Make A Difference For Kids!

MENTAL Health MATTERS

Nebraska-Iowa District Sevice Project Grant Program

The Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District has promoted Youth Mental Health Awareness as its District Service Project since 2022-2023. Clubs have been encouraged to use a variety of resources to help bring awareness to the issues and struggles that many kids endure. Clubs have also been encouraged to fund projects with their communities and schools to reinforce mental well-being in our youth.

Thanks to funding provided by the Kiwanis Children's Fund*, the District is able to offer eight $250 grants to clubs to be used for projects in their communities and schools. These grants are for projects that promote mental health awareness, foster mental well-being and/or form partnerships that help meet the mental-health related needs of kids.

This effort is to help break the silence and end the stigma behind mental health. There are resources and projects that can make a difference. Many clubs in the district have already taken steps to help, but we need more clubs to get involved. New projects, as well as ongoing projects, are eligible for these special grant dollars.

The timeline for the 2025 application and project implementation is fast-moving, as these grant dollars need to be spent by the end of the current Kiwanis year. The application deadline is May 3 and notification of award will take place shortly thereafter.

For more information and the grant application form, see the District Website. As part of this year's effort, the District Service Project page on the website has now been expanded to include more resources for clubs and also provides examples of projects that clubs can do. We are also using a small amount of grant funds to mail information to every club in the District.

Kids Need Kiwanis

and the Nebraska-Iowa District needs you to help kids grow up healthy, both in body and mind!

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