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## **Lee Pesky Learning Receives \$1,000,000 Grant from the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare**

**Boise, Idaho**—On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Lee Pesky Learning Center (LPLC) received the first—of three disbursements—of a \$1,000,000 grant from Idaho’s Department of Health and Welfare (DHW).

LPLC is a 501c3 education nonprofit which creates pathways to learning for everyone and provides evidence-based services based in the science of learning. At LPLC, young learners are provided support on the academic, social, and emotional health fronts and over 80% of children served have diagnosed dyslexia or another form of learning or attention disability.

Funding provided by DHW via their community grant program will expand the depth and breadth of LPLC’s evaluation, counseling, and academic services. LPLC currently serves more than 80 unique clients monthly for academic intervention, counseling, and/or academic coaching; grant funding will expand staffing enabling LPLC to double the number of clients served. Increasing the number of individuals served couldn’t come at a more critical time when countless students are in need of academic and mental health services, but encountering lengthy local wait lists when requesting help.

Additionally, DHW’s funding will strengthen reading intervention services for small groups of English language learners. Lee Pesky Literacy Pods, historically LPLC’s Pathways to Literacy program, have been operating in Blaine County for three years but through DHW’s support, they will be replicated in the Treasure Valley and serve first-grade students who do not speak English as their primary language.

In the words of LPLC’s Executive Director Dr. Lindy Crawford, “The Community Program Grant awarded by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will create lasting and meaningful change for young people across the state. Lee Pesky Learning Center is honored to receive this funding and excited to expand our services.”

LPLC looks forward to working with children, thanks to DHW’s generous funding, to ensure they are supported on their pathway to overcoming obstacles to learning. All LPLC’s services are delivered through a unique Self-Regulated Learning model that empowers individuals to become more connected, self-determined, self-aware, strategic, and resilient.

In the words of the Department of Health & Welfare, when working together, we can build a better Idaho.

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#### **About Lee Pesky Learning Center**

Lee Pesky Learning Center (LPLC) is a national teaching, research, and training center that works with individuals, families, schools, and communities to understand and overcome obstacles to learning. Formed in 1997, our vision is to create a pathway to learning for everyone. At LPLC, we understand that everyone learns differently. With this understanding, we provide thousands of hours of individualized academic intervention to students and train hundreds of classroom teachers every year. LPLC is committed to closing the educational opportunity gap through evidence-based teaching and training. To learn more about Lee Pesky Learning Center, our unique self-regulated learner framework, or how you can become involved in supporting our mission, please visit [lplearningcenter.org](http://lplearningcenter.org).

#### **About Idaho's Department of Health & Welfare**

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is dedicated to strengthening the health, safety, and independence of Idahoans. Learn more at [healthandwelfare.idaho.gov](http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov).

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