



FYSB Mission

To support the organizations and communities that work every day to put an end to youth homelessness, adolescent pregnancy and domestic violence.

FYSB Vision

A future in which all our nation's youth, individuals and families—no matter what challenges they may face—can live healthy, productive, violence-free lives.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the **Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE)** Program is to fund projects to implement sexual risk avoidance education that teaches participants how to voluntarily refrain from non-marital sexual activity. SRAE Programs also teach the benefits associated with self-regulation, success sequencing for poverty prevention, healthy relationships, goal setting, and resisting sexual coercion, dating violence, and other youth risk behaviors such as underage drinking or illicit drug use without normalizing teen sexual activity.

SERVICES

Grantees use an evidenced based approach and/or effective strategies to educate youth on how to avoid risks that could lead to non-marital sexual activity. SRAE projects are implemented using a Positive Youth Development (PYD) framework as part of risk avoidance strategies, to help participants build healthy life skills, develop individual protective factors that reduce risks, empower youth to make healthy decisions, and provide tools and resources to prevent, pregnancy and STI. Linking program participants to services provided by local community partners that support the safety and well-being of youth is also a key component to the program.

HISTORY

The Sexual Risk Avoidance Education (SRAE) Program is funded generally under the authority of section 1110 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1310, and specifically by the appropriation for General Departmental Management for the Office of the Secretary under Division H, Title II of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Pub. L. No. 114-113.

MEASURING EFFECTIVENESS

FYSB encourages grantees to consider the following practices in implementing effective sexual risk avoidance programs:

1. Recruit and retain youth participants based upon the identified targeted population.
2. Link program participants to services with local community partners and other agencies that support the health, safety, and well-being of program participants.
3. Formally train facilitators/educators in the program model.

GRANT AWARD PROCESS

FYSB distributes SRAE funds through a competitive review process. In FY 2016, \$8.9 million was awarded to 21 projects across the nation.