



## WHAT IS PARTNERS IN PREVENTION?

**Partners in Prevention** is a grant initiative offered by the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte (HFL) to all schools in La Porte County. Schools receive funding for planning and implementation grants and technical assistance and evaluation for proven substance use prevention programs. These programs equip students with skills that not only help them avoid drugs and alcohol, but also help improve their academic achievement, attendance, classroom behavior and social and emotional well-being. Proven prevention programs also help reduce bullying and violence.

## OUR MODEL

In 2018, Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation committed more than \$10.2 million to 151 Indianapolis schools delivering proven prevention programs to 71,112 students by the 2020-2021 school year. This funding will help to implement evidence-based prevention programs in public (traditional, charter and innovation network) and accredited private K-12 schools in Marion County. Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation has kindly permitted HFL to adopt the main components of their initiative. We sincerely thank the Fairbanks Foundation for their support.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Grants will be awarded in two stages:

- **PLANNING GRANTS**

Planning grants of up to \$12,000 (depending upon the size of the school) will be made available to La Porte County schools to learn more about evidence-based prevention programs and develop detailed plans for effective implementation. Planning grants will be awarded on a non-competitive basis, meaning that all schools that meet eligibility criteria and apply will receive a planning grant.

- **IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS**

Planning grant recipients are eligible to apply for three years of funding to implement their plan for an evidence-based prevention program. Grants are awarded to schools that develop a comprehensive and realistic plan to implement prevention programs and sustain these programs long-term with fidelity.

HFL will connect grant recipients with prevention experts who will provide free, step-by-step guidance to help: 1) identify the proven prevention program that best meets the needs of each applicant's students, staff and school environment and 2) develop a plan for sustainable implementation. HFL will fund outside evaluators to assess approved implementation grant programs for desired outcomes.

### Evidence-based prevention programs help students avoid substance use and improve other outcomes as well:

66%	LESS LIKELY TO INITIATE USE OF HEROIN, CRACK AND COCAINE*
28%	LESS LIKELY TO SMOKE LONG TERM**
66%	LESS LIKELY TO USE MARIJUANA LONG TERM**
15%	LOWER ABSENTEEISM***
51%	HIGHER MATH SCORES ON STATE TESTS***
18%	MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL*
41%	MORE LIKELY TO ATTEND COLLEGE*
32%	DROP IN DELINQUENCY**
26%	DROP IN FIGHTING**

\*PAX Good Behavior Game, \*\*LifeSkills Training, \*\*\*Positive Action

For more information about the planning and implementation grant application and selection process, please contact us at 219.326.2471 or [contact@hflaporte.org](mailto:contact@hflaporte.org).