

Lions Quest Social and Emotional Learning Program Launches Online Edition

Lions Quest, the signature youth education and social and emotional learning (SEL) program of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), launched the latest edition of the program – Lions Quest Online.

Currently available for the program’s U.S. edition, the online version gives users easy access to the entire program online, including writable student and family activities that may be completed on computers and other devices, and allows teachers to easily reach their students in a virtual environment.

Established more than 30 years ago, Lions Quest offers an evidence-based, comprehensive SEL program that brings school, family and community together to develop healthy and responsible young people. With a focus on supporting character development and negative behavior prevention, as well as fostering a commitment to community service, Lions Quest lessons support the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL) five core competencies of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making. CASEL, the leading authority in the advancement of SEL in education, is a trusted source for knowledge about high-quality, evidence-based SEL.

“Bringing social and emotional learning into our schools is the best thing we could have done,” said Dr. Tamara Young, director of special education for Lincoln Elementary School District in Calumet City, Illinois and a Lion in the Calumet City Lions Club. The district began implementing the Lions Quest program in 2019.

“In today’s world, school is not just about academics anymore. It’s also about the social wellbeing of our students. Lions Quest helps support where we are now,” Young added.

While SEL programming has gained a solid presence in on-site classrooms, online SEL programs are now seeing growth as a result of the pandemic. Online delivery has become critical in the wake of COVID-19 to addressing long-term pandemic impacts and ensuring the ongoing social and emotional development of youth.

“I’m pleased LCIF is able to offer an easily accessed, value-based version of our curriculum online so students, teachers and families can continue incorporating important SEL lessons in their homes, virtual learning environments and community organizations,” said LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir.

Lions Quest is supported by a number of national and international organizations committed to guiding young people toward responsible, healthy, drug- and violence-free lives. Partner organizations include the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Lions Quest programs have earned “Select SEL” and “SEL Promising” ratings from CASEL, in recognition of Lions Quest’s excellence in three areas recommended by CASEL – Outstanding SEL Instruction, Evidence of Effectiveness, and Outstanding Professional Development. In independent studies, Lions Quest has been shown to be effective at promoting social emotional

development and the creation of a positive school climate. For more information about Lions Quest, or to learn more about the online edition, visit lions-quest.org.

About Lions Clubs International Foundation:

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. Established in 1968, LCIF provides grant funding to support the compassionate works of Lions, empowering their service and addressing the needs of their communities both locally and globally. LCIF is proud of its exemplary ratings history with Charity Navigator, the most-consulted U.S. charity evaluator. Learn more at lionsclubs.org/LCIF.