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University Park -- Penn State has received a \$9.9 million federal grant to develop community partnerships that strengthen families and help young people avoid substance abuse and behavioral problems.

The grant came from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which awarded Penn State and Iowa State University a total of \$21.1 million to cooperate on a project known as Prosper, or Promoting School-Community-University Partnerships to Enhance Resilience.

The five-year project will involve about 10,000 young people in 28 Pennsylvania and Iowa communities.

The project will support development of local teams in seven Pennsylvania school districts.

The teams will offer what Penn State says are scientifically tested programs to improve the health and well-being of middle school and high school students.

Local teams in seven other Pennsylvania school districts will receive assistance to implement similar programs after a three-year waiting period.

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