



Boulder

## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A MIDDLE SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

The [Prevention Science Program](#) at the University of Colorado Boulder is seeking schools containing grades 6-8 or 7-9 in select states to implement the [Botvin LifeSkills Training \(LST\) Middle School program](#).

We have learned about program replication successes and challenges by coaching more than 1,000 school districts around the country implement the Botvin *LifeSkills Training* programs. The LST Middle School Program is a Model Plus program on the premier registry for evidence-based programs, [Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development](#). Our grant provides three years of training and program materials to eligible schools, districts, and education agencies, beginning in Fall 2025.

### Botvin LifeSkills Training Middle School Program Highlights

- A total of 30 45-minute class sessions spread across three grade levels (6-8 or 7-9).
- Experimentally-proven.
- Competence enhancement curriculum that builds personal self-management skills, social skills, and drug and violence resistance skills.
- Guidance to integrate vaping prevention topics into relevant lessons.
- Aligns with standards for health education.

### Schools Receive (at no cost)

- **Curriculum Materials:** Three years of LST materials, including student guides and teacher manuals.
- **Teacher Training:** Workshops for all educators who will deliver the program, with stipends or substitute pay reimbursement provided.
- **Ongoing Support:** Access to technical assistance and capacity-building workshops (Training-of-Trainers Workshops and Strategic Sustainability Workshops) to help sustain and finance the program long-term.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** \$100 gift card to LST teachers after implementation and survey completion.
- **Site Coordinator Appreciation:** Up to \$100 gift card for LST site coordination, dependent on size of site.
- **Feedback Reports:** Personalized reports detailing implementation fidelity, successes, and recommendations.

### Requirements

- School, district, or educational agency serving grades 6-8 or 7-9.
- Support by schools and instructors, with commitment to implementation guidelines for program integrity.
- Identify a "Site Coordinator" and "Co-Coordinator" in the district to oversee and champion the LST effort.
- Allow CU Boulder to monitor fidelity through lesson observations, feedback surveys, and a site visit.
- Provide aggregate demographics (gender and race/ethnicity) of students receiving program.

### Grant Application

The short application describes aspects of the district and the implementation and coordination plans for the Botvin *LifeSkills Training* program. **Submissions by December 3, 2024 are non-competitive**, meaning guaranteed to be awarded following completion of a 60-90 minute feasibility meeting, as long as fidelity guidelines are met. Applications submitted after December 3, 2024 are competitively reviewed and awarded. The final deadline is **February 3, 2025**. *If multiple schools within your district plan to apply, submit one application for the entire system. The Participating Schools Form toward the end of the application will request school-level details.* All sites will be selected by the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year and implementation will begin in Fall 2025.

Application Information: <https://ibsweb.colorado.edu/lst-implementation/grant-opportunities/>

Online Application: [LST Middle School Online Application](#)

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