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IMPACT REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026



UPDATE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

Dear Supporters,

It is our pleasure to share with you our progress in drug prevention education during the 2025-2026 school year. Our work over the past 13 years has conclusively shown that the most effective way to fight addiction is to provide free educational resources to our schools, ideally to prevent first use. We are proud to report that we are providing our programming to over 150 schools in 18 of New Jersey's 21 counties.

The need for expansion remains urgent. Ingredients in the substances kids are trying today like vapes and marijuana are far more addictive, or in the worst cases deadly, if laced with fentanyl. Research also indicates that children are trying substances at much earlier ages, as young as 12. For that reason, we have significantly expanded age-appropriate programming for elementary and middle schools in addition to our work with high schools. Our vetted portfolio is 12 speakers strong, including the addition of our first woman (and Olympian!) presenter.

On the advocacy front, 2026 was a big win legislatively with a forthcoming mandate for drug prevention education in all New Jersey public schools. Our programming can serve as an effective reinforcement tool, and we are eager to be part of that process. Our local elected officials are supporting us as we pursue grants in additional counties to be appropriated from the Opioid Settlement Fund.

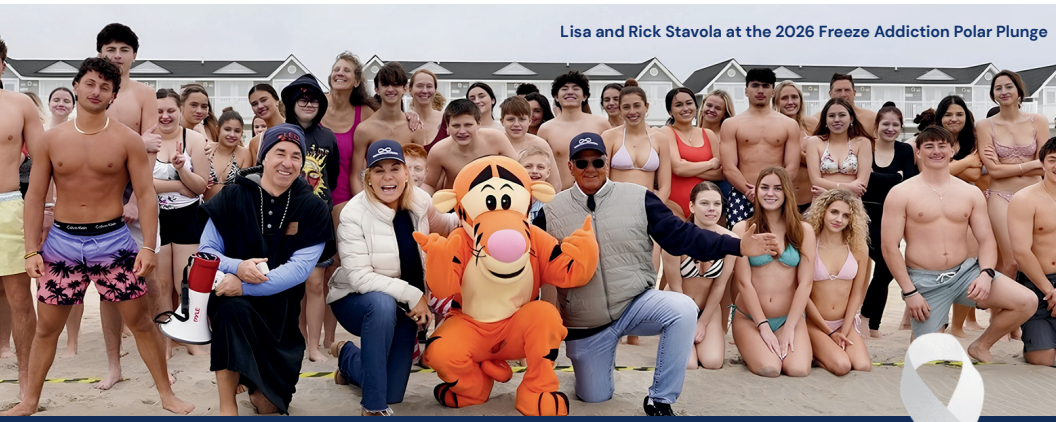
Community support remains generous with donors and sponsors making our Infinity Gala and Spring Fling Ladies Luncheon a success, and our Polar Plunge remains a favorite event for area youth. We were proud to have hit the $130,000 mark this school year in scholarships awarded to date. Demand for our programming for the 2026-27 school year is high! Read on to learn more about our impact and ways you can support our mission to fight addiction, spread awareness and save lives.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Lisa, Rick, Alex Stavola

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Lisa and Rick Stavola at the 2026 Freeze Addiction Polar Plunge

The U.S. healthcare system spends $22 billion nationally on treatment but only $2 billion on education there are 370 treatment centers in New Jersey 81 for adolescents.

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

OUR RESULTS



Partnered with **over 150 schools** across NJ to date reaching **18** of the state's **21 counties**



478 educational presentations delivered to nearly **175k NJ students** to date

AN EFFICIENT FUNDING MODEL



Allocated over **$600k** to motivational speaker program

Cost per student = $4.20



Awarded **$130k** in scholarships to date to seniors at partner high schools

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Tigger Stavola Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization based in Red Bank, New Jersey. It was founded in 2013 to honor Richard J. Stavola, Jr., lovingly nicknamed "Tigger," who lost his life to an accidental overdose at the young age of 25. The Stavola family and its foundation persevere to fight addiction, spread awareness, and save lives through drug prevention education.

The foundation's mission is critical as drug overdose is the leading cause of non-medical death in the U.S. More than 107,000 Americans died of an overdose in 2023 fueled by illicit fentanyl. Nine out of 10 people with addiction started in their teen years and research shows the average age of first use of drugs is 13-14.

The good news is that teens who consistently learn about the risks of drugs from trusted adults are up to 50% less likely to use drugs than those who don't. And, if first-time use of drugs is delayed by 12-24 months, the likelihood of addiction drops dramatically. Early education is crucial, but on a national level, $22 billion is being spent on treatment while only $2 billion is spent on education.

The Tigger Stavola Foundation endeavors to fill this educational gap with the following free offerings for our Partner Schools in New Jersey:

- **Motivational Speakers:** Vetted, professional speakers covering drug prevention topics through engaging, personal stories. Our Director of School Partnerships helps schools select speakers from our portfolio who best address each school's most pressing challenges (i.e. alcohol, marijuana, vaping, bullying, social media).
- **Reinforcement Tools:** We provide educational materials and fun activities to incorporate learning in classrooms and assemblies. Examples include: "Throw & Know" balls, Red Ribbon Week materials, Flip Tips and the Wheel of Misfortune. All schools that host a TSF speaker also receive Tigger Resource cards with QR codes for students and parents linking them to facts and videos to keep the prevention conversation going at home. It also keeps families informed of events the foundation runs like the Freeze Addiction Polar Plunge, and about opportunities to volunteer and apply for scholarships.

