

DRACUT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUBSTANCE USE AWARENESS PROGRAM

\$6,226.10 WAS AWARDED IN MINI-GRANT FUNDS BY THE GLHA (2014-2015)



PURPOSE

TO ENSURE THAT AT LEAST 95% OF DRACUT'S RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE ADEQUATELY EDUCATED ON ISSUES REGARDING DRUG USE AND ABUSE, DPS HAD REQUESTED GRANT FUNDS TO ENHANCE THEIR EXISTING HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, TO INCLUDE UP-TO-DATE AND RELEVANT DRUG EDUCATION MATERIALS.



OBJECTIVES

- TO PLAN A 'RED-RIBBON WEEK'; A WEEK DEDICATED TO EDUCATING THE STUDENTS ON VARIOUS SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE TOPICS.
- TO GATHER SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION MATERIALS TO ENSURE THAT THE WEEK'S CONTENT IS WORTHWHILE AND QUALITY.
- HIRE THE PERFORMANCE TROUPE 'IMPROBABLE PLAYERS' FOR GRADES 6-8. THE PERFORMANCE TROUP CONSISTS OF ACTORS WHO ARE IN LONG-TERM RECOVERY; THEY ENGAGE STUDENTS THROUGH DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES AND THEATER WORKSHOPS.



OUTCOMES

- **A TOTAL OF 972 STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO VIEW THE PRESENTATIONS.**
- **THE MATERIALS PURCHASED VIA THE GRANT WERE UTILIZED TO ENHANCE THE EXISTING HEALTH CURRICULUM.**
- **BULLETIN BOARDS, AMONG MANY OF THE OTHER MATERIALS PURCHASED VIA THE GRANT, WERE DISPLAYED IN THE CAFETERIA ENTRANCE AND MANY OF THE OTHER MORE PUBLIC AREAS OF THE SCHOOL. NEARLY THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY CAN SEE THESE MATERIALS ON A DAILY BASIS.**