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The compilation of information on government agencies concerned with exceptional children is based on data available as of April 1971. Intended as a resource guide for persons involved in activities for the handicapped, the directory provides basic information on a broad spectrum of government programs: the Special Education Instructional Material Centers/Regional Media Centers (IMC/RMC) Network, USOE - Bureau of Education for the Handicapped sponsored programs (research and demonstration centers, regional resource centers, deaf-blind centers, early childhood centers, supplementary centers), other USOE programs (Bureau of Educational Personnel Development, National Center for Educational Research and Development), other DHEW programs for the handicapped (Social Rehabilitation Services, Public Health Services), executive committees, and task forces. In addition to names, addresses, and phone numbers of each center or project, brief narrative descriptions of each type of government agency service or program are included in the guide. (KW)

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CONCERNED WITH EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

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The updated compilation of information which follows is based on data available as of April, 1971. This selection of agencies may include errors or omissions of which the editors are unaware since the bureaucracy and agencies change with time, administration and expansive growth of special education. A broad spectrum of programs has been included which should be helpful as a resource guide to anyone involved in activities for the handicapped. The editors welcome any relevant inputs which would make the document more comprehensive and up-to-date. A companion publication, *A Selected Guide to Public Agencies Concerned with Exceptional Children*, is also available from the CEC-ERIC Information Center.

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I. Special Education IMC/RMC Network

The Network Coordinating Office, funded by BEH and housed at the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), was established in 1968 to facilitate communication and cooperation among the various Network units. It represents and promotes the Network by coordinating center-network related activities, such as providing information in displays and national convention exhibits, published articles and information papers, personal appearances at meetings and written communication.

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Kentucky, North Carolina,
Tennessee, West Virginia

Indiana, Michigan, Ohio

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New York State

New York State

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Oregon, Washington

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REGION SERVED

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa,
Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas,
Missouri, Nebraska, North
Dakota, South Dakota,
Wisconsin

Connecticut, Delaware,
District of Columbia, Maine,
Maryland, Vermont,
Massachusetts, New Jersey,
Pennsylvania, New Hampshire,
Rhode Island

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida,
Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana,
Mississippi, North Carolina,
Ohio, Puerto Rico, South
Carolina, Tennessee, Virgin
Islands, Virginia, West
Virginia

Alaska, Arizona, California,
Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho,
Montana, Nevada, New Mexico,
Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas,
Utah, Washington, Wyoming

D. Associate Centers

Since a goal of the IMC/RMC Network is to provide needed and equal services to *all* special educators, it became necessary to develop local centers called associate, satellite, or affiliate centers that are readily accessible to the potential users. At present, there are approximately 300 associate centers providing local service throughout the country. This number is flexible and changes as the network expands and as local, state, and federal monies become available for associate centers. For those who want a list of the associate centers, organized by state, a separate document is available from:

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II. USOE - Bureau of Education for the Handicapped Sponsored Programs, 7th and D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202

BEH serves as USOE's principal agency for administering and carrying out programs related to the education of handicapped children. The Bureau of Education for the Handicapped is comprised of three operating divisions -- Research, Training, and Services -- which represent a broad spectrum of activities in the field of educating handicapped children. Congress and the Executive Branch during the last decade have produced a wide variety of legislative authorities designed to improve the educational opportunities of the handicapped.

A. Research and Demonstration Centers -- (USOE-BEH, Division of Research)

The R&D center effort has as its major objectives research, demonstration, and dissemination. It is expected that such a facility will bring about a systematic attack on major problems which are now being approached by isolated research on a piecemeal basis. The following five projects are considered to be R&D efforts:

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B. Regional Resource Centers -- (USOE-BEH, Division of Research)

The Regional Resource Centers will provide advice and technical services upon which educators in the region can draw to improve the education of handicapped children. The primary task is to provide diagnostic evaluations of individual children and develop a prescriptive educational program to meet the child's particular requirements. Working closely with the handicapped child's parents and teachers, the centers would then assist the school or other appropriate agencies in providing this program by periodical re-examination and re-evaluation. Twelve RRCs are expected to be funded by the end of Fiscal Year 1971. At present, six are operational.

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Ten centers for deaf-blind children have been funded by the United States Office of Education under Title VI-C of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The centers are concerned with the child suffering from combined auditory and visual impairments who cannot be properly accommodated in special education programs developed solely for the hearing or visually handicapped child.

