

Put Social Media Settlement Dollars to Work for Young People

Protecting young people online is essential, but it is only part of the solution. Young people also need safe places to go, trusted people to turn to, and meaningful things to do.

Social media payouts and settlements create an opportunity to turn accountability into investment in youth well-being.

Start with what young people need to thrive.

In Real Life Alternatives

Programs and services that foster social connection, build trusted adult and peer relationships, reduce screen time, and promote youth mental health, safety and well-being.

- ▶ Before-, after-school and summer learning and enrichment
- ▶ Outdoor learning, sports, recreation, arts and creative expression
- ▶ Mentoring, career and workforce readiness
- ▶ Youth service, leadership and civic engagement
- ▶ Safe third spaces and family programs



Mental Health Services and Supports

Screening, referral, targeted interventions and supports that strengthen mental health and social connection and address emerging or acute needs.

- ▶ Mental health screening and linkage to care
- ▶ Early detection, screening and referrals
- ▶ Peer and near-peer support models
- ▶ Community, school and pediatric clinical and nonclinical supports
- ▶ Crisis response and community-based treatment, including 988

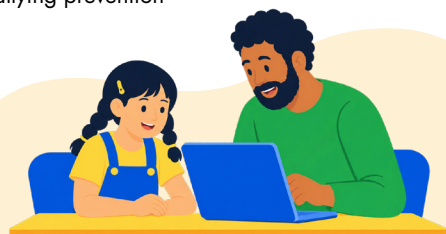


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Safe Digital Engagement

Education, curricula and youth leadership opportunities that help young people and caregivers understand social media harms and navigate online experiences safely.

- ▶ Digital safety, well-being and literacy
- ▶ Education and tools for youth, caregivers and youth-serving staff
- ▶ Youth-guided curricula, programs and peer supports
- ▶ Youth voice in safe platform design and policies
- ▶ Cyberbullying prevention



Guiding Principles for Use of Funds

- 1 Protect and support youth well-being and mental health
- 2 Invest across a variety of supports and settings
- 3 Use evidence and data to guide decisions
- 4 Ensure fair, inclusive and transparent governance
- 5 Guarantee meaningful access for all youth

**INVEST IN YOUNG PEOPLE'S
LIVES—ONLINE AND OFF.**

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