

ITEM 123-1010-R0504

Montana University System New Academic Program Proposal Summary

Campus: The University of Montana-Missoula	Item Number: 123-1010-R0504
Program Title: The Montana Center for the Investigation and Treatment of Childhood Trauma	Date: May 20-21, 2004

1. How does this program advance the campus' academic mission and fit priorities?

The Montana Center for the Investigation and Treatment of Childhood Trauma activities answer the charge outlined in President George Dennison's current 5-year strategic plan for The University of Montana in terms of a) diversity education, b) enhancing graduate research, and c) strengthening meaningful collaboration with Montana's Native American communities. The efforts of Center will be characterized by rigorous evaluation, dissemination of results to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, the American Counseling Association (and other professional groups), and through publications.

1. How does this program fit the Board of Regents' goals and objectives?

The Center further *strengthens project-specific partnerships with the private sector*, including the RAND Corporation and one of the nation's leading education publishers, Sopris West Inc. The Center will serve as a prominent member within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN), and will conduct *research of national significance* with colleagues from UCLA and Duke University. This emphasis addresses the Board's charge to *foster an environment that attracts and retains high quality faculty and staff* by providing unique research, professional development, and publishing opportunities. Furthermore, the project's explicit support from Senator Burns and Baucus and its focus of services on the Rocky Boy Reservation speaks to the Board's priority that UM *partner with tribal governments and our congressional delegation*. Employment of Department of Psychology graduate students who are registered tribal members and tribal health specialists on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation will also *enhance diversity education* through their collaboration with UM faculty.

2. How does this program support or advance Montana's needs and interests?

The need for child trauma treatment in Montana is great on our Indian Reservations. For example, the Centers for Disease Control report that the prevalence of childhood Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is 22 per cent of all children in our reservation communities. This figure is nearly 300 percent of the national average and does not include children who have some disabling symptoms of traumatic stress, but who would not be clinically diagnosed, and who therefore may not be eligible for services in a clinical setting. As in most Montana communities, Box Elder and Rocky Boy students (who will receive many of the Center's services) have access to services that are less than comprehensive. Access to school-based trauma treatments to be delivered as a result of Center programs is predicted to have a positive effect on both student mental health and school achievement.

3. How will this program contribute to economic development in Montana? (Note projected annual economic impact both regionally and statewide.)

Most importantly from a socio-economic standpoint within our state, the Center's close coordination with local community agencies, tribal governments, and spiritual leaders will reduce the stigma and increase awareness of the social, emotional, and educational impact that community violence and other traumatic events can have on children. The anticipated results will provide urgently needed trauma research and intervention services. These services will be specifically oriented toward enhancing the lives of Indian children and will help reduce mental health service costs arising from the treatment of trauma.

4. What is the Program's planned capacity?

Break-even point?	N/A
Enrollments/year?	N/A
Graduates/year?	N/A
MT jobs/year?	2+ / yr

5. Resource Allocation

Total program budget? \$	\$2,000,000
Faculty FTE?	1.5 yr 1
Staff FTE?	.2 yr 1

Does this program require new resources? Amount? -- No

How will the campus fund the program? -- Through a recent \$1.6 million award from U.S. HHS/SAMHSA, through support from an existing U.S. Dept. of Justice award, and through seeking additional, external funds.

If internal reallocation is necessary, name the sources. -- None