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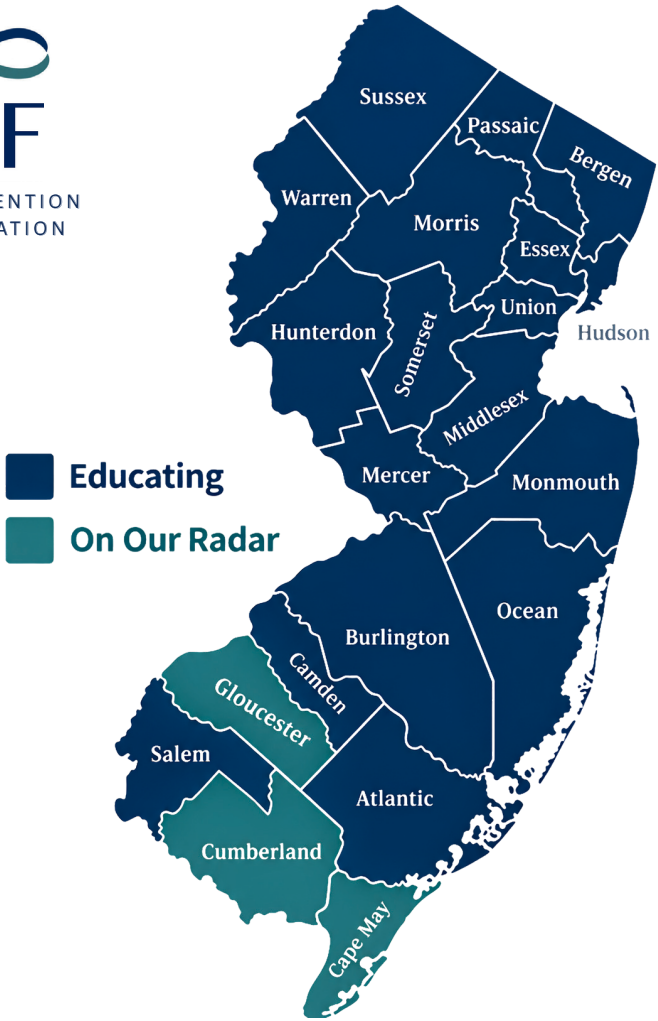
"The foundation's mission is impressive and reminded me that life is beautiful."
- Partner School Student

"The foundation's presentation did more than inform me, it challenged me to think critically about my role in preventing substance use and supporting those around me."
- Partner School Student

"The Tigger Stavola presentation was nothing short of remarkable! The quiet focus of the audience spoke volumes about the power of the speaker's message and his unique ability to connect with students on such a profound level. It is truly rare to see a speaker captivate an entire auditorium the way he did."
- Jim Rasmussen, Assistant Principal of Middletown High School North

OUR REACH

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The Tigger Stavola Foundation now provides drug prevention education to schools in **18 of New Jersey's 21 counties.** During the 2025-2026 school year, TSF expanded its footprint by **157%,** year-over-year.

Visit www.tiggerstavolafoundation.org/partner-schools-program/ to see if your school is on our map.
Contact **Cheryl@tiggerstavolafoundation.org** to become a Partner School.



TSF Partner School students with Director of School Partnerships, Cheryl Stavola and TSF Portfolio Speaker, Stephen Hill

> "Inspired by speakers like Stephen Hill, and organizations like the Tigger Stavola Foundation, I want to help break the stigma and encourage honest conversations. I want to use both my voice and my music to make a difference."
> **- Madison Mary Decker 2026 Larry Hesse Scholarship Winner**

MISSION

The Tigger Stavola Foundation's mission is to fight addiction, spread awareness and save lives through drug prevention education.

VISION

Prevent future generations from the dangers of substance use disorder by promoting advocacy and awareness, sharing the inspiring process behind addiction recovery and educating as many as we can.

CHALLENGES

- Kids are experimenting younger. The average age of first-time use is 13 years old.
- 9 of 10 adults struggling with addiction started using substances in their teens
- 70% of users who try an illegal drug before 13, develop substance abuse disorder within 7 years
- $22 billion is spent nationally on treatment, but only $2 billion on education!

MOMENTUM

- Now providing drug prevention education to schools in 18 of New Jersey's 21 counties. During the 2025- 2026 school year, TSF expanded its footprint by 157%, year-over-year.
- Successfully advocated for legislation mandating NJ public school instruction on the dangers of emerging illicit synthetic drugs ("Max's Law").

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Help grow Tigger Stavola Foundation's programs with one-time or recurring donations or support at our events.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026-2027



- **Overdose Awareness Day** - August 31
- **Santa at Garmany** - December 5
- **Polar Plunge** - March 14
- **Scholarship Deadlines** - April/May
- **Spring Fling Ladies Luncheon** - June 3
- **Infinity Gala** - October 28

For more information, visit www.tiggerstavolafoundation.org

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