

NORTH CENTRAL HEALTH SERVICES AWARDS \$3.8M TO 19 SCHOOL CORPORATIONS

NCHS Resilient Youth Initiative Investment Totals over \$6M

West Lafayette (July 12, 2019) – North Central Health Services (NCHS) has awarded over \$3.8 million in Resilient Youth Initiative implementation grants to 19 school corporations in Indiana. The grants will support schools in seven counties launching evidenced-based youth resiliency programs, reaching an anticipated 33,000 K-12 students by the 2021-2022 school year:

Attica Consolidated School Corporation	Frontier School Corporation
Benton Community School Corporation	Lafayette Catholic School System
Clinton Central School Corporation	Lafayette School Corporation
Clinton Prairie School Corporation	North Montgomery Community School Corporation
Community Schools of Frankfort	South Montgomery Community School Corporation
Covington Community School Corporation	Southeast Fountain School Corporation
Crawfordsville Community School Corporation	Tippecanoe School Corporation
Delphi Community School Corporation	Tri-County School Corporation
Faith Christian School	Twin Lakes School Corporation
Frankfort Crossing School of Business & Entrepreneurship	

NCHS's investment in the Resilient Youth Initiative totals over \$6 million in direct funding and support for schools in its 8-county service area to explore, pilot, and evaluate the impact of evidenced-based social-emotional competency, drug resistance, and mental well-being curriculums.

The NCHS Resilient Youth Initiative was informed by community health conversations conducted throughout the NCHS service area in 2018, at which school administrators shared their concerns about the mental health and well-being of their students. These needs were confirmed by the NCHS & River Bend Hospital 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment.

When implemented with fidelity, funded programs like Second Step and Botvin Life Skills have proven positive student outcomes related to mental wellbeing, academics, relationships, and substance use.

In the spring of 2019, Resilient Youth Initiative grantees used NCHS planning grant funds and technical assistance to identify the needs of their students and match those needs to the evidence-based programs that fit their school culture, goals, and schedules.

In the implementation phase of the initiative, the three-year grants will fund the training, coordination, and materials needed to implement the programs with fidelity. NCHS will also fund one-on-one grantee coaching from field experts, custom implementation trainings, and initiative-wide evaluation by an independent research partner to explore the overall impact on schools and students.

“We recognize this initiative is just one piece of the puzzle when it comes to developing youth resiliency,” said Stephanie Long, CEO & President, NCHS. “But when implemented well, evidenced-based social-emotional learning and substance use prevention programs can substantially improve students’ self-management and social skills and lower substance use. We appreciate the schools’ willingness to partner with us to explore the potential of these programs to improve the health and well-being of the youth in our communities.”

ABOUT NCHS

NCHS is committed to providing health care and promoting healthy communities for the benefit of the citizens of Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, and White counties. Since 1999, NCHS has awarded over \$65 million in grant funding to more than 200 organizations.

Beyond its Community Benefit Capital Grants program, NCHS initiates strategic partnerships like the Resilient Youth Initiative with coalitions, funders, nonprofits, and other entities to directly address the most critical community health needs identified by the NCHS and River Bend Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment. These NCHS-initiated Community Benefit Partnerships fund the launch, expansion, or strengthening of programs and services that improve health outcomes and develop healthy communities.