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Annotation: This RFP from the Division of Public Health focuses on reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors among youth.

Language:

Research increasingly shows an individual's social conditions and life experiences are associated with, and influence, different types of behaviors. These social and personal influences are identified as risk factors or protective factors. The more risk factors present at the individual, family, school, and community levels, the more likely adolescents are to engage in risk behaviors such as substance use and delinquency. Protective factors perform a preventive function for youth risk behaviors. The more protective factors present in an adolescent's life, the more likely they are to engage in prosocial and developmentally healthy behaviors.

The Positive Youth Development Afterschool Program will support projects increasing youth protective factors and reducing youth risk factors through services provided outside of school hours, i.e., evenings, weekends, and school breaks for youth entering grades 5 through 8.

1.02 Program Goals and Anticipated Outcomes

The goals of the Positive Youth Development Afterschool Program are the reduction of risk factors and the enhancement of protective factors among participating youth and families.

Enhance individual, family, school, and community protective factors while reducing risk factors related to marijuana use; and

The program's anticipated goals and outcomes can be realized through a broad array of projects that mitigate risk factors, enhance protective factors, and advance youth achievement.