

## Health Education Leadership Program and Leadership Circle

The **Health Education Leadership Program** and the **Leadership Circle** are two new initiatives in the Office of School Wellness Programs (OSWP), in partnership with the Mayor's Office and the Center for Economic Opportunity, to support comprehensive health education in schools that serve middle and high school grades. The Leadership Program provides middle and high school administrators and teachers from 55 schools with training, technical assistance, individualized support, curricula, and materials to provide students with quality health education, including sexual health education. The Leadership Circle, composed of 20 high schools, will receive an additional level of support including funding. Both groups work directly with experienced health educators from OSWP to become models of instructional and programmatic excellence, especially related to aligning health instruction with the Common Core Learning Standards and the Danielson framework. All participating schools will receive a package of materials valued at more than \$500 (curricula, books, classroom resources, student materials) as well as free training and individualized support.

### Health Education Leadership Program and Requirements (up to 55 middle and high schools)

Middle and high schools interested in bolstering comprehensive health education for students are invited to fill out a brief application for the **Leadership Program**. The program will accept 55 schools on a first-come, first-served basis, at least 25 of which will serve middle school students. Requirements are:

- The principal supports this application and partnership and designates a key point-person for this project, preferably a health teacher.
- The health teacher (and/or designee) will share experiences teaching health education with an OSWP Health Education Mentor, and commit to incorporate suggested recommendations as needed.
- The health teacher (and/or designee) agrees to participate in at least one OSWP-sponsored health education event.
- The principal will meet at least once with an OSWP Health Education Mentor to discuss school-wide considerations affecting health education (i.e., scheduling of classes).

### Leadership Circle Program and Requirements (20 high schools)

High schools interested in more in-depth support and funding should apply for the **Leadership Circle**, which includes all of the benefits of the Health Education Leadership Program along with a \$1,500 mini-grant and classroom-based support based on areas of need and interest. Because this is a competitive grant, application questions—about school challenges, vision for the program, and ways support will be used—will be evaluated using a scoring rubric. Also, preference may be given to schools in a District Public Health Office neighborhood. Additional requirements are:

- The health teacher is scheduled to teach two or more high school health education classes per semester in 2013-14 (exceptions available for new or small schools).
- The principal and health teacher commit to using *Reducing the Risk* and *HealthSmart* curriculum in the Spring 2014 semester (OSWP will provide training, curricula and student materials).
- The health teacher agrees to participate in the five Leadership Circle workshops (including full day events in mid November and June 5, 2014, and three after school workshops supported by teacher training rate) and two additional OSWP professional developments throughout the school year (e.g., HIV curriculum, Condom Availability Program).
- The health teacher and principal will complete and submit a health education assessment, an action plan, and a budget for centrally purchased goods, services and/or per session.

### Application Process

**Health Education Leadership Program** and **Leadership Circle** applications open September 25, 2013 and close October 16, 2013. Applicants will be notified by early November. To apply, visit the Office of School Wellness Programs website at <http://schools.nyc.gov/wellness>.

**Have Questions? Need More Information?**

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