The regional centers are required by the Act to provide the following basic services:

- (1) comprehensive and continuous diagnostic and evaluative services;
- (2) education, adjustment, and orientation programs utilizing all professional and allied services required, and
- (3) consultation for parents, teachers, and others who play a direct role in the lives of deaf-blind children to enable them to understand the special problems of such children and to assist in the education, adjustment, and orientation process.

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North Dakota, South Dakota

Texas, Arkansas
Louisiana, Oklahoma

New York, New Jersey,
Pennsylvania, Delaware

North Carolina, South
Carolina, Virginia, West
Virginia, Maryland,
District of Columbia

Washington, Idaho, Oregon,
Montana, Alaska

D. Early Childhood Centers - (USOE-BEH, Division of Educational Services)

The Handicapped Children's Early Education Assistance Act of 1968, when fully funded, will provide for 75 to 100 model and demonstration centers for early education for handicapped preschool children. To date, 23 operational centers, 4 planning-operational centers, 14 planning centers, one evaluation center and one training center have received funds.

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E. Supplementary Centers – (USOE-BEH, Division of Educational Services)

Supplementary Centers and Services for Education of Handicapped Children are provided by Title III of ESEA. Congress has required that at least 15% of Title III be spent on projects involving handicapped children. The state education agency works with local education agencies to generate, design, and implement projects for handicapped children.

The basic objectives of these model programs is to allow individuals and local or state education agencies to:

- (1) put into practice the latest research results which have relevance to providing a solution or solutions to critical problems in the education of the handicapped, or
- (2) put into operation those practices which are believed to be of value to the state, region, or nation. These ideas may or may not have been subject to prior research but they should have some worthiness in terms of replicability to other education agencies.

The 15% of the Title III funds may also be used to provide model examples of supplementary services such as diagnosis, counseling, in-service training or curriculum and materials development and preparation. Activities which involve community resources are also acceptable.

III. Other USOE Programs

A. Bureau of Educational Personnel Development (USOE-BEPD), 7th and D Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202

An agreement has been reached with the Bureau of Educational Personnel Development that 15% of their training funds would be spent on the handicapped, particularly in helping regular education personnel learn about the handicapped, and in training professional aides. About 60% of the handicapped children are part of regular classroom instruction, therefore, teachers need special training to deal with these students. Grants are provided for direct training, for training trainers in schools of education, and for training administrators. For the 1970 fiscal year, the Special Education Training Branch has funded 43 projects totaling \$6,600,551 which will include approximately 5,000 participants. In addition to the Special Education Training Branch, the various program areas contributing to the 15% commitment to handicapped children include the following branches: Early Childhood, Career Opportunities, Vocational Education, Teacher Leadership Development, and Support Personnel.

B. USOE - National Center for Educational Research and Development Sponsored Programs

The National Center for Educational Research and Development in the Office of Education is involved in several large-scale efforts focusing on handicapped children.

1. National Laboratory on Early Childhood Education

The National Program on Early Childhood Education at the Central Midwestern Regional Educational Laboratory is made up of seven components. Six of the seven units deal with all facets of early childhood education, with the exception of special education. The seventh center is dedicated to systematic integrated broad research approaches to major issues in the early education of young handicapped children.

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The Center for Early Childhood Education focuses on the education of handicapped children. The scope of research efforts includes identification, intervention and dissemination. The major foci are early intervention and continuous evaluation within a context of effective Centerfield interchange. Implicit in such an approach is full recognition of the need for more relevant identification and diagnostic procedures of behavioral-cognitive deficit. Research projects will all be inter-related, with each component study also substantive in and of itself. The Bureau of Education for the Handicapped is making a cooperative contribution in behalf of this effort.

2. Regional Educational Laboratories

The Central Midwestern Regional Educational Laboratory, Inc., one of 11 RELs funded by the Laboratory Branch, National Center for Educational Research and Development, is developing instructional systems for students with learning problems -- psychotic autistic children, and hyperactive-hyperaggressive children.

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3. ERIC Clearinghouses

The Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) is a national information system, sponsored by the National Center for Educational Research and Development, USOE, to serve the educational community. Through a network of 20 specialized centers or clearinghouses, each of which is responsible for a particular educational area, information is monitored, acquired, evaluated, abstracted, indexed, and listed in ERIC reference products. The CEC Information Center (ERIC Clearinghouse on Exceptional Children), funded by BEH, USOE, participates in this network.

