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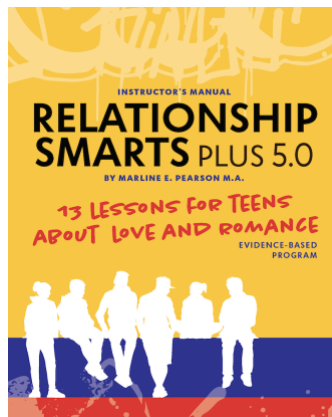
## The Dibble Institute's Annual Report

We continue to be amazed by the impact of teaching teens and young adults to get smart about their love lives!

Annual Report Highlights....

- **New Program for Younger Students:** Dibble launched "[\*Emerging Relationships\*](#)," a program for 5th and 6th graders, addressing a gap in relationship education for this age group.
- **Long-Term Impact Proven:** A study showed that Dibble's "[\*Relationship Smarts PLUS\*](#)" program had a lasting positive impact on 9th graders, especially girls, leading to safer, healthier relationship and sexual activity choices three years after the program.
- **Broad Reach:** Dibble programs reached an estimated **114,890 young people** in Fiscal Year 2024, averaging over **2,200** teens per week.

[Read full report...](#)



## **Relational Health Is Sexual Health — Why Our Schools Must Teach Both**

Imagining a world in which relationship education is required learning for our junior high and high school students.

[Read more...](#)

(Ed. Note: We couldn't have said it better!)

## **THE LATEST**



### **Ready (or Not) For Love? Your Friends Likely Agree**

A new study from MSU psychologists found that friends significantly agreed when someone was ready for a relationship.

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### **Attachment, Soulmates and How Students Can Pick a Healthy Partner**

Understanding how attachment styles are contextual, become insecure in distress, and affect the perception of soulmates can help young adults select dating partners.

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## **A Framework for Understanding Adverse Adolescent Experiences**

Nature Human Behavior - Adolescence (ages 10–24) is characterized by cognitive, behavioral and social development. This Review proposes the adverse adolescent experiences (AAEs) framework...

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## **NEWS YOU CAN USE**



### **Exploring Young Women's Experiences of Economic Abuse in Intimate Relationships**

A study of 20 young women found that while their experiences of economic abuse were similar to older adults but less severe, they often minimized the harmful behavior, impacting their finances and education, highlighting the need for tailored IPV prevention and research for young adults.

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### **Trauma-Informed Teaching Strategies Can Benefit All Students**

Using trauma-informed teaching strategies can make classrooms welcoming spaces for all students-- not only those who have experienced trauma.

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## TOOLS YOU CAN USE



### **Video Series Help Youth Build Healthy Relationships**

The New Mexico Department of Health has launched a new video series on social media to help young people build healthy relationships. The videos offer simple strategies for improving communication and trust with family, friends, and romantic partners.

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### **A Parent's Guide to Your Teenager's First Heartbreak**

In the hundreds of hours I spent interviewing young people, I began to think of every teen love story as a mental health story.

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## WEBINAR



March 12, 2025

### Successful Federal Grant Writing Strategies

Join us for our “Successful Federal Grant Writing Strategies” webinar focused on the Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood (HMRF) Ready4Life\* youth grant.

In this 60-minute session, Aaron Larson, Director of Programs for Dibble and former federal grant reviewer, will share tips and strategies to consider while preparing for this grant.

Aaron’s experience includes writing the original healthy marriage grants for the Office of Family Assistance and currently serves as Dibble’s key grant applicant contact.

We have compiled many resources and tools that we will share during this webinar in anticipation of the official grant release.

**Objectives:** Participants will be able to:

- Acquire tips for writing successful federal grants
- Understand how to identify requests within the NOFO and ways to best address them
- Consider whether to write for the grant in-house or to use a grant writing service

**Presenter:** Aaron Larson- Director of Programs, The Dibble Institute

**Who should attend:** Any **organization** or **non-profit** that is eligible to apply for and would like to receive this grant funding. **Grant writers** who are responsible for preparing and submitting grant proposals. **Program managers** or anyone interested in **learning more about federal grant writing strategies**.

**When:** Wednesday, March 12 @ 1:00pm Pacific/4:00pm Eastern

**Duration:** 60 Minutes

**Cost:** Free!!

“\*” We have no special knowledge about the release of the HMRF grants beyond what is on the federal websites.

