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## THE LATEST

**The  
New York  
Times**

### We're Living Through the Great Detachment

In "The Great Detachment," David Brooks explores how declining rates of marriage and intimate relationships are leading to a more isolated society, arguing that prioritizing professional success over personal connection leaves individuals increasingly disengaged and unfulfilled.

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## **First-Time Moms with Bachelor's Degrees More Likely to Be Married Than Those Without**

About a quarter of all first-time mothers were cohabiting at the time of childbirth in the early 2020s. College-educated moms were more likely to be married.

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## **Research Brief: Developmental Relationships in Schools**

Discover how developmental relationships between students and adults in school settings enhance attendance, motivation, and engagement for student success.

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE



### **The Class Where 'Screenagers' Train to Navigate Social Media and A.I.**

New technologies are complicating efforts to teach the scrolling generation to think critically and defensively online.

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### **Adolescents with High Emotional Intelligence are Less Likely to Trust AI**

A new study reveals that while supportive parenting fosters AI skepticism in teens, those from authoritarian households are significantly more likely to trust and rely on the technology for advice.

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## **Teens Favor “Best Friend” AI Chatbots, Raising New Safety Questions for Edtech**

New academic research suggests adolescents are significantly more drawn to relationship-oriented AI chatbots than transparent, boundary-clear systems, with findings pointing to heightened risks for emotionally vulnerable users.

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## **TOOLS YOU CAN USE**



### **Nonprofits Devise Creative Solutions to Address Federal Funding Cuts**

Whether in the arts or community development, nonprofits have been harmed by federal cuts. They’re finding creative ways to respond.

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### **Should Your Non-Profit Use AI in its Grantseeking?**

As generative AI makes its way into more and more of the tools we use every day, nonprofit professionals may be asking themselves whether and when it makes sense to use AI-powered features. For grantseekers and fundraisers, the answer may be nuanced. AI may make sense in parts of your workflow, but as always, a dose of care is in order.

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## WEBINAR



February 11, 2026

### Navigating Risk When Risk is Everywhere

It's easy to become overwhelmed, distracted, and even disheartened by the concerning possibilities facing many nonprofit organizations. This webinar takes a fresh look at the concept of risk and offers practical ways to reflect and act in the face of troubling risks while keeping your mission at the forefront. Learn how to harness worry into action plans that will build mission resilience and ready your team for what's next.

This webinar introduces simple ways to understand the concepts of 'risk' and 'risk management' in the nonprofit sector, and presents practical ways to prioritize top risks and develop action plans related to top risks.

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

- Define and identify key risk concepts through a non-profit lens
- Prioritize top risks and develop action plans related to top risks
- Develop strategies to increase the comfort of talking about and coping with the risks facing nonprofit organizations.

**Presenter:** Melanie Herman; Executive Director- Nonprofit Risk Management Center

**Who should attend:** This webinar is designed for a **broad spectrum of nonprofit professionals**, ranging from high-level decision-makers to those managing daily operations. Since the focus is on "harnessing worry into action," **it is particularly relevant for anyone feeling the weight of uncertainty in the current economic or social climate.**

**When:** Wednesday, February 11th @ 1:00pm Pacific/4:00pm Eastern

**Duration:** 60 minutes

**Cost:** Free!

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## CURRENT FUNDING STREAMS



**[Humana Foundation](#)** (Organizations in Louisville, KY, Texas, Florida and Louisiana)

**2026 Grant Cycle: January 20- February 20, 2026**

Every day, people face a multitude of choices that may affect their health and quality of life. In many communities, these choices are limited by factors beyond a person's control. That is why we are expanding healthy choices for communities and creating more equitable health outcomes by working to eliminate the social and structural barriers to health.

Our goals:

- **We create healthy emotional connections as a vital part of our holistic approach to care.**
- We shape a healthier approach to nutrition that supports lifelong health and wellbeing.
- **We deploy our knowledge and resources as stewards of good health in communities across the country.**



**[New York Life Foundation](#)** (The target states for this cycle are: Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Hawai'i, Idaho, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, West Virginia, and Wyoming.)

