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***COVID-19 Impacts on School-based Substance-use Prevention Programs***

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**Abstract**

The Mendez Foundation (Tampa, Florida) implements an evidence-based substance use prevention program, *Too Good for Drugs*, in schools nation-wide. This exploratory evaluation examines how COVID-19 impacted the implementation of various evidence-based substance use prevention programs in Florida schools. The study’s aim is to evaluate how COVID-19 restrictions impacted implementation from the perceptions of school-based behavioral health practitioners and administrators. Implications for research, clinical practice, and crisis-response planning are discussed.