



Potential Candidate Programs for Expansion Under State Partnerships for Proven Programs

The following is a list of programs that are potentially eligible for matched philanthropic funding under various [Partnerships for Proven Programs](#) that the Coalition is facilitating in several U.S. states. These programs are backed by strong or highly-promising evidence of important, lasting improvements in people's lives, based on rigorous randomized controlled trials (RCTs).

- *Those without an asterisk by their name are proven programs* – i.e., programs backed by strong RCT evidence of important effects, replicated across multiple studies or study sites.
- *Those with an asterisk are highly promising programs* – i.e. programs backed by RCT evidence that indicates important effects but is not yet definitive. In these cases, our philanthropic partner seeks to include (and pay for, with separate funds) a replication RCT as part of the program's expansion, to determine whether the sizable effects found in prior research can be reproduced in a new study.

K-12 Education

- [Saga Tutoring](#) – High-dosage, schoolwide math tutoring for 9th and 10th graders in high-poverty high schools (produces a sustained increase in math achievement, equating to more than 70% of a grade-level of learning at the end of 11th grade).
- [ASSISTments](#) – A low-cost, online study tool that supports middle school students with math independent practice and produces real-time reports for teachers on student performance (increases math achievement by 30-60% of a grade-level over a two-year follow-up period).
- [KIPP Charter Schools*](#) - A network of college-prep, public charter schools serving mainly low-income, minority students (increases K-8 reading and math achievement by 5-10 percentile points over a 2-3 year follow-up period).

- **Career Academies*** - Small learning communities within low-income high schools, offering academic and technical/career courses as well as workplace opportunities (8 years after high school, increases average earnings by \$3,200 per year).
- **Annual Book Fairs*** - A low-cost program to boost summer reading in grades 1-4 in high-poverty schools (increases reading achievement 35-40% of a grade level by 4th - 5th grade).
- **Intelligent Tutoring of Structure Strategy (ITSS)*** - A low-cost, web-based program to improve reading comprehension in grades 4-8 (increases end-of-year reading scores by 28-50% of a grade level).
- **Learning Accounts*** - Financial aid for postsecondary education, provided to low-income high school students as they meet certain benchmarks such as completing 10th and 11th grade and graduating high school (5½-7 years later, produces a 6 percentage point increase in high school completion, and a 7 percentage point increase in completion of a postsecondary degree).

Postsecondary Education

- **ASAP and ACE** - A program model providing comprehensive academic, personal, and financial supports for low-income students at community colleges [ASAP] and four-year colleges [ACE] (increases college graduation rates by 11-15 percentage points and long-term earnings by 14%).
- **Bottom Line** - A comprehensive program of one-on-one advising to help low-income students get into and graduate from college (increases bachelor's degree completion by 8 percentage points).

Workforce Development

- **Per Scholas** – Job training program for low-income adults focused on information technology, a fast-growing sector with well-paying jobs (increases annual earnings by 14 to 30% – approximately \$4,000-\$6,000 per year – over follow-up periods between 2 and 7 years after program entry).
- **Project QUEST*** - A health occupational training program for low-income adults (increases annual earnings by 15-20% – approximately \$5,000 per year – 9-11 years after program entry).
- **National Guard Youth ChalleNGe*** - An intensive residential program, co-funded by federal and state governments, that aims to “reclaim the lives of at-risk youth”

who have dropped out of high school and give them the skills and values to succeed as adults (increases annual earnings by 20% – approximately \$3,200 – in the third year after program entry).

Violence and Substance Use Prevention

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters Community-Based Mentoring*** – A widely implemented mentoring program for disadvantaged youth (produces 20-40% reductions in youth delinquent behavior and substance use at the four-year follow-up).
- **Multisystemic Therapy*** - An intensive family- and community-based treatment program for youth with severe conduct problems (found in some RCTs to reduce criminal arrests by 50% or more over follow-up periods ranging from 2 to 22 years, although other RCTs have found no discernible effects on crime outcomes).
- **Denver Supportive Housing Initiative*** - A program providing housing and supportive services to homeless people with over 7 prior arrests (produces 30–40% reductions in jail and shelter use, emergency department visits, and arrests over 2–3 years).
- **LifeSkills Training*** – a low-cost, middle-school substance abuse prevention program (reduces smoking, drunkenness, and marijuana use by 10-30% by 12th grade).

Other Areas

- **Wendy’s Wonderful Kids (WWK)*** – a program that recruits adoptive families for children in foster care or other out-of-home placements, with a particular focus on serving children who are otherwise less likely to be adopted – e.g., older or disabled children (increases adoption rates by more than one third).
- **Triple P System*** – A system of parenting programs for families with children age 0-8 (produced 13-33% reductions in county-wide rates of child maltreatment, hospital visits for maltreatment injuries, and foster-care placements, two years after random assignment.)