



GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) at the University of Colorado Boulder is seeking schools containing grades 6-8 or 7-9 in select states to implement the [Botvin LifeSkills Training \(LST\) Middle School program](#). ***This grant opportunity comes at a critical time when COVID-19 has impacted budgets and demanded the social-emotional competencies and healthy coping strategies taught within the LST program.*** It is also an opportunity to address the recent surge in the use of e-vapor products among youth.

CSPV has learned about program replication successes and challenges by helping more than 400 school districts around the country implement the LifeSkills Training programs. This grant allows CSPV to provide three years of training and program materials to eligible schools, districts, and education agencies, beginning in Fall 2022.

For more information about the LST program, CSPV, and Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development, please visit:

<http://www.lifeskillstraining.com/> <https://cspv.colorado.edu/> <http://www.blueprintsprograms.org/>

Botvin LifeSkills Training Middle School Program Highlights

- Experimentally-proven.
- Skills to reduce stress and anxiety and increase well-being.
- Substance abuse and violence prevention.
- Guidance to integrate vaping prevention topics into relevant lessons.
- Aligns with standards for health education.
- A total of 30 45-minute class sessions spread across three grade levels (6-8 or 7-9).

Schools Receive (at no cost)

- Three years of LST curriculum materials, including student guides and teacher manuals.
- Teacher training workshops for all personnel delivering the program.
- Stipends or substitute pay reimbursement for teachers attending training workshops.
- Ongoing technical assistance, if requested (telephone, video call, email, or in-person).
- Training-of-Trainers (TOT) workshops for interested persons.
- Regional workshops to help sites design and implement effective financing and sustainability strategies.
- Feedback reports by CSPV detailing implementation fidelity, successes, and recommendations.

Requirements

- School, district, or educational agency serving grades 6-8 or 7-9.
- Support by schools and teacher and commitment to program integrity.
- Assign a “site coordinator” in the district to oversee the LST effort.
- Allow CSPV to monitor fidelity through lesson observations, feedback surveys, and a site visit.
- Provide aggregate demographics (gender and ethnicity) of students receiving program.

No other reporting is required of grantees.

Grant Application

The short application (~30 minutes) describes the district’s plans for implementation and coordination and is due by **February 9, 2022**. *If multiple schools within your district plan to apply, please submit one application for the entire system. The participating schools forms toward the end of the application will request school-level details.* All sites will be selected by the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year and implementation will begin in Fall 2022.

Application Information: <https://cspv.colorado.edu/what-we-do/initiatives/lst-grant/application/>

Online Application: [LST Middle School Online Application](#)

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