**Application Due Date: February 6, 2026**

On behalf of the New York Life Foundation, the Afterschool Alliance invites **out-of-school time programs** to apply for a competitive grant opportunity to **support and bolster the ability of afterschool and summer learning programs to help prepare middle school students for success in high school, college, and life.**



Office for Victims of Crime

**OVC**

**Preventing Trafficking of Girls**

**Application Due Date: February 24, 2026**

This NOFO will develop or enhance **prevention and early intervention services for girls who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking**. Funding will be provided to programs that **replicate and scale up prevention and early intervention programs**; and implement or enhance efforts to **identify and provide comprehensive services to girls/young women who are at risk of, or are victims of, sex and/or labor trafficking** through activities such as **street outreach, partnerships with organizations that serve youth, partnerships with juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and/or collaboration with other key community stakeholders**.



**Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation**

**Application Deadline: June 15th**

The goal of the Youth Initiative is to **support direct service programs that promote resilience, stability, and psycho-social health for youth ages 14 to 21** who have experienced trauma because of exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

## FORECASTED FUNDING STREAMS



### Research Grants for Preventing Violence

**Estimated Post Date: February 2, 2025**

**Estimated Due Date: April 13, 2026**

This initiative is intended to support effectiveness research to evaluate innovative programs, practices, or policies to address risk for interpersonal violence and suicide among groups experiencing a high burden of these issues. Innovative approaches are those that have not been rigorously evaluated for effectiveness in reducing interpersonal violence or suicide. Analyses examining how the approach affects different populations that are most impacted by these issues are a priority. Funds are available to **conduct studies focused on preventing interpersonal violence or suicide involving youth or young adults (ages 10–24 years)**, including child abuse and neglect, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, suicide, and youth violence.

(ED Note: If you apply for this funding and include a Dibble program, we would be happy to contribute training and materials for the evaluation)



### Interrupting the Cycle of Violence Against Women Through Targeted Approaches: The We Care Initiative

Department of Health and Human Services

**Estimated Post Date: January 27, 2026**

**Estimated Due Date: April 27, 2026**

This initiative will solicit applications to support research employing a range of research designs and methods to expand the evidence base on approaches that address the context of people's lives and living conditions to **prevent, treat, and eliminate violence against women (VAW) to improve health outcomes for all**.



**Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence and Suicide Among Children and Youth**

**Estimated Post Date: February 2, 2026**

**Estimated Application Due Date: April 13, 2026**

The goal is to support scientists in becoming independent researchers. Applicants must propose a research project that focuses on at least one of the following NCIPC research priorities related to interpersonal violence and suicide affecting children and youth (birth to age 17). These research priorities include **adverse childhood experiences**, child abuse and neglect, **youth violence, intimate partner violence (including teen dating violence)**, **sexual violence**, **suicide**, and cross-cutting preventions (i.e. examining two or more of these priority topics). Applicants are encouraged to explore multiple forms of interpersonal violence and/or suicide among children or youth, community factors that increase the risk of interpersonal violence and/or suicide, and the practical relevance of the research for prevention and intervention efforts.

(ED Note: If you apply for this funding and include a Dibble program, we would be happy to contribute training and materials for the evaluation)



**National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative - Community Treatment and Service Centers**

**Estimated Post Date: February 27, 2026**

The purpose of this program is to increase access to and **provide effective trauma-focused treatment and services to children, adolescents, and their families** who have experienced traumatic events.



**Garrett Lee Smith Campus Suicide Prevention**

**Estimated Post Date: March 16, 2026**

The purpose of this program is to support a comprehensive public health and evidence-based approach that: (1) enhances **behavioral health services** for all college students, including those at risk for suicide, depression, serious mental illness (SMI)/serious emotional disturbances (SED), and/or substance use disorders that can lead to school failure; (2) **prevents and reduces suicide and mental and substance use disorders**; (3) **promotes help-seeking behavior and reduces stigma**; and (4) improves the identification and treatment of at-risk college students so they can successfully complete their studies.