



Drug prevention program in Bridgeport schools gets grant

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The Courage to Speak Foundation has received a \$14,000 grant from an anonymous donor through the Fairfield County Community Foundation to continue its work in the Bridgeport public school system.

The funding, given for the second consecutive year, will support the implementation of the Courage to Speak drug prevention curriculum for grades four through seven in eight Bridgeport schools.

The grant also supports training for new teachers on the foundation's eight-lesson drug prevention curriculum, based on the book *Sunny's Story* written by Ginger Katz, the organization's founder.

Last year, sixth-grade students at Madison School voted *Sunny's Story* as "Favorite Book" in their yearbook.

Students will be taught communication skills to help ensure open, honest communication with their parents or guardians about drugs, alcohol and other critical life issues and concerns.

The nonprofit Courage to Speak Foundation focuses on encouraging parents to communicate effectively with their children about the dangers of drugs.