

“Now is the Time” Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) Grant Summary

Grant Overview: The purpose of this program (NITT-Project AWARE) is to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) in training of school personnel and other adults who interact with youth in, both school settings and local communities, to detect and respond to mental illness in children and youth. Training would include how to encourage adolescents and their families experiencing these problems to seek treatment.

Individuals will be trained in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) or Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA). Implementing this program will result in an increase in the mental health literacy of adults who interact with school-aged youth and increase awareness of mental health issues among school-aged youth.

Amount of Award: Up to \$50,000 per year for up to two (2) years.

Due Date/Notification of Award: June 16, 2014. Notification to follow review by funder.

Alternatives if not Awarded: None.

WCSD Resources Required: None.

Administrative Recommendation: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop an application to the NITT-Project AWARE grant, administered by the US. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to offer training in the detection and response to mental illness in children and youth to agencies and individuals in Warren County, Pennsylvania.