

SUSTAINING PREVENTION EDUCATION AMID FUNDING CHALLENGES

Key Messages When Speaking with School Administrators

As funding concerns rise across Indiana, IPEC members can continue to support prevention programs by maintaining strong communication with school partners and exploring alternative funding sources. While many organizations generously provide these programs to schools at no or low cost, having a plan for sustainability is still important. Use this guide as a resource when navigating funding conversations with school administrators.

HOW TO TALK TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ABOUT FUNDING CONCERNS

If your organization is experiencing funding limitations, it's important to proactively involve school partners in the conversation. Below are several sample approaches:

SAMPLE TALKING POINTS:

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We value our partnership and the opportunity to provide your students with prevention education. As we face shifts in available funding, we want to work together to ensure the program continues. We'd be happy to explore options with you to sustain this important work.”

“As part of our commitment to prevention education, we've been honored to deliver our prevention education safety program at your school. Like many organizations right now, we're navigating a challenging funding climate. In order to continue offering this resource, we may need to explore shared funding opportunities or identify alternative support. We'd love to work with you to find a sustainable way to continue the program.

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SAMPLE EMAIL:

Subject: Exploring Sustainable Support for Prevention Education

Dear [Administrator's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. We've been so grateful for the opportunity to partner with [School Name] in providing prevention education to your students. These programs play a vital role in prevention and in fostering a safe, supportive school environment. As we look ahead, we want to be transparent and share that, like many organizations across the state, we are navigating some uncertainty around future funding. In order to continue offering this important program, we're exploring sustainable support options. We would love to connect to discuss potential pathways for continuing this partnership. Our goal is to ensure students at [School Name] continue receiving this essential education without interruption.

Please let me know if you'd be open to a short conversation in the coming weeks. I'd be happy to provide additional information about the program's impact and ways we can work together moving forward.

Thank you for your continued commitment to student safety and well-being

HELPFUL TIPS:

Emphasize the program's impact and alignment with student safety goals.

- Offer collaboration on funding solutions.
- Remind them that this is a shared effort to protect and empower students.

Framing It to Administrators

- Emphasize that this is an opportunity to partner on sustainability.
- Offer data or success stories from your program to show its value.
- Remind them that prevention now can reduce intervention later.

Final Note

Being proactive and resourceful during funding challenges demonstrates dedication and strengthens trust with school partners.

IPEC is here to support members in navigating these conversations and identifying sustainable paths forward.