
U.S. Representative

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Spratt Announces Grants to Combat Drugs

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) announced today that Lancaster County has won two federal grants aimed at combating drug abuse in schools. Spratt called the grants “great news” for the war on drugs in Lancaster County.

Lancaster County School District is receiving a three-year, \$394,724 grant for middle schools from the U.S. Dept. of Education’s Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program. The funds will be used to recruit, hire, and train full-time drug prevention counselors, train teachers and staff, and develop assessments of drug problems in the schools.

In addition, **The Children’s Council** is receiving a \$97,787 grant through the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. The program was created by Congress in 1997 to build community-based coalitions to reduce substance abuse among young people. Locally, the Lancaster County Prevention Coalition will implement the grant by hiring a full-time coordinator for elementary and middle schools, and building county-wide awareness of substance abuse among youth through local media..

Spratt said competition for the grants is “rigorous and intense.” He called the grants “a credit to the good work of the Lancaster County School District, The Children’s Council, and the Lancaster County Prevention Coalition.”

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