

# **GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

## FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

PREVENTION: NEVER TOO EARLY, NEVER TOO LATE

The <u>Prevention Science Program</u> at the University of Colorado Boulder is seeking schools containing grade 9 or 10 in select states to implement the <u>Botvin LifeSkills Training</u> (LST) <u>High School program</u>.

We have learned about program replication successes and challenges by helping more than 1,000 school districts around the country implement the Botvin *LifeSkills Training* programs. Our grant provides two years of training and program materials to eligible schools, districts, and education agencies, beginning in Fall 2026.

## Botvin LifeSkills Training High School Program Highlights

- 10 45-minute class sessions for 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Evidence of effectiveness.
- 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: Two years of LST curriculum 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 implementation 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 grade 9 or 10.
- 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 are due by December 9, 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. Preference will be granted to newly-funded systems. Selected sites will be notified in Spring 2026 for implementation to begin in Fall 2026.

Application Information: <a href="https://ibsweb.colorado.edu/lst-implementation/grant-opportunities/">https://ibsweb.colorado.edu/lst-implementation/grant-opportunities/</a>
Online Application: LST High School Online Application

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