



## **Ohio grants target anti-drug programs for kids**

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) -- Twenty-two grants totaling \$1.5 million will help strengthen school-based alcohol and drug prevention programs in Ohio. The governor's office said Monday that the Building Youth Resiliency grants will help at-risk kids in 19 counties. The program -- part of Ohio's new youth drug prevention initiative called Start Talking! -- targets students in 5th through 9th grades. Building Youth Resiliency is a partnership between the Office of the First Lady Karen Kasich (KAY'-sikh), the Governor's Office of Faith-Based Initiatives and several state agencies. It is supported by federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families dollars.

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## **Funding Announced to Improve Youth Drug Prevention Programs**

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By WSAZ News Staff

COLUMBUS, Ohio (WSAZ) – Two southeast Ohio counties have received funding to help strengthen school-based alcohol and other drug prevention and resiliency programs.

Ohio First Lady Karen W. Kasich announced the funding for Ohio's Start Talking! initiative.

More than \$1.5 million in funding will go to programs in 19 counties.

Building Youth Resiliency, a partnership between the Office of the First Lady, the Governor's Office of Faith-Based Initiatives and the Departments of Aging, Job and Family Services, and Mental Health and Addiction Services, targets at-risk students in grades 5-9. The resulting resiliency programming is supported by federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars.

“We applaud these communities for their commitment and collaborative approach to building youth resiliency-with the goal of reducing substance use and abuse and encouraging a health start for the young people of Ohio,” Mrs. Kasich said. “Nurturing resilience and encouraging good behavioral health is essential to enhancing a young person’s ability to resist substance use, abuse and addiction.”

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## **Valley groups gets funds to fight drugs**

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COLUMBUS – Schools and agencies in Mahoning and Columbiana counties will receive funding for efforts to keep their students drug free.

Groups in the areas were among 22 statewide selected to receive grants totaling \$1.5 million through a drug-abuse prevention initiative headed by Ohio First Lady Karen Kasich.

“A focus on prevention will keep Ohio moving in the right direction, helping children succeed in school, learn a healthy lifestyle and ultimately strengthen Ohio’s work force,” Tracy Plouck, director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, said in a released statement.

In Mahoning County, the Austintown Local School District will receive \$27,584 for a variety of substance abuse prevention efforts that will include involvement of the county court and juvenile justice systems, children’s services board and Meridian Community Care. A total of 1,600 students are expected to be served.

Meridian Community Care will also receive a \$35,270 grant for projects in the Girard and Struthers districts, serving an estimated 435 students.

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