Joint project for bullying prevention receives $1.6 million in funding

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Promoting Relationships and Eliminating Violence Network (PREVNet) is receiving $1.6 million over the next four years from the Networks of Centres of Excellence.

“This is going to close the gap between science and prevention,” says Wendy Craig, co-chair of PREVNet with York University professor Debra Pepler. “It’s going to engage all sectors of society. The prevention of violence through the promotion of healthy relationships in children and youths’ development are the cornerstones for a competitive, healthy and productive society.”

This is a knowledge mobilization project that will build on the relationships built within the PREVNet network of national organizations and researchers. The funding will be utilized for ten proposed projects that will promote broad-based social change at the level of the children, adult, community, industry and nation, improving Canada’s position on the world stage.

Initially launched in 2006 as an NCE new initiative, PREVNet is now an umbrella network of 58 leading Canadian research scientists and their students from 25 universities and 50 national youth-serving organizations. The goal of the project is to provide adults and youth with knowledge, strategies, tools and programs to prevent violence and promote healthy relationships.

The goal of the NCE program is to mobilize Canada’s research talent in the academic, private, public and not-for-profit sectors and apply it to the task of developing the economy and improving the quality of life of Canadians.

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