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Substance abuse block grants will help educate Weiser students

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St. Luke's has been awarded two Substance Abuse Block Grants from the Department of Justice through Idaho's Office of Drug Policy, according to a news release from the medical facility.

These grants will support the continuation of St. Luke's youth drug prevention programs in Weiser, in partnership with the St. Luke's Coalition for Drug Free Youth, and will initiate the development of new drug prevention programs in Nampa.

The Coalition for Drug Free Youth has been in existence for almost three years and is tasked with addressing the issue of youth prescription drug and alcohol abuse in their area by providing information, enhancing skills, providing support, enhancing access/reducing barriers and changing policies related to drugs and alcohol.

The grant funds will enable St. Luke's to provide the Life Skills Training program, a comprehensive in-school drug prevention program, to seventh- and eighth-graders in Weiser and Nampa.

This program will help students develop lifelong refusal skills and valuable knowledge to make a drug-free lifestyle choice.

