4th/5th Grade Expansion for SUPS CSUPS and Select SRSUPS

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History of Expansion

- Initial Phase of Expansion
  - Request for Information to gauge interest
  - Limited providers (19)
  - Separate staff
  - Additional training requirements
- Second Phase of Expansion
  - Brought on additional 14 providers (including 1 SRSUPS)
  - Eliminated the separate FTE requirement



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Funding for Expansion

- No additional funding
  - Assess ability to work within existing funding
    - Consider additional cost such as materials and training
  - Review data to determine services



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4th/5th Grade YPE Expansion

- Implementation Spring 2027
- Available to all SUPS, CSUPS and select SRSUPS
- Now till Spring implementation
  - Gauging interest and recruiting schools
  - Research available YPE curriculum
    - Too Good For Drugs
    - Botvin LifeSkills
  - Provide IDHS listing of schools via Hub by November 30, 2026



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Approved Evidence-Based Curriculum

- **Botvin Life Skills**
  - Training is comprised of 3 levels
    - Level 1: 3rd/4th
    - Level 2: 4th/5th
    - Level 3: 5th/6th
  - It is recommended that Level 2 be implemented with 4th graders and Level 3 with 5th graders. The same level cannot be implemented with both grades (i.e., Level 2 cannot be implemented with both 4th and 5th graders).
- **Too Good For Drugs**
  - Has both 4th and 5th grade



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Training Requirements

- Staff implementing 4th/5th-grade YPE must complete required curriculum training as outlined in the FY27 SUPP Training Requirements Chart.
- If staff have been previously trained at a different level of the same curriculum, specific training is not needed for 4th- and 5th-grade implementation.
  - For example, if the staff member is going to be implementing Botvin LifeSkills for 4th grade and has previously been trained in Botvin LifeSkills MS or HS curriculum, they will not be required to go through additional training.
  - However, if the curriculum is new to the staff member, i.e., they currently implement Botvin LifeSkills for MS and or HS but will be implementing TGFD for 4th and/or 5th grade, they will be required to complete training.

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Training Requirements Cont...

- Botvin Life Skills Training is offered online: https://lifeskillstraining.com/provider-training-overview/
- Prevention First brokers Too Good for Drugs training with the Mendez Foundation approximately 2-3 times per year, which is free to SUPP Grantees. Additional training is available through the Mendez Foundation's Open Enrollment training, at the grantee's expense.
- We encourage you to review the training links, arrange training, and budget accordingly for staff training.

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Delivery of YPE

- Deliver evidence-based Youth Prevention Education model program with entire grade level 4th and/or 5th grade using an approved IDHS evidence-based curriculum
  - You may elect to implement in both 4th and 5th grade, but you are only required to implement across one grade level.
- All 4th and 5th-grade implementation must meet SUPP YPE Standards and follow implementation parameters defined by the developer as outlined on the YPE Evidence-Based Model Program Overview Chart. Adaptation requests must be made for any implementation planned outside of the standards and/or implementation parameters.



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Delivery of YPE Cont...

- The implementation of YPE in 4th and 5th grade does not count towards the SUPP requirement for consecutive years of implementation of YPE for youth in 6th-8th grade. The tracking of YPE implementation for 4th and 5th grade is separate from that for 6th-8th grade.
- YPE session should be delivered during the school day in a school setting.
- In coordination with the delivery of the evidence-based curriculum, deliver an approved additional session(s) addressing opioids.
  - Grantees implementing the Too Good for Drugs curricula for 4th and/or5th grade are approved to use the curriculum's opioid lesson for each grade level. Grantees implementing Botvin LifeSkills may choose one of the two approved opioid lessons found on Prevention First's Opioid Lessons for SUPP Providers website page.



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Delivery of YPE Cont...

- Must still meet your 6th-12th grade YPE deliverables.
  - Must maintain a YPE presence within grades 6th-12th



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Reporting

- Required to report 4th/5th grade YPE cycles and information in the Hub.
- 4th/5th grade entry in the Hub follows the same YPE entry format as grades 6th-12th.



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Q&A

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