



Guiding ALL Kids - American Student Achievement Institute

SMALL DISTRICT COALITION

Join a group of small Indiana school districts in creating a joint application for the

Lilly Counseling Initiative Implementation Grant Round II

Info Webinar: Jan 9, 2018 • Register at asainstitute.org/gak

Coalition Application Due to ASAI: Jan 30, 2018

OVERVIEW: The American Student Achievement Institute (ASAI) is seeking small school districts to create a joint application for the Lilly Endowment Counseling Initiative Implementation Grant, Round II. If funded, participating districts will work together in a learning community as each district addresses student guidance and counseling needs using a systemic approach involving a variety of delivery methods in the school and community. This proven model, *Guiding ALL Kids* (GAK), is nationally recognized and was the foundation of many grant applications that were approved by Lilly in Round I.

PROVEN MODEL: As a result of Guiding ALL Kids, a higher percentage of students will **make sound choices** in targeted areas that impact academic success in grades K-12 and lead to increases in postsecondary attendance, responsible citizenry, and productive employment in a global economy. Independent research has shown that this approach results in a greater number of students passing state math and language arts tests.

SUSTAINABILITY: At the end of the four-year grant period, participating schools will have everything they need to sustain the Guiding ALL Kids initiative with little or no additional funding. Schools will have 1) a culture that supports high academic achievement for ALL students, 2) an organizational structure that supports on-going evaluation and continuous improvement, 3) local teacher-leaders and community-leaders with expertise in data-driven school improvement, and 4) material resources including a vertically articulated guidance curriculum and guidance lesson plans.

JOINT APPLICATION RATIONALE: Joining the GAK Small District Coalition has several distinct benefits:

- 1) Leadership teams from participating schools participate in a four-year learning community where they will take part in guided discussions, learn from each other, and support each other they create their GAK systems.
- 2) Leadership teams from participating districts will share locally developed lesson plans and materials.
- 3) The joint application will be developed by a proven grant writer who will write the grant application with input from each participating district
- 4) Economies of Scale: Participating districts will split technical assistance costs over the next four years, enabling the leadership teams in participating schools to engage in signification, high-quality, and proven technical support.

COALITION MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA: To qualify for coalition membership, districts must:

- Have fewer than 7,000 students (negotiable)
- Have not received Lilly Round I funding
- Agree to the assurances found in the District Coalition Application page

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION: GAK is implemented at the building level. While some districts may wish to enroll only one school in GAK, other districts may wish to enroll all of their schools, or at one school at each building level to create a K-12 initiative.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Districts wishing to be part of the GAK Small District Coalition must **apply and identify participating schools by Jan. 26, 2018**. If the joint application is not approved by Lilly, districts may withdraw from the coalition with no financial penalty.

Nov 19	Small District Coalition Announced
Jan 9	Info Webinar, 3:30 pm Eastern Topics Covered: What is GAK? / Model Program Exploration Tools
Jan 26	District Coalition Application Due to ASAI www.asainstitute.org/gak
Feb 6	Joint Grant Writing Webinar, 3:30 pm Eastern
Feb 16	Joint Grant Writing Workshop (Indianapolis, location TBA)
Mar 15	Applications Due to Lilly Endowment

COST: ASAI's will support the development of the joint application at no charge to the districts. If the joint application is not approved by Lilly, districts may withdraw from the coalition with no financial penalty. If the joint application is approved, the four-year cost for technical assistance from ASAI is \$36,000 per participating school (an average of \$9,000 per school per year). Districts will also need to provide travel funds for a six-member Steering Team to make twenty trips to Indianapolis over the four-year period so they can participate in the GAK Learning Community (monthly in the first year, and then quarterly in the following years). Optionally, districts may wish to provide stipends for local GAK leaders (estimated \$14,000 over four years), funds for printing and materials (estimated \$15 per student), and funds to cover the ASCA RAMP Award application fee (\$400). This will be further discussed during the grant application development period.

LILLY PLANNING FUNDS - EXTENSION: Schools that received a Lilly Planning Grant may request an extension of the planning grant period. Requests must be submitted to Lilly **prior to Dec. 30th**. Planning Funds may be used to support the development of the Round II application.

ASSURANCES: ASAI views it's work with districts as a partnership. During the District Coalition Application process, both ASAI and the district will sign assurances that outline each organization's responsibilities. ASAI commits to providing the listed deliverables and expects districts to have the same commitment to their assurances.