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Cancer Pathways

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Organization's General Goals:

Our mission is to provide pathways of support, education, and community to anyone facing cancer – whether it's before, during, or after a cancer experience.

Date of Award:

2025 Q1

Level:

\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Cancer Pathways.

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STUDENT INITIATIVES

Our key programs aim to inspire youth and adolescents by promoting their emotional and physical well-being. Guided by the values of empowerment, community, accessibility, belonging, and joy, we provide research-backed, well-informed education and interventions. These initiatives create inclusive and supportive experiences for students facing the challenges of cancer and other difficult situations.



Cancer Happens
Student Participation

4,300

Writing
Contestants

1,720

Number of Quit
Workshops

51

Students
Impacted by
Cancer

>72%

Highlights by Program

“Quit the Nic’ Workshops

- Effectively addressed an unmet need for supportive services within school environments to confront youth vaping behaviors
- Combining mental health support with tobacco prevention and cessation tailored for youth
- Notably, 87% of participants reported that being part of a group was beneficial in their efforts to quit vaping
- Provided quit kits for all participants, including age-appropriate items, such as fidgets, stress balls, in an effort to help maintain quit

Cancer Happens® Student Education

- Developed cancer awareness and prevention curriculum for classrooms, Grades K-12
- In 2025, our online platform supported 1,800 users engaging with eLearning courses, lesson plans, and enriching activities
- Empower teachers and students with extended learning opportunities focused on vaping devices and emerging tobacco products, offering professional development credits
- 100% of participating teachers believe our cancer content is essential for health classes

Teen Writing Contest

- Amplify teen voices affected by cancer, creating space to reflect and share their experiences.
- Assemble a distinguished panel of experienced judges who carefully review the essays.
- Educate the community on how teenagers navigate the impact of cancer in their lives.
- Provide cash scholarships to the unique voices and standout winners.

Cancer Happens® Student Education

Overview

Cancer Happens® Student Education is a dynamic, free K-12 curriculum designed to add depth to the traditional health education curriculum and broaden scholastic experiences by addressing cancer prevention and risk reduction (critical health topics rarely included in traditional school curricula). Developed in collaboration with educators, health professionals, and families impacted by cancer, the program equips students with knowledge, motivation, and practical skills to make healthy choices that reduce their lifetime cancer risk.

Impact

A 2024 mixed-methods study in the National Library of Medicine found that adolescents are often unaware of and misinformed about cancer and, consequently, are less likely to recognize potential warning signs, leading to help-seeking delays. The study also indicates one third of adolescent participants were at high risk of developing cancer due to modifiable lifestyle habits associated with cancer. Our student education program directly addresses these concerns and provides necessary education to reduce risk.

- **Student Knowledge Gains:** Analysis of the results of pre- and post-survey questions by topic reveals that the Cancer Happens® 101 Student Education Program generated substantial knowledge gains across all key content areas. Basic cancer knowledge improved by 18.8 points, increasing from 69.5% to 88.4%.
- **Intended Behaviors Change:** Many students reported intent to adopt cancer-preventive behaviors. The most frequently selected actions were sun safety practices, such as using sunscreen, wearing hats, or avoiding tanning beds, closely followed by avoiding vaping products, and making healthy food choices.
- **Vaping Concerns:** Post-survey results showed a clear strengthening of negative perceptions toward vaping as a coping mechanism, maintaining an overall disagreement rate of 85.2%. These findings suggest that the program effectively reinforced messaging about the ineffectiveness of vaping for managing stress and anxiety.
- **HPV Vaccination Gaps:** The most substantial improvement occurred in HPV and vaccines, where correct responses increased by 38 percentage points, from 55.1% in the pre-survey to 93.1% in the post-survey. This indicates the program was especially effective in raising awareness of vaccine-preventable cancers.

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