

Please state the reasons for seeking financial assistance and why you feel the Restraint Prevention Project should provide financial assistance (attach separate pages if needed):

Restraint Prevention Project Application for Funds Information and Directions

The Restraint Prevention Project is part of the Education Law Resource Center's efforts to provide information and resources about physical restraints in schools. The goal of the Project is to help assist in the training of educators and others who work with students in ways to deescalate and address situations so that physical restraints will not be necessary and to implement restraints properly and as safely as possible when restraints are required as a last resort intervention.

The Project is currently funded through a percentage of the profits from the Education Law Resource publication Preventing Physical Restraints in Schools: A Guide for Parents, Educators & Professionals.

The project will grant awards of financial assistance based on the availability of funds and on the decisions of the volunteer Restraint Prevention Project Selection Committee. The choice of applicants that receive funding and the amount of funding provided is done solely at the discretion of the Selection Committee. More information about the Selection Committee is available on the website, www.edlawrc.com.

The Project's Application for Funds seeks information to help the Selection Committee make decisions. It is anticipated that there will be more applicants than funds, so the committee will have to decide which applicants to fund based on the information provided in the Application and the available funds.

The information requested on the form is straightforward. The last question essentially asks the applicant to explain why the Selection Committee should select the applicant for funding given the competitive process. Factors that the Committee will consider include, but are not limited to, the need to have a trained person in the particular school/district, the ability or inability of the school to pay for all of the training costs given its current financial or budget situations, and whether the training program allows and trains the person receiving training to come back into the school/district to train others (i.e., train the trainer programs). Requests for funding the program materials necessary to implement the subsequent training to staff in school by the person who received the original training will also be considered.

Priority will be given to requests with the objective of sending a person or persons to receive training necessary to allow them to return to the school to train others in the school and that demonstrate that they have a set plan to provide the training in the school or district by the person once the person is trained.

The Selection Committee will also consider the vendor providing training with **priority given** to those receiving training from programs that emphasize de-escalation and other methods of addressing behavior with restraints being a last resort.

The application process is open to anyone working in a public or private school that is responsible for addressing student behavior in school, including classroom teachers.

If you have any questions about what information is being requested or about the Project, please contact us by email at info@edlawrc.com or by phone at 888-474-3137. The application deadlines are September 9th 2005 and May 26th 2006. The selection committee will notify those that will receive funding about 30 days after those dates. Please note that it is a competitive process with more applicants than funds, so your application may not receive any funding.

Send the completed request form by mail to:

Education Law Resource Center

PO Box 1803

Concord, NH 03302-1803

Or you may send it by email to info@edlawrc.com.