

Consolidating Prevention Programs

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Rationale

- LEAs have requested a consolidation of prevention programs and funding

- ➡ Reduce workload
- ➡ Allow for leveraging of resources
- ➡ Provide flexibility to LEAs
- ➡ Streamline and simplify processes

- Supports Evidence-based prevention practice

- ➡ Braided funding would allow LEAs to address several risk and protective factors simultaneously

Sections of Statute

53F-2-410 Gang Prevention and Intervention Program

\$2,105,900 (FY 21) (9 LEAs)

53G-9-7 Suicide Prevention

\$1,065,000 (FY 21) (\$1,000 per school)

53G-10-407 Positive Behaviors Plan - Positive Behaviors Specialist Stipend

\$2,475,234.26 (FY 21) (about \$2,332 per school)

53E-3-522 Substance Abuse Prevention

\$250,000 (FY 21) (13 LEAs)

Impact

Allow the
**Braiding of
Funds**
(block grant)

|| This may look like

- One prevention grant application
- Ability for LEAs to opt in
- Streamlined / reduced reporting requirements
- Combined funding would allow LEAs to pursue implementing evidence-based practices for more students (such as mentoring)
- Improved implementation and evaluation of programs

Why

- Decrease siloed approaches
- Braided funds can have a greater impact
- Allow LEAs to implement programs to address the needs of their student population
- Streamline and reduce work and reporting requirements
- Facilitates upstream prevention efforts and innovation

Shared Risk and Protective Factors

Problematic Behavioral and Mental Health Outcomes:

Substance use, mental health concerns, school dropout, poor academic achievement, violence, gang involvement, delinquency, suicidal thoughts / behaviors

HIGH RISK FACTORS

- Poverty / Deprivation
- Family Conflict
- Family History of Problems
- Academic Problems
- School Connection & Community
- Anti-social Behaviors
- Negative Peer Influences
- Trauma

Root
Causes

LOW PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- Resilience
- Positive Social Connections
- Concrete Supports
- Cognitive Competence
- Social / Emotional Competence
- Optimism for the Future
- Prosocial Norms
- Recreational Outlets

Recommendation

Work on drafting a bill to facilitate consolidation of programs by November



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