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ACQUISITIONS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS
to implement the
DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

On October 27, 1986, President Reagan signed the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 into law. This legislation was subsequently amended by P.L. 100-297: The Hawkins/Stafford Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Amendments of 1988. The Department of Education is responsible for administering Title V of P.L. 100-297: the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, as amended by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-694). The major components of the Department's programs and points of contact are listed below. Those programs which are asterisked are the discretionary grants programs administered by the Department.

State and Local Grants Program: This is a formula grant program which allocates funds to States based on school-age population. Each State's allocation is divided between the State educational agency (70%) and the Office of the Governor (30%). The SEA must allot at least 90 percent of the funds it receives to local education agencies to improve anti-drug abuse education, prevention, early intervention, and rehabilitation referral programs. The Governor provides financial support for anti-drug abuse efforts to community-based organizations. At least 50% of the Governor's funds must be used for programs for high-risk youth. Funds for FY 88 were available July 1, 1988, and all awards have been made to the States and Territories. Allocation information for FY 89 will be sent to Governors and Chief State School Officers in February 1989. Awards will be made in July 1989. There are contacts in each State for the programs funded through the Governor's office and programs funded through the SEA (Allen King, 732-4599).

Audiovisual Grants Program: Eight awards were made in December 1987, to develop and distribute audiovisual materials to elementary and secondary schools for drug abuse education and prevention activities. These materials are close-captioned videotapes with brief teacher guides. The first tapes were distributed to schools in September 1988. Copies of these films have been sent to all the Nation's school districts and are also available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information, the National Audio-Visual Center, and from each of the Regional Centers (Charlotte Gillespie, 732-3030).

** Grants for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs):

Responsibility for the implementation of this program is divided between the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Staff in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE). FIPSE made ninety-two grants in FY 87 to institutions of higher education to develop, operate, implement, and improve drug education and prevention programs for students enrolled in institutions of higher education. One hundred and one grants were awarded in September. Application materials are available for the FY 89 cycle, the deadline for applications is March 1, and awards will be made by July 1989 (Ron Bucknam, 732-5750). OESE has responsibility for awarding grants to support preservice or inservice personnel training or demonstration programs in drug and alcohol abuse education and prevention for use in elementary and secondary schools. Forty-two grants were awarded in May of 1988. Application materials for the FY 89 cycle are currently available. Deadline for applications is February 6, and awards are scheduled to be made by May 1989 (Allen King, 732-4599).

Programs for Indian Youth: This program is administered under a Memorandum of Understanding between the Departments of Education and Interior. Anti-alcohol and drug abuse education and prevention services will be provided to Indian children on reservations attending elementary and secondary schools which are operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Allen King, 732-4599).

Programs for Native Hawaiians: The Governor of Hawaii designates organizations to receive funds for drug prevention and education activities. The organizations which are eligible are those that primarily serve and represent Hawaiian natives. The Kamehameha Schools received a three-year grant in FY 87 under this program (Allen King, 732-4599).

Regional Centers Program: The Department of Education has awarded five cooperative agreements to fulfill the requirements of the Act. The law authorizes the Department to support these regional centers to: (1) train school teams to assess and combat drug and alcohol abuse problems, (2) assist State educational agencies in coordinating and strengthening alcohol and drug abuse education and prevention programs, (3) assist local educational agencies and institutions of higher education in developing training programs for educational personnel, and (4) evaluate and disseminate information on effective substance abuse, education prevention programs and strategies.

A portion of the funds under the Regional Centers Program has been set aside for a project to provide support to the five regional centers in carrying out their responsibilities.

Activities for this project include collecting and disseminating information on regional center activities, collecting and disseminating information on model alcohol and drug education and prevention activities, providing technical assistance to the centers in carrying out their responsibilities, and coordinating and supporting national workshops and conferences (Allen King, 732-4599).

**Educational Personnel Training Program: This is a new program authorized under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and institutions of higher education to establish, expand, or enhance programs and activities for the training of teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, and other educational personnel on drug and alcohol abuse education and prevention. Funded programs must be coordinated through the State agency for higher education or State educational agency, as appropriate, and must be coordinated with the activities of the Regional Centers for Drug-Free Schools and Communities. Application materials will be available in late March 1989. The deadline for applications is the end of May 1989, and awards will be made by September 1989 (Allen King, 732-4599).

Federal Activities: The Department is supporting a number of projects in this category.

- ** o Drug-Free Schools and Communities Staff in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education under its Federal Activities Grants Program supports model development, dissemination, technical assistance, and curriculum development activities for drug and alcohol abuse education and prevention. Thirty-eight awards were made in FY 87 to State educational agencies, local educational agencies, institutions of higher education, and other nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions. Thirteen awards were announced in May of 1988. The deadline for applications for the FY 89 cycle was January 23 and awards will be made by May 1989 (Allen King, 732-4599).
- o The Challenge is the Department's program to encourage individual schools and school districts to sign a pledge with representatives of school, home, and community to initiate or sustain a program based on the twelve principles in the handbook, Schools Without Drugs, to keep their schools drug-free and to become part of a national network of drug-free schools. As of January 19th, 6,430 schools and 574 school districts are members (Annora Dorsey, 732-4161).

- o The Challenge Newsletter is the Department's bi-monthly newsletter which highlights successful programs, provides the latest research on effective prevention measures, and answers questions about school-based efforts. The newsletter is distributed to superintendents, principals, and parent groups across the country (Charlotte Gillespie, 732-3030).
- o The Department of Education works with the Department of Health and Human Services to support the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information. The Clearinghouse staff responds to requests from schools for information and materials on drugs and prevention strategies, drug education curricula, model drug education programs, and referrals for assistance and resources (Charlotte Gillespie, 732-3030).
- o Schools Without Drugs is in its third printing--more than 2 million copies have been distributed to date.
- o The Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) supports three initiatives designed to increase the amount of information available about drug abuse education and prevention
 - Drug-Free School Recognition Program. The Drug-Free School Recognition Program operates in a manner similar to the Department's Elementary and Secondary School Recognition Programs, though it receives guidance from an advisory group consisting of experts in the area of drug and alcohol prevention. Applications from nominated schools are reviewed by an appropriate panel, and those schools or programs selected for recognition are honored at ceremonies in Washington, D.C. This school year is the second year of the Drug-Free School Recognition program. In addition, the Department of Education, in conjunction with the five regional centers, sponsored five regional Drug-Free Schools Conferences which were held across the country in the fall of 1988. It is anticipated that similar meetings will be held during the fall of 1989 (Nelson Smith, 357-6191).
 - Network of Drug-Free Colleges. OERI is supporting development of a national network of colleges committed to eliminating drug abuse on their campuses. Initial networking efforts focused on four year residential colleges so that information on comparable problems may be shared. The Network was formed during the '87-'88 school year, and a National Forum for Drug-Free Colleges was held on October

26-28, 1988. Over seven hundred and fifty colleges and universities have joined the Network (Vonnie Veltri, 357-6265).

- Drug Abuse Curricula Criteria. OERI has developed, produced, and disseminated a guide to help school building and school district staff select and implement substance abuse curricula in elementary and secondary schools. This guide is now available, from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (Nelson Smith, 357-6187).

For further information on any of the activities summarized above, please call the appropriate contact person or write:

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