$9 Million in Grants Awarded to Institutions in 21 States and D.C. for Special Education Personnel Preparation Programs

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The U.S. Department of Education today announced the award of $9 million for 38 grants to institutions of higher education to train educators to improve the services and results for children with disabilities.

“Our success in building a better America is measured in terms of helping all children reach their full potential,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. “These grants will support training for early learning providers and educators to make sure that infants, toddlers, children and young people with disabilities are equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed and transition to living independent and fulfilling lives.”

Projects announced today, awarded in 21 states and the District of Columbia, aim to address specific personnel needs identified by states.

The grants below are funded by the Office of Special Education Programs. Following is a list of the grant recipients in the four specific focus areas, listed alphabetical by state.

**Focus Area A: Training Personnel to Serve Infants, Toddlers, and Preschool Age Children with Disabilities**

- CA – San Diego State University, $249,999
- DC – George Washington University, Washington, D.C., $249,982
- IL – Illinois State University, Normal, $194,307
- IL – Loyola University, Chicago, $250,000
- MO – Fontbonne University, St. Louis, $247,721
- NH – University of New Hampshire, Durham, $249,777
- OH – Kent State University, $249,899
- UT – Utah State University, Logan, $248,847
- VT – University of Vermont, Burlington, $250,000

**Focus Area B: Training Personnel to Serve School Age Children with Low Incidence Disabilities**

- AZ – University of Arizona, Tucson, $250,000
- CA – California State University, Los Angeles, $250,000
- CO – University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, $232,845
- CO – University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, $247,503
- FL – University of Central Florida, Orlando, $250,000
- GA – University of Georgia, Athens, $242,214
- KY – University of Kentucky, Lexington, $242,468
- MN – University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, $224,425
- NY – CUNY- La Guardia, Long Island City, $250,000
- OR – University of Oregon, Eugene, $249,973

**Focus Area C: Training Personnel to Provide Related Services, Speech/Language Services, and Adapted Physical Education to Infants, Toddlers, and Children with Disabilities**

- CA – California State University, Long Beach, $185,101
- DC – Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., $170,014
- FL – The Florida State University, Tallahassee, $249,429
- MA – University of Massachusetts, Amherst, $248,184
- OH – The University of Akron, $205,670
- OK – University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Lindsay, $249,993
PA – Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, $250,000
TN – Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville, $250,000
TX – The University of Texas at Austin, $249,551
UT – The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, $245,453

Focus Area D: Training Personnel in Minority Institutions to Serve Infants, Toddlers, and Children with Disabilities
CA – California State University, Fresno, $226,814
CA – San Diego State University, $250,000
CA – San Jose State University, $250,000
FL – Florida International University, Miami, $249,312
FL – Florida International University, Miami, $249,991
MO – Fontbonne University, St. Louis, $249,908
NY – CUNY/Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, $249,682
SC – South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, $249,520
TX – U. of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio, $180,490

Total -- $9,089,072