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Grant Opportunity

Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Program (U.S. Department of Education)

The purpose of the Early Childhood Educator Professional Development program is to enhance the school readiness of young children, particularly disadvantaged young children, and to prevent them from encountering difficulties once they enter school. Projects funded under the program provide high-quality, sustained, and intensive professional development for these early childhood educators in how to provide developmentally appropriate school readiness services for preschool-aged children that are based on the best available research on early childhood pedagogy and on child development and learning.

The absolute priority of this competition is to provide professional development to early childhood educators who are working in early childhood programs located in high need communities. The invitational priority is a focus on providing professional development to those working with children with limited English proficiency, disabilities or other special needs.

Eligible partnerships will include an institution of higher education, a public or private educational agency or organization, and, if feasible, an entity with demonstrated experience in providing training to educators in early childhood education programs concerning identifying and preventing behavior problems, or expertise in working with victims of child abuse.

The average grant will be $2,500,000 over 2 years.

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News and Notes from the SLCC Office of Institutional Development

National Science Foundation
2004 Short Courses for
College Teachers

Chautauqua Short Courses are an annual series of forums in which scholars at the frontiers of various sciences meet intensively for several days with undergraduate college teachers in the natural or social sciences, mathematics, or engineering. The courses are held at campuses throughout the United States as well as at selected special sites. These forums provide an opportunity for invited scholars to communicate new knowledge, concepts, and techniques directly to college teachers in ways that immediately benefit their teaching. Newer faculty are particularly invited to participate. More than 100 three-day courses are being offered May through August of 2004. Participants earn CEU credits. There is an application fee of $50.00 Participants or their institutions pay the cost of lodging, meals and travel. Special discounts have been arranged for air transportation. There are no specific deadlines, but application should be made as early as possible. For information about the courses and how to apply, contact the Office of Development at 539-5354 or check the Web at www.chautauqua.pitt.edu.

Faculty and Staff Kudos

A number of faculty and staff members have been awarded grants and contracts over the past few months. Project Directors, sources, grant amounts, and descriptions for recent awards include:

**Ashok Agrawal**, Southeast Missouri State University, $47,000. A grant to continue to develop and carry out promotion/recruiting activities for the Industrial Technology program. This is a 2+2 program on the Florissant Valley campus.

**Jane Boyle**, St. Louis County Department of Human Services, $92,761. A contract to provide employment services to dislocated workers from the airline industry.

**Earline Powell**, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, $20,000. A grant for the Meramec Child Care Center to expand and enhance its early childhood program.

Congratulations!

NEW STAFF AT OID

Please welcome **Alice Hoffmann**, the new Secretary at the Office of Institutional Development. Alice joined us in November, 2003 with many years of secretarial experience. For the past six years, she was the secretary for Concordia Seminary’s Doctor of Ministry program. In her current position at SLCC, Alice provides administrative support for the Office of Institutional Development. Her interests include reading, handwork such as crocheting and needlepoint, and performing in and attending community theater. Alice can be reached by telephone at 314/539-5354 or by email at ahoffmann@stlcc.edu.