

LIFESKILLS TRAINING MIDDLE SCHOOL GRANT OPPORTUNITY!

There is an opportunity to apply to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for funding for implementation of a highly regarded and effective prevention program to address marijuana and other substance use in your school or youth-serving organization! Funded by the 2015 Legislature, with marijuana/cannabis tax revenues, the LifeSkills Training program targets middle school aged youth and is a proven program that helps young people develop refusal/intervention skills to prevent and reduce the use or abuse of marijuana and other harmful substances. The program has also been shown to reduce school violence and bullying, as well as improve school climate. It is a three-level program that is generally provided to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, over a three-year period. LifeSkills Training works!

The grant is open to all public schools and youth-serving community organizations, serving middle school aged youth, but priority will be given to those schools and organizations serving youth and communities in greatest need or risk of substance abuse, as well as those sites who were funded for the program in SY 2015-16 and wish to fund a new cohort of students.

The grant will pay for all student and teacher materials for all three levels for all students in your school or site. It will also pay for required instructor training.

To learn more about the program, see the LifeSkills Training website at www.lifeskillstraining.com, or contact Bill Evans at OSPI, at 360-725-6039 or bill.evans@k12.wa.us.