

ARP ESSER Act 112 Mental Health and Well-Being Grant Recipients

This competitive grant sought a two-year program utilizing a tiered-support approach to ensure continuous support to children and youth in a variety of settings, including supervisory union and district-wide, in-school, community technical education centers, and afterschool, by providing grants to expand existing school-based counseling services in underserved districts of the State; or develop either school-based or community-based afterschool programs, operating in a variety of settings outside the school day and over the summer, including before and after school, in-service days, and school vacation week, that support the mental health and wellness needs of students, families, and staff.

This program is funded through ARP ESSER SEA funds, specifically, ARP ESSER Section 2001(f)(1) funds to address learning loss, with a period of performance from the date of execution of the Grant Agreement through September 30, 2024.

Fifteen grant applications were submitted and thirteen were awarded.

All recipients of these ARP ESSER state set aside funds are required to submit two reports to the Education (AOE) in September 2023 and September 2024, and will be offered networking opportunities and monitoring calls directed at supporting the implementation and fulfillment of the requirements of the program.

Boys and Girls Club of Brattleboro, Inc. - \$200,000

The Boys and Girls Club of Brattleboro plans to use its grant to operate its Kids Club Program in partnership with Brattleboro's Retreat Farm, using their campus less than a mile west of Brattleboro's downtown district. The grant funds will expand an existing program and primarily be offered after school, before/after school, on in-service days, and during school vacation week. This program includes one on one/small group support, opportunities for extracurricular activities, and Youth Mental Health First Aid training for its staff.

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union - \$125,000

The Caledonia Central Supervisory Union plans to use its grant to provide online mental health counseling to its staff and students aged 13 or older. The grant funds will create a new program and primarily be offered SU-wide, outside the school day, over the summer, before/after school, and during school vacation week. This program includes SU-level coordination of support for SEL intervention at the targeted and intensive level at each school, family engagement, opportunities for extracurricular activities, and coordination with pediatricians.

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Champlain Valley School District - \$140,200

The Champlain Valley School District plans to use its grant to incorporate its after-school program into its restorative approaches processes. The grant funds will expand an existing program and primarily be offered SU-wide, in-school during school hours, after-school, outside the school day, and before/after school. This program includes SU-level coordination of support, one on one/small group supports, and community circles to help students to empathize and understand the perspective of others, including those from diverse backgrounds and cultures.

Essex North Supervisory Union - \$200,000

The Essex North Supervisory Union plans to use its grant to provide additional social-emotional clinician services to students and parents, create youth and teen extra-curricular activities, and train staff to provide additional mental health and trauma-based services to students and families. The grant funds will create a new program and primarily be offered SU-wide, in-school, outside the school day, over the summer, and before/after school. This program includes SU-level coordination of support, one on one/small group supports, family engagement, and opportunities for extracurricular activities.

Franklin West Supervisory Union - \$200,000

The Franklin West Supervisory Union plans to use its grant to provide online mental health counseling as well as private practice support for students with significant needs. The grant funds will expand an existing program and primarily be offered in-school/community technical education center, outside the school day, over the summer, before/after school, and during school vacation week. This program includes SU-level coordination of support, one on one/small group supports, family engagement, and Youth Mental Health First Aid training for its staff.

Kingdom East Unified Union School District - \$200,000

The Kingdom East Unified Union School District plans to use its grant to address students' social, emotional, mental health and wellness needs. The grant funds will create a new program and primarily be offered SU-wide, in-school, after-school, outside the school day, over the summer, before/after school, on in-service days, and during school vacation week. This program includes SU-level coordination of support, one on one/small group supports, family engagement, opportunities for extracurricular activities, and Life Space Crisis Intervention, Universal Design for Learning, Youth Mental Health First Aid training for its staff.

Lamoille South Unified Union School District - \$200,000

The Lamoille South Unified Union School District plans to use its grant to partner with Lamoille Health Partners to provide its middle and high school students with an innovative mental health wrap-around therapeutic model from 11 am-7 pm. The grant funds will create a new program and primarily be offered in-school, before/after school, and during school vacation week. This program includes coordination of support, one on one/small group supports, and family engagement.

Orange Southwest Unified Union School District - \$78,540

The Orange Southwest Unified Union School District plans to use its grant to hire an additional counselor to would work with teachers, school guidance and other school counselors to meet the needs of the children and ensuring best practices are being used. The grant funds will expand an existing program and primarily be offered before/after school, and during the summer. This program includes coordination of support, one on one/small groups, family engagement, and opportunities for extracurricular activities.

Orleans Central Supervisory Union - \$151,638.62

The Orleans Central Supervisory Union plans to use its grant to enhance the services its school-based clinicians provide. The grant funds will expand an existing program and primarily be offered SU-wide during the school day. This program includes coordination of support with classroom teachers and school counselors, outdoor activities for students, and staff training on grief, trauma-informed practices, and how to recognize potential students in crisis.

Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union - \$125,100

The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union plans to use its grant to provide wrap-around services for the grade 6 to grade 7 transition program. The grant funds will create a new program and primarily be offered SU-wide, in-school, after-school, outside the school day, over the summer, before/after school, and during in-service days. This program includes SU-level coordination of support of school administration, classroom teachers, and school guidance counselors, one on one/small group supports, engaging students in the community and team-building activities at their respective buildings, and opportunities for extracurricular activities.

St. Johnsbury School District - \$200,000

The St. Johnsbury School District plans to use its grant to contract with an outside mental health and human services agency to bring qualified mental health clinicians into our school to provide one-on-one mental health counseling and support to our students most in need. The grant funds will create a new program and primarily be offered in-school during school hours. This program includes coordination of support with school staff, family engagement one-on-one, and small group supports and consultation.

Washington County Mental Health Services - \$200,000

The Washington County Mental Health Services plans to provide activities, training, and therapeutic during/ after-school resources for students, staff, and families throughout Vermont's Capital Region, the cities of Montpelier and Barre, and twenty-one rural townships, including three in the Orange County region of Vermont. The grant funds will expand an existing program and primarily be offered SU-wide, in school, over the summer, before/after school, during in-service days, and during school vacation week. This program includes coordination of support, Youth Mental Health First Aid trained staff, and opportunities for extracurricular activities

Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union - \$155,900

The Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union plans to enhance physical education and counseling services to its students. The grant funds will expand an existing program and primarily be offered SU-wide, in school, after school, and over the summer. This program includes a 2-part program that will include an academic focus in the morning through hands-on, interdisciplinary learning followed by an afternoon recreational/childcare program based on structured games, field trips, art projects, and other creative opportunities.