



## **FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV), University of Colorado Boulder, is seeking schools containing grades 6-8 or 7-9 in selected states to implement the evidence-based LifeSkills Training (LST) Program, a middle school substance abuse and violence prevention program consistently proven to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. Positive outcomes also have been shown for violence, risky driving behavior, and other high-risk behavior. LST is recognized as a Model or Exemplary program by various government and private agencies, including the Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development list maintained by CSPV.

CSPV subcontracts with the organization that developed the LifeSkills Training program to deliver expert training and technical assistance to teachers and to provide program sustainability training to administrators. CSPV will oversee all aspects of the project and monitor and report on implementation integrity throughout the three years of the grant. The grant will allow CSPV to provide three years of training and technical assistance and program materials to eligible schools, districts, and education agencies, beginning in fall 2016. Through this grant, 132 school districts around the country have already implemented the LifeSkills Training program.

For more information about the LST program and CSPV's Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development, please see the following web sites:

<http://www.lifeskillstraining.com/>

<http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/blueprints/>

<http://www.blueprintsprograms.com/>

### **Requirements:**

- School or district containing grades 6-8 or 7-9, or educational agency.
- Support/commitment of schools and teachers.
- Assign a person (coordinator) in the district to oversee the LST effort.
- Ensure that teachers attend training workshops.
- Commitment to program integrity.
- Allow CSPV to monitor fidelity through classroom observations and site visits.
- Teachers must complete a 10-minute survey on implementation at the end of the first full cycle of LST taught (\$20 incentive provided).
- Coordinators must complete a brief survey at the end of each year.

**Schools Receive:**

- Three years of LST curriculum materials, including student guides and teachers' manuals.
- Yearly teacher training workshops. All personnel who intend to teach the curriculum must attend these workshops.
- Teacher stipends or substitute-pay reimbursement to the school/district for teachers attending training workshops.
- Ongoing technical assistance, if requested (telephone, email or site visits).
- Training of Trainers (TOT) workshops for interested persons.
- Regional training workshops to help sites design and implement effective financing and sustainability strategies.
- Yearly reports by CSPV detailing implementation fidelity, challenges, and opportunities for improvement.

**Timeline**

The final deadline for applications is **October 31, 2015**. Sites are encouraged to apply earlier, as priority will be given to applications received by **April 30, 2015**. All sites will be selected by the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, and will begin implementation of the LST program in fall of 2016. **Please contact the Project Manager for your state to obtain application information.**

**Funding Source:**

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