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## Community Health Endowment Awards \$1.1 Million

Prevention and treatment of adverse childhood experiences and peer support for people experiencing mental illness or substance abuse received major investments in the latest round of [Community Health Endowment](#) (CHE) grants. The CHE Board of Trustees approved grants totaling \$652,456 for year one and \$1,142,347 over three years. New grants will:

- **Support and expand the Healthy Families America program which provides home visitation and other services for parents of children under age three at risk for child abuse and neglect or other adverse childhood experiences.** (CEDARS Youth Services and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, \$524,481 over two years)
- **Employ a Health Care Navigator to help victims of domestic violence and their children access health services, establish a medical home, and identify toxic stress.** (Friendship Home, \$204,767 over three years)
- **Increase capacity to provide children's mental health services specifically for children under age five and their families.** (Lutheran Family Services, \$75,000 over two years)
- **Pilot a targeted after-school program for elementary students with behavior or mental health challenges to reduce disciplinary referrals and improve school success.** (YMCA of Lincoln, \$15,466 over one year)
- **Pilot a peer support program for people completing substance abuse treatment to prevent relapse and readmission.** (The Bridge Behavioral Health, \$20,000 over one year)
- **Extend the existing CHE-funded Peer Connections program providing peer support for mental health emergency department patients and community members.** (Bryan Health Foundation, \$132,811 over one year)
- **Provide operational funding for The Orchard, a drop-in, peer-run wellness center for people with mental health challenges.** (Wellbeing Initiative, \$50,000 over one year)
- **Provide matching funds to add a dental treatment room to meet increased demand for dental services for people who are low-income, uninsured, or underinsured.** (Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, \$30,000 over one year)
- **Continue the existing breast cancer outreach project in collaboration with El Centro de las Americas while the organizations plan to expand culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach efforts for both men and women with all types of cancer.** (Malone Community Center, \$19,822 over one year)
- **Support the 2017 Streets Alive! festival, a community celebration of healthy, active living.** (Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln, \$10,000 over one year)
- **Continue a CHE-funded project that uses pooled purchasing power to provide diabetic supplies to people who are low-income or uninsured at a dramatically reduced cost.** (Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, \$60,000 over three years)

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