

Legislative Report Anti-Bullying Programming and Projected Expenditures



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EXECUTIVE ORDER 86

In September 2015, Governor Branstad signed Executive Order 86 related to bullying. Executive Order 86 provided the following direction.

1. Establishment of the Governor's Office of Bully Prevention. This office shall address the following:
 - a. Training
 - b. Reporting procedures
 - c. Cyberbullying
 - d. Data collection
 - e. Varsity Interscholastic Athletic Participation

The Iowa Department of Education (Department) partners with the Governor's Office for Bullying Prevention to provide support and collaborate to ensure resources are maximized and used efficiently to meet the direction provided in the Executive Order.

CURRENT SUPPORTS TO BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAMMING:

During fiscal year 2021 (FY21), the Department has engaged in the following related activities:

1. Ongoing development of online module for school districts to learn about resources and strategies for preventing cyberbullying in online learning environments.
2. Supported web-based bullying/harassment prevention and intervention training that is shared through area education professional development online (AEA PD Online). This training replaced the previous online training which was updated to include cyberbullying, bullying definition, types of bullying and environmental conditions, role affiliation, law and policy, and the continuous improvement process. In FY21, 2,271 educators have completed this training.
3. Supported bullying-related calls from school districts, parents, caregivers, students and AEAs: Bureau of Learner Strategies and Supports, Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services, and the Bureau of School Improvement.
4. Supported web-based bullying intake and investigation training that is shared through AEA PD Online. Four hundred fifty-one (451) educators have completed this training during FY21.
5. Continued implementation of the \$494,000 School Violence Prevention and Mental Health (STOP) grant, originally awarded in October 2018, from the U.S. Department of Justice. The grant targets, during its tenure, seven schools from each AEA (42 total schools) to train 168 school personnel in Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) and 540 school personnel in Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA). Over 2,500 youth will be trained as MVP student leaders, which includes training on both violence prevention and mental health. During FY21, a total of five schools were trained. The grant has been extended until September 2022.

PROJECTED SUPPORTS AND EXPENDITURES TO BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

The following chart describes the functions and projected expenditures for the next fiscal year.

Function	Resource	Status
Completion and dissemination of bullying prevention in online learning environments.	Federal or State Funds \$0	Ongoing Completion Date: June 30, 2022
Current Activity Awarded \$494,000 School Violence Prevention and Mental Health grant in October 2018 from the U.S. Department of Justice the grant will target, during its four-year tenure, seven schools in AEA's (42 total schools) to train personnel in Mentors in Violence Prevention and Youth Mental Health First Aid.	Federal Grant Funds \$126,590 Federal Dollars allocated and spent to the University of Northern Iowa, Mentors in Violence Prevention Training is \$83,022. Grant Administration \$43,569.	Grant Completion September 2022 To Date: Spectrum of Prevention personnel trained 40. Mentors in Violence Prevention personnel trained 43. Youth Mental Health First Aid trained 123.
Current Activity Two sessions on Bullying Prevention and Intervention, and Responding to Cyberbullying provided at the Iowa BEST Summit on November 3, 2021.	Federal Grant Funds \$4,800 Federal Dollars allocated and spent to the University of Northern Iowa.	Completion Date: November 3, 2021 To Date: Bullying Prevention and Intervention session trained 80. Responding to Cyberbullying session trained 75.