

Little Wound School Project AWARE / Strategic Prevention Framework Consent Form

This consent form provides for (1) informed consent for participation in service intervention; (2) informed consent for participation in the data collection component of the project; and (3) informed consent for the exchange (releasing or requesting) of confidential information. The consent form will be produced and available in the two most commonly spoken languages among our population of focus, English and Lakota.

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Informed Consent Form

Background: Little Wound School is implementing a comprehensive mental and behavioral health support system within our school to promote prevention of substance use, misuse, and abuse. Services offered will be based on a concept called the trauma-informed schools' model, which understands that our school's students may experience trauma (both historical and contemporary) in their lives and can be supported with cultural activities, counseling, and other targeted approaches. These approaches can help our students dealing with trauma succeed in both school and life and reduce their proclivity to use, or use of, alcohol, drugs, and other illicit substances. Our district believes that these services will be beneficial to our student community and we invite your student to participate in them. A student's participation in this project will open the door to a number of opportunities for students, including: participation in additional cultural ceremonies and activities on campus; access to expanded student support services; and receive training about trauma and positive coping mechanisms.

Participation in these activities is voluntary. By completing this form and returning it to your student's school, you agree that you have read through this informed consent document and that you and your student agree to participate in services related to the implementation of the school's program funded by the Strategic Prevention Framework—Partnerships for Success for Communities, Local Governments, Universities, Colleges, and Tribes/Tribal Organizations (SPF) grant offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Student's Name	Today's Date
Parent/Legal Guardian's Name	Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature
Your Relationship to Student	Phone Number

Administration of this program involves a level of data collection and records management to ensure that all students are served well. Please initial below whether you consent to the following practices that this project will include. Informed consent may be provided for all, some, or none of the listed components.

Informed Consent Components

Participation in Service Intervention

My student has permission to participate in services and interventions provided by this project, including counseling activities.

I consent

I do NOT consent

Data Collection

Little Wound School has my permission to maintain confidential data about my student as part of its operational programming related to the implementation of this project.

I consent

I do NOT consent

Release of Information

Little Wound School has my permission to release student records in emergency situations to medical providers.

I consent

I do NOT consent

Cultural Programming

My student has permission to participate in cultural programming activities and ceremonies as a part of this project.

I consent

I do NOT consent

For questions or additional information about this program and its related activities, you may contact the project director—

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Project AWARE On Call 605-441-4187

Project AWARE Staff

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Strategic Prevention Framework

Counselor /Social Worker: Mekko Bear Killer 605-454-4188

Counselor /Social Worker: Shirley Spider 605-407-3075

Additional Information about Project AWARE /Strategic Prevention Framework

Project Service Information

All school staff will be trained to identify and respond to trauma-induced mental and behavioral health issues when they arise in school. When this occurs, students will have an individualized counseling plan developed that may include additional resources that could benefit the student, including individual counseling, small group counseling, cultural mentoring, and others. These services include universal prevention of substance use and early intervention treatments for children and youth who are using, misusing, or abusing alcohol, drugs, or other substances.

Potential Benefits and Risks

All students who enroll as part of this program will have access to counseling, cultural mentorship, and other programming. This will help students to process emotions, develop positive coping skills, build increased senses of self-identity, and improve students' relationships with the school and their peers. There is always some risk associated with counseling and related services, but we believe it is mitigated by the potential positives of having a caring, trained professional provide evidence-based counseling programming.

Incentives and Compensation

There is no financial compensation provided for participation. Students do not receive extra credit or other advantages over their non-participating peers. You will not be adversely impacted as a student for choosing not to participate.

Confidentiality

Your identity will be kept confidential to the extent provided by law. Your information will be signed a code number for communication purposes. The list connecting your student's name to this number will be kept in a locked compartment to which only the project director or designee(s) have access to. When this program is complete and all disaggregated data has been compiled, the list will be destroyed. Your name, or your student's name, will not be used in any report, publication, or marketing.

Voluntary Participation

Participation in this project is completely voluntary. Should you elect to discontinue participation at any time, personal information already collected will be discarded. There is no penalty or loss of benefit for choosing not to participate.

Withdrawal from Project

You have the right to withdraw from the project at any time without consequence or penalty.

No Waiver of Legal Rights

Participation in this project does not require the participant to waive any legal rights and does not release the project or its agents from liability for negligence.