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\$1.7 Million Grant for Wisconsin Agency

The Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support, Inc. (Wisconsin FACETS) was awarded a 5-year grant of \$1.75 M (\$350,000 for each year) from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs as a Parent Training and Information Center. The grant begins October 1st.

Wisconsin FACETS is a nonprofit organization, founded by parents, which has provided supports to families of children with disabilities since 1995 primarily in Milwaukee Public Schools through its Community Parent Resource Center grant. This new grant will enable statewide expansion of services for families seeking appropriate educational programs for their children with disabilities.

The project Co-Directors are Charlotte Price, New Berlin, and Jan Serak, Greendale. Statewide Training Coordinator is Susan Endress, Milwaukee. Parent Coordinators include: Glenda Johnson, Monica Lopez, Pat Patterson, all of Milwaukee.

Project partners are: Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Native American Family Empowerment Center (the other Wisconsin Parent Training & Information Center), Parents Plus of WI (a Goals 2000 statewide project), CESA #7, Marquette University Center for Dispute Resolution Education, Autism Society of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy.

This project will provide a baseline of services from the statewide center, 2714 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, Milwaukee, and 4 regional Centers to be established. Over 835,700 parents and others will receive information and referral assistance, training, website support and individual assistance. For more information, 414-374-4645 or toll-free 877-374-4677.

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