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## Solano County Office of Education Offering Mini Grants for Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Prevention Projects

**Solano County, CA**- Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) is excited to announce the launch of a new mini-grant program aimed at empowering teachers and youth programs to lead impactful prevention projects that address alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) misuse.

These mini-grants, available in amounts up to \$500 per project, are designed to support creative, student-driven initiatives that build awareness and offer prevention strategies within Solano County communities. SCOE is accepting grant applications through January, or until all available funds have been allocated. Educators and youth leaders are encouraged to apply soon.

ATOD projects may focus on peer education, community outreach, and advocacy, allowing students to take an active role in creating positive change. Eligible project ideas include, but are not limited to, prevention-themed public service announcements, youth-led presentations, awareness campaigns, art and media projects, and other innovative efforts to combat ATOD misuse and promote wellness among peers.

"Student-led prevention work not only empowers young people to make healthier choices, it also fosters a culture of leadership, and community responsibility," said Solano Superintendent of Schools Lisette Estrella-Henderson. "Through these mini grants, we aim to support educators and youth leaders in engaging students in creating healthy change in their schools and communities."

For more information on the application process and eligibility criteria, please visit our webpage at <a href="https://www.solanocoe.net">https://www.solanocoe.net</a> or contact Johanna Nowak-Palmer at (707) 646-7608 or <a href="mailto:jnowak@solanocoe.net">jnowak@solanocoe.net</a>.

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