

Learning

Research Institute gets \$10,000 for program

The Lexington-based Research Institute for Learning and Development (ResearchILD) has received \$10,000 in funding from the Verizon Foundation to support SMARTS Boston, a leadership and mentoring program currently in place at New Mission High School in Roxbury.

SMARTS blends leadership skill development with strategy instruction and mentoring through hands-on projects to foster students' use of learning strategies.

The funding from Verizon will expand SMARTS at New Mission High and make it replicable to other schools around the world through an after-school program model and an online community.

At New Mission High, students with learning and attention difficulties comprise more than 40 percent of the student body, making the need for effective learning strategies and support monumental. The Verizon Foundation is helping to sustain the productive seeds that ResearchILD has started to grow.

ResearchILD is a not-for-profit educational and research organization directed by Dr. Lynni Meltzer and Dr. Bethany Roditi.

Its mission is to focus on solutions that reach out to many and transform the lives of students with learning problems, ADHD and dyslexia.