

Partners in Youth Suicide Prevention (PYSP)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

1. What organizations are eligible for PYSP?

All K12 youth-serving organizations in the Indiana counties of Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White counties that are not K12 schools are eligible to apply and should apply under one of the following categories:

- Non-Profit
- Faith Institution
- Foundation
- Extension Office
- Other (Please Explain)

School corporations are not eligible to apply. Organizations physically located outside of North Central Indiana are not eligible to apply.

2. My organization already promotes youth wellbeing. What will this opportunity provide?

This initiative will provide K12 youth-serving organizations with training, technical assistance, and funding support to invest in 6 key areas of systemwide suicide prevention:

1. Engaging organization staff and volunteers in suicide prevention planning, training, and communication
2. Developing community partnerships to ensure students receive necessary support and services
3. Promoting protective factors that enhance youth wellbeing
4. Creating policies and protocols for helping youth who are at risk of suicide
5. Creating policies and protocols for response after a suicide
6. Identification and support of youth who are at-risk of suicide

Selection of applicants will not be based on current policies, initiatives, or other efforts toward these components.

3. What youth serving organizations will benefit from this grant opportunity?

Organizations that provide direct services to youth, are prepared to focus on suicide prevention policy and protocol development, and have a desire to be better prepared to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for suicide will benefit from this opportunity. This opportunity may not be appropriate for mental health service organizations who likely already have strong guiding policies and practices for suicide prevention. If you are primarily a mental health service provider or mental health promotion organization, connect with Michelle Kreinbrook (Michelle.Kreinbrook@nchsi.com) and Shawna Hite-Jones (sdhite-jones@edc.org) on your interest before applying to confirm your organization will experience value from participation.

4. What training will organizations participating in PYSP receive?

Organizations participating in PYSP will participate in a full-day, train-the-trainer in the PYSP Toolkit in April 2026. This training will provide best practices in youth suicide prevention; an overview of the PYSP Toolkit and six key areas of investment for suicide prevention; an introduction to national and local resources for youth suicide prevention; and a train-the-trainer in applying the toolkit contents to daily practices, policy creation, and professional development. Organizations will also participate in two, 1-hour peer learning webinars where they will engage in facilitated conversations on their experiences implementing the PYSP toolkit in daily practices.

5. Are grant recipients required to engage with the technical assistance providers?

Yes. NCHS has selected the technical assistance providers based on their expertise in supporting community organizations in implementing evidence-based suicide prevention and youth wellness promotion initiatives. This expert counsel is offered at no cost to organizations to support grant recipients in addressing challenges during PYSP implementation and planning for sustainment of suicide prevention efforts post the initial grant project period.

6. How many people should be on our team?

2-3 individuals are recommended. The recommended composition of each team is as follows (at minimum):

- 1 organizational leader (e.g., CEO, Executive Director, COO) with policymaking and decision-making authority
- 1 programmatic staff or volunteer (e.g., trainer, program manager, coach, camp lead).
- Organizations are also encouraged to engage youth, family members, and/or other invested participants from the community such as school districts within the initiative

Note: While 2-3 team members are recommended at a minimum, each organization is welcome to engage more staff as appropriate who can support toolkit application and policy and protocol development. If you are interested in this opportunity, but engaging a team of 2-3 individuals presents a barrier to participation, please connect with Michelle Kreinbrook (michelle.kreinbrook@nchsi.com) and Shawna Hite-Jones (sdhite-jones@edc.org) to discuss options for applying.

7. How can the \$5,000 grants be used in this initiative?

Funds can be used for the following:

- Stipends for PYSP implementation team members and/or broader staff or volunteers engaged in PYSP. Stipend amounts should not exceed \$500 per individual for core PYSP team members or \$250 per person for broader staff or volunteers engaged in PYSP but not part of the core team.
- Travel expense reimbursements related to attending the PYSP Train the Trainer in Lafayette, Indiana in April 2026.
- Materials/Supplies needed to apply PYSP Toolkit within organization

- Compensation Incentives to thank/show appreciation for the core PYSP implementation team members and broader community volunteers engaged in PYSP activities. Food/beverage costs should not exceed \$35 per person per event. Gifts should not exceed \$20 per person.

8. What is the time commitment for organizations who apply?

This project is estimated to take the average organizational team member approximately 30-35 hours (slightly less than a typical workweek) from May to December 2026. For a minimum of two team members, this would total 60-70 hours over the course of 2026. Additional details on time estimates for key project components are provided in the RFA.

9. Will all K12 youth-serving organizations that apply be awarded a grant?

The selection of applicants will not be based on current policies, initiatives, or other efforts related to these components. Every eligible K12 youth-serving organization that applies for a grant; is located within Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, or White counties, has two years of financial history and financial statements, and adheres to the grant application requirements will be awarded a grant.

10. How is PYSP related to NCHS's Preventing Youth Suicide Initiative (PYSI) with K12 school corporations in North Central Indiana?

Due to PYSI's success and impact in preparing schools to prevent youth suicide, NCHS is seeking to engage K12 youth-serving organizations in expanding this work to youths' out-of-school time. The [6 key areas of investment for systemwide suicide prevention](#) have been adapted from EDC's [Multi-Tiered Suicide Prevention for Schools framework](#) for out-of-school settings. Drawing from current research, best practices in community-level suicide prevention, and real-world implementation of MTSP through the PYSI initiative, EDC and NCHS seek to support K12 youth-serving organizations in coordinating and aligning their youth suicide prevention efforts with local schools and creating community-wide safety nets that better prevent suicide and promote youths' overall wellbeing.

11. How/when will grants be paid?

NCHS will notify recipients of acceptance to PYSP in late Fall 2025. Upon notice, applicants will be asked to submit a contract confirming acceptance of the award and commitment to PYSP grant requirements by the end of the calendar year 2025. NCHS will issue organizations grant funds via check upon receipt of the contract. Submission of the contract will be required before grant funds can be released.

12. What documents will NCHS require of applicants to prove grant eligibility?

NCHS will require all applicants to submit documentation proof of current non-profit status. No Audit reports will be required with the application submission.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

NCHS and EDC will host an informational webinar on the opportunity on August 13th at 10 am ET. An overview of the project activities and commitments will be provided as well as informal time for Q&A with those considering applying. [To register for the webinar click here](#) or visit go.edc.org/PYSPWebinar. A webinar recording will be sent out to all registered following the event.

We encourage you to contact us with questions about the grant opportunity at:

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