



# Students in SEL programs increase academic performance up to 11%<sup>1</sup>

## BETTERING A NATION'S YOUTH AND FUTURE



Navigating childhood isn't easy. As they develop socially, emotionally, and intellectually, youngsters can become overwhelmed. Fortunately, students in Ukraine – particularly youngsters displaced

from home due to conflict – are gaining valuable skills to navigate school and their futures through Lions Quest, the signature youth development program of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

In 2006, Lions were awarded US\$25,000 in LCIF grant funding to pilot Lions Quest in Kyiv. More recently, grants totaling more than US\$300,000, added to funds collected by Lions, have helped implement an

enhanced version of Lions Quest while expanding its *Skills for Growing* and *Skills for Adolescence* learning modules. An estimated 160,000 students and 9,600 teachers in 200 Ukraine schools are benefitting.

Said Past District Governor Dr. Valentin Kravchenko, "We are supporting schools in their efforts to implement Lions Quest to help every child in Ukraine develop conflict resolution skills, become comfortable with diversity, manage their emotions, be resilient in the face of adversity, and have good overall mental health. Our goal is to help every child in Ukraine through Lions Quest."

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# Youth



# For the Children

During what should be a carefree time of life, many youth face daunting challenges. Consider these stark realities in this part of the world:

**25%**

**of students have been bullied**

*or in a physical fight or physically attacked<sup>2</sup>*

**Adolescent alcohol consumption:**

**major public health concern**

*≥1 in 10 are weekly drinkers by age 15;  
~10% first drunk at 13 or younger<sup>3</sup>*



**2.4M**

**adolescents are out-of-school<sup>4</sup>**

**THAT'S EUROPE. GLOBALLY, THE SITUATION LOOKS LIKE THIS:**



**1 in 3 students**

reports being **cyberbullied**;  
20% report skipping school  
because of it or violence<sup>5</sup>

**2 in 3 students**

in 160 countries **worry**  
**about violence** in and  
around schools<sup>6</sup>



**Reading scores**  
and **bullying** are  
directly correlated<sup>7</sup>



Schools with **positive school**  
**climate practices** like Lions Quest  
have lower rates of absenteeism  
and bullying<sup>8</sup>

## LCIF AND LIONS

[lCIF.org/youth](https://lCIF.org/youth)

## Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Harvard University found students participating in Lions Quest reported improved perceptions of school climate, and physical and emotional safety<sup>9</sup>. For 35 years+, LCIF has funded Lions Quest globally. Our commitment continues.

**LIONS QUEST  
PROGRAM GRANTS**  
develop/expand  
the program

**UP TO  
US\$150,000**

**LIONS QUEST  
COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIP  
GRANTS**  
launch/reactivate  
the program

**UP TO  
US\$15,000**

**LIONS QUEST  
PROMOTIONAL  
GRANTS**  
introduce the program  
to a community

**UP TO  
US\$1,500**

**DISTRICT AND  
CLUB COMMUNITY  
IMPACT GRANTS**  
apply to local district  
and club projects

**GRANT  
AMOUNT VARIES**

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