiatives that support policies, programs and practices that create community connection, inclusion and integration for people with mental illness.

Following are guidelines and priority areas that will inform selection decisions for Pilot Partners.

Guidelines for Becoming a Pilot Partner with *I'm IN: Community Inclusion*

- Proposals should offer ideas and solutions that address local issues of community segregation and isolation.
- Proposals should demonstrate partnerships that include local coalitions and community champions that support inclusion of people with mental illness.
- Proposals should be designed, guided and assessed by and with people directly impacted by labels of mental illness.

Additional guidance can be found in the following documents on the Temple University website. http://www.tucollaborative.org/sdm_downloads/well-together/

Jump Starting Community Living and Participation Toolkit, Assess, pp. 23-26 and Evaluate, pp. 55-58.

Well Together – A Blueprint for Community Inclusion: Fundamental Concepts, Theoretical Frameworks and Evidence.

Priorities for Becoming a Pilot Partner with *I'm IN: Community Inclusion*

* Top priority is for proposals that are peer or consumer-operated. That is, they are designed, operated, and assessed by people directly impacted by labels of mental illnesses. This may include peer or consumer-operated organizations, programs, initiatives or movements.

* Second priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate strong partnerships and leadership from people directly impacted by labels of mental illness.

* Additional priority will be given to innovative, creative and non-traditional ways of advancing community connection and inclusion in the areas of policy, practice and programs.



To apply to be a Pilot Partner please submit by January 30, 2019 the following information to:

iZi Center for Integrative Health, 1135 Kildaire Farm Rd. Cary, NC 27511

Name of Applicant or Organization:

Contact person for applicant including email address, telephone, mailing address:

Brief description of your local network or the names of key individuals in the community that are part of your proposed initiative:

Please write a description of the innovation(s) you are proposing that will promote the goals of *i'm IN: Community Inclusion* within your community. Please do not limit your creativity but consider some of the categories below that might stimulate your thinking.

- A. Program: what do you propose to do? How you expect to do it, and how you will know if you are succeeding?
- B. Commitment- how will you seek local commitment from diverse groups of community members to guide the work of engagement, connection and inclusion?
- C. Assessment- how will you determine the opportunities and barriers to true community connection and inclusion in your local area?
- D. Funding: will you need additional funding to implement the innovation? How much?
- E. Training: will you need additional training or other support to implement your proposal?
- F. Education- will you use technology, creative messaging, community events, etc., to create awareness and knowledge about engagement, connection and inclusion?
- G. Innovation: how will your proposal contribute something new to your community and to people with mental illness?
- H. Celebration: how will your team celebrate success?