To meet the demand for organized accessibility of pertinent information, the Council for Exceptional Children applied for and received a BEH grant to establish an Information Center on the Education of Exceptional Children. Since its inception in 1966, development of the Center has been guided by its four original objectives:

- (1) To serve as a comprehensive information resource on research, instructional materials, methods, curricula, programs, administration, teacher education, services and facilities for handicapped and gifted children.
- (2) To participate in the ERIC Network as the Clearinghouse on Exceptional Children by cataloguing, abstracting, and indexing documents for ERIC products such as *Research in Education (RIE)* and *Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE)*.
- (3) To participate in the Special Education IMC/RMC Network, functioning as a central depository for information on professional and instructional materials and providing a link between the ERIC and IMC/RMC Networks.
- (4) To engage in the development of print and non-print products designed to analyze and interpret research findings to various practitioners.

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The University Affiliated Facilities for the Mentally Retarded program administered by the Division of Mental Retardation - SRS, assists universities or affiliated facilities for the mentally retarded in the construction of special clinical facilities capable of demonstrating exemplary care, treatment, education and habilitation of the mentally retarded. In University-Affiliated Facilities comprehensive services are provided; specialized personnel are trained; or new techniques of specialized service are demonstrated.

The primary purpose of this program is to provide facilities for the clinical training of physicians and other personnel in the field of mental retardation. Among the professional disciplines represented in these facilities are medical personnel, dentists, nurses, speech and hearing therapists, rehabilitation specialists, special educators, psychologists, social workers, recreational specialists, and chaplains. Each facility is encouraged to conduct a comprehensive multidisciplinary training program so that each discipline involved in the care and rehabilitation of the mentally retarded may be fully familiar with the contributions of the other disciplines.

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The Research and Training Centers Division of the Office of Research, Demonstration, and Training has responsibility for administering 19 Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers for mental retardation, 8 of which are in distinct organizational and physical entities providing a continuing framework for psychological, social, vocational and rehabilitation research and training, and at least on a demonstration basis, a comprehensive program of evaluation, training, counseling and placement of the mentally retarded individual. The three Mental Retardation Research and Training Centers currently sponsored by the Social and Rehabilitation Service of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, are the University of Wisconsin, the University of Texas, and the University of Oregon.

The research conducted by these centers encompasses many aspects of the rehabilitation process, from onset to training and placement of the retarded individual. It is broadly directed to a wide range of psychosocial, vocational, or other fields of rehabilitation, and also to specific problems in the many aspects of rehabilitation of the retarded.

The training program of these centers provides training of all types, long term as well as short-term, professional, technical, and for all categories of students, graduate or undergraduate, working in the medical, health-related or other professions engaged in rehabilitation. The program provides training in such areas as the principles of rehabilitation of the retarded and the special problems related to individual or groups of educational psychosocial, vocational, and medical and other disciplines in the practice of rehabilitation. In all instances, training has been based upon a defined, organized program of instruction designed for undergraduate and graduate students, interns, and professional workers in the field of rehabilitation. Selected sub-professional workers have also been trained.

B. Public Health Service

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- a. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

The National Institute for Child Health and Human Development is a focal point for a concerted research effort to find new ways to prevent, diagnose, and manage mental retardation. Their research areas include mental retardation and they sponsor 12 Retardation Centers at hospitals.

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V. Executive Committees

- A. **National Advisory Committee on Education of the Deaf** – Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of the Secretary, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201

The National Advisory Committee on Education of the Deaf is a statutory committee, and composed of twelve members that include educators of the deaf, persons interested in education of the deaf, educators of the hearing, and deaf individuals.

The Advisory Committee is required by law to carry out the following functions:

- (1) Make recommendations to the Secretary for the development of a system for gathering information on a periodic basis in order to facilitate the assessment of progress and identification of problems in the education of the deaf.
- (2) Identify emerging needs respecting the education of the deaf, and suggest innovations which give promise of meeting such needs and of otherwise improving the educational prospects of deaf individuals.
- (3) Suggest promising areas of inquiry to give direction to the research efforts of the Federal government in improving the education of the deaf.

VI. Task Forces

- A. **President's Task Force on the Physically Handicapped**
- B. **President's Task Force On the Mentally Handicapped**

President Nixon has established two Task Forces in the area of special education. (1) The President's Task Force on the Physically Handicapped, and (2) The President's Task Force on the Mentally Handicapped. These two groups have reviewed what is presently being done by society for handicapped Americans and will recommend what needs to be done in the future.