Grant Opportunity for Montana Schools

The Montana Healthcare Foundation is offering grants in three major focus areas. Schools are encouraged to apply, and here are a few examples of ways that schools can consider funds. **Behavioral Health** Schools can apply for funds to develop a school-based counselling program and the infrastructure needed to bill Medicaid to support the program over the long-term, or support for training staff in crisis intervention or suicide prevention. **American Indian Health** Schools serving primarily American Indian students can apply for funds to support projects that would effectively address the mental and physical health needs of American Indian students. **Partnerships for Better Health** Schools can apply for funds to increase access to health services through collaborations with community health centers, rural hospitals, health departments, or mental health centers, including the costs of staff time and technical expertise. The deadline for submitting letters of interest June 30, 2015, and final decisions will be made in the fall of this year. Information about how to apply can be found at [www.mthcf.org](http://www.mthcf.org)

What We’re Reading

Thank you to Drew Uecker, Principal at Paris Gibson High School, for sharing these two incredible resources – a profile of a high school in Walla Walla, WA that dropped suspensions by 85% by becoming trauma-informed, and a trailer for *Paper Tigers, a movie* about kids who struggle with trauma and how public education can respond. Both works are based on application of the ACE study. Montana is fortunate to have the [ChildWise Institute](http://www.childwise.org) in our state, which offers regular trainings and support to understand and apply the findings of the ACE study.