[Register Now >](#)

## CURRENT FUNDING STREAMS



### [Support Available for Nevada Nonprofit Organizations](#)

**Application Due Date:** For the spring grant cycle, applications will be accepted from March 3 to March 28, 2025. (Grant amount: \$2,500 to \$25,000)

The **Raiders Foundation** provides grants to **nonprofit organizations** benefiting the residents of **Nevada**. Support focuses on the following community investment areas: military and veterans, including programs which provide immediate and ongoing support to military members, veterans, and their families; health and wellness, with a focus on initiatives positively impacting the social determinants of health; and **youth development, including programs which improve outcomes for children and efforts that encourage youth to be active and healthy.**



### [Health, Education, and Recreation Funded in New England and Lee County, FL](#)

**Application Due Date:** None (Grant amount: \$1,000 to \$10,000)

The **Red Sox Foundation** supports **nonprofit organizations** in **New England** and **Lee County, FL**, that make a difference in the lives of **children, veterans, families, and communities in need**. Programmatic grants focus on the areas of health, education, and recreation.



Silver Family **Foundation**

### [Support Available for Youth Development Initiatives in OR, WA, and ID](#)

**Application Due Date:** Proposals are accepted by invitation only and are reviewed twice a year, in **March** and **September**. Letters of Inquiry are accepted without invitation and can be submitted anytime.

The Silver Family Foundation provides support to **nonprofit organizations** in **Oregon, Washington, and Idaho** that focus on **transformative youth development**. Priority is given to programs that provide **in-depth, long-term investments and opportunities for underserved and at-risk youth, ages five to 18**. Grantmaking priorities include youth mentorship, academic intervention and enrichment, high school completion, and college and post-secondary preparation and retention.



**Company Communities Supported in WA, OR, CA and ID**

**Application Deadline:** None

Banner Bank's community support program, Banner Gives, **prioritizes nonprofit organizations that empower youth in Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho**. Key areas of focus for youth programs include **academic achievement, civic involvement, financial literacy, and physical and emotional development**. While also supporting housing, financial education, and economic development, Banner Gives specifically **emphasizes programs that directly benefit young people, such as tutoring, mentoring, after-school programs, and youth leadership initiatives**.



**Spreading Love Through the Media- Reporting Grants for Journalists, Podcasters and Social Media Creators**

**Submission Window:** January 7 – March 24, 2025

The Greater Good Science Center's Spreading Love Through the Media initiative, funded by the John Templeton Foundation, is a three-year effort to harness the transformative power of love to



tackle social challenges like polarization and loneliness. This initiative seeks to broaden the concept of love beyond romantic relationships, highlighting its role in fostering compassion, altruism, and social cohesion.

We are offering grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 to fund projects that showcase love's power to build connection and resilience. Funded by the John Templeton Foundation, the Spreading Love Through the Media initiative will award approximately two dozen grants to support nonfiction content and reported stories exploring love in its many forms—compassionate, familial, romantic, and beyond.

## FORECASTED FUNDING STREAMS



### Transitional Living Program

**Estimated Post Date:** February 28, 2025

**Estimated Application Due Date:** May 1, 2025

The Transitional Living Program (TLP) provides shelter and comprehensive supportive services to youth ages 16 through 21 for up to 18 months or, under extenuating circumstances, 21 months. In addition to shelter, TLPs provide comprehensive services that support participating youth's transition to self-sufficiency and stable, independent living. Through the combination of shelter and services, TLP youth are expected to show improvements in four core outcome areas: safe and stable housing, education or employment, permanent connections, and social and emotional well-being.



### Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life (Ready4Life)

**Estimated Post Date:** February 28, 2025

**Estimate Application Due Date:** May 1, 2025

The Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life (READY4Life) grants will be targeted exclusively to projects designed to provide healthy marriage and relationship education skills, parenting (for young fathers and mothers as applicable), financial management, job and career advancement, and other activities, to youth that are high-school aged (grades 9-12) or in late adolescence and early adulthood (ages 14 to 24), including parenting and/or pregnant youth.



### **Family, Relationship, and Marriage Education Works - Adults (FRAMEWorks)**

**Estimated Post Date:** February 28, 2025

**Estimate Application Due Date:** May 1, 2025

This funding will be targeted exclusively to projects designed for adult individuals or adult couples, defined as persons who are age 18 and older. Applicants will be asked to submit proposals that are designed to implement programs that include a broad array of service provision strategies. These include curriculum-based skills development and services designed to support family strengthening activities through one or more of seven activities specified under the authorizing legislation: marriage and relationship education/skills (MRES); pre-marital education; marriage enhancement; divorce reduction activities; marriage mentoring; public advertising campaigns; and activities to reduce the disincentives to marriage.



### **Fatherhood - Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (Fatherhood FIRE)**

**Estimated Post Date:** February 28, 2025

**Estimate Application Due Date:** May 1, 2025

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA) announces its plan to solicit applications for the competitive award of grants that support "activities to promote responsible fatherhood" under each of the three broad categories of promoting or sustaining marriage, responsible parenting, and economic stability activities authorized under Section 403(a)(2) of the Social Security Act. This funding will be targeted exclusively to projects designed for adult fathers, defined as fathers that are age 18 and older.