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Data, Collaboration, and Advocacy: Partnerships to Promote Evidence-Based School Counseling

Promote the advancement of research and evidenced-based school counseling by expanding your partnerships with local school counselors and organizations.

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ESSCP Grant Program

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/elseccounseling/index.html>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program provides funding to LEAs to establish or expand elementary and secondary school counseling programs, with special consideration given to applicants that can:

Demonstrate the greatest need for counseling services in the schools to be served; Propose the most innovative and promising approaches; and Show the greatest potential for replication and dissemination.

TYPES OF PROJECTS

Projects should:

- (1) use a developmental, preventive approach,
- (2) expand the inventory of effective counseling programs,
- (3) include in-service training, and
- (4) involve parents and community groups.

RESULTS MEASURES

The GPRA measures for this program are:

- (1) The percentage of grantees closing the gap between their student/mental health professional ratios and the student/mental health professional ratios recommended by the statute.
- (2) The average number of referrals per grant site for disciplinary reasons in schools participating in the program.

SUGGESTIONS

- (1) Make schools/districts aware of the program.
- (2) Assist schools with an initial application, including gathering/analyzing baseline data; demonstrating need; writing grant language; etc.
- (3) Assist with requirement for professional development -- use this opportunity to talk about evidenced-based school counseling.
- (4) Assist with ongoing data analysis and reporting.

2014 Awards: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/elseccounseling/fy2014awards.html>

2013 Awards: <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/elseccounseling/fy2013awards.html>

Professional Development

Reach out to PSCs, department heads, districts to train counselors on:

SLOs

Comprehensive school counseling,
SMART goals,
ASCA model

Research Partnerships

Offer to work with PSCs on evidence-based interventions. Help them with:

Choosing a program,
Collecting and analyzing baseline data,
Implementing program,
Collecting results data,
Writing/publishing

Examples include:

Student Success Skills
Second Steps
Success for All

Comprehensive Program Reform

Partner with a school/district to help reform their counseling program:

Train on ASCA Model,
Collect and analyze baseline data,
Select SMART goals and SLOs,
Design counseling interventions,
Collect data to track effectiveness,
SHARE data effectively!