

White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning

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FROM: KRIS BALDERSTON

SUBJECT: FINAL UPDATE ON THE EARLY CHILDHOOD REGIONAL SATELLITE SITES

Attached is a near final list and map of the eighty-two (82) regional satellite sites for the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning which will be held on Thursday, April 17, 1997. (I say "near final" because we continue to get calls from state and local officials including Members of Congress who are planning to hold similar sessions. By Thursday morning, I am sure we will reach nearly 100 sites.) In just three weeks, the Regional Administrators from HHS, Education, USDA, EPA, and GSA set up sites in 36 states (OH, FL, and WI do not appear on the map) in every federal region of the country. As you review the materials, please note the following points:

- These are not just “conference-watching” sessions. In nearly every case, the local organizers have replicated the East Room program. They will watch the morning session via satellite and create their own panel sessions of local experts to discuss early childhood issues in the afternoon. Many plan to develop their own local action plans.
- Each of the satellite sites will distribute White House materials and collect the names of their participants so that we can send each of the attendees a final report. Most of the sites are planning to send the White House a 1-2 page summary of their own proceedings for inclusion in the White House document.
- There is genuine excitement in the regions about participating in this conference. The Regional Administrators note that the local respondents immediately jumped on the opportunity to participate and help organize it. Anecdotally, we have learned that 600 people are planning to attend the Phoenix conference, 300 in Kansas City, 350 in New

York City, 200 in San Francisco, 150 in South Texas, and 250 in Philadelphia. In most cases organizers expect an average of approximately 100-150 participants. As you look through the sites, you will note that many of the satellite sessions are being held in hospitals, universities, high schools, and federal buildings.

Finally a special thanks should go to Laura Schwartz for answering a million technical questions from administrators throughout the country, Pat Lewis for answering their press inquiries, (Jay Wolf our Cabinet Affairs intern who spent countless hours inputting the information), and Eric Dodds, the White House Liaison at GSA, who is the main point of contact with the Regional Administrators. Also a thanks to HHS, DoEd, GSA, USDA, and EPA for contributing funds to put the program up on the satellite.

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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING: WHAT NEW RESEARCH ON THE BRAIN TELLS US ABOUT OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN

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--President Bill Clinton, State of the Union Address, February 4, 1997

On April 17, the President and First Lady hosted *The White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning: What New Research on the Brain Tells Us About Our Youngest Children*. The day-long conference highlighted new scientific findings on brain development in very young children and pointed to the importance of children's earliest experiences in helping them get off to a strong and healthy start and reach their full potential.

Applying New Findings on Brain Development in the Earliest Years. New scientific research shows that experiences after birth -- particularly in the first three years of life -- have a dramatic impact on brain development. That means that nurturing, talking to, singing to and reading to our youngest children will improve their ability to learn and develop throughout their lives. The White House Conference focused on the practical applications of the latest scientific research on the brain, particularly for parents and caregivers. The conference was also a call to action to all members of society -- including the health, business, media and faith communities, child care providers and government -- to use this information to strengthen America's families.

Clinton Administration Commitment to Young Children. This conference builds on the Clinton Administration's investment in children and families. The Administration has invested heavily in research to help us better understand the importance of the first few years of life to child development and learning. Between 1993 and 1997, funding for NIH children's research increased 25%, from \$1.3 billion to \$1.6 billion.

President Clinton has also strengthened efforts to support families with young children. To take just a few examples, the Administration raised funding for Head Start -- providing low-income children and their families with comprehensive education, health services, and nutrition -- by 43% over the last four years and created the Early Head Start program to support families with children ages zero to three. The President's FY 1998 Budget further increases participation to reach 122,000 more children in FY 1998 than when he took office. The Administration also dramatically increased participation in the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program, providing 7.4 million pregnant women, infants, and children with nutrition packages and information and health referrals - - 1.7 million more than when President Clinton took office. And his FY 1998 Budget would achieve his goal of full participation in the WIC program by the end of FY 1998.

Conference Program and Participants. During the morning session of the conference, leading researchers and child development experts discussed the new research and what it means for parents and caregivers. The panelists for this session were: Dr. David Hamburg, Carnegie Corporation of New York (moderator); Dr. Carla Shatz, University of California, Berkeley; Dr. Donald Cohen, Yale Child Study Center; Dr. Patricia Kuhl, University of Washington; Dr. Ezra Davidson, Drew University of Medicine, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, Harvard University; and Dr. Deborah Phillips, National Research Council. The afternoon session highlighted model community efforts to support parents and enhance early childhood development. The panelists included: Avance Family Support and Education Program, San Antonio, TX; the CEO and Chairman of the Board, The Kellogg Company, Battle Creek Michigan; and Ounce of Prevention, Chicago, IL.

Broad Participation Across the Country. The morning session of the conference was broadcast by satellite to over 80 locations across the country. The satellite conferences were co-hosted by regional federal agencies, local officials, and children's and other organizations.

**WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON
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POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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At the conference, the President will make a series of policy announcements that build on the Clinton Administration's commitment to young children:

Improving the Quality of Child Care By Learning from the Military. Child care experts believe that the military child care system is now the best in the country. The President is issuing an executive memorandum directing the Secretary of Defense to use the Department's expertise to help improve child care across the nation. The memorandum urges the Department to consider: (1) creating partnerships with civilian child care centers in the community to help them improve quality; (2) providing training courses for civilian child care providers; (3) sharing the materials and models for worker training, accreditation and evaluation, facility design, financing, and other ingredients of the military's success; and (4) working with States and local governments to enable military child care facilities to serve as training sites for welfare recipients moving from welfare to work.

Providing Health Coverage for Children. The President's fiscal year 1998 budget includes a children's health initiative that will extend coverage to up to 5 million uninsured children by the year 2000 by strengthening Medicaid for poor children, building innovative State programs to provide coverage for working families, and continuing health coverage for children of workers who are between jobs. Today, the Association of American Medical Colleges issued a letter of support for the Clinton Administration's children's health proposal.

Importance of Early Education. The President recognizes that children must be nurtured and stimulated in the earliest years. That is why he is announcing two initiatives geared toward early learning.

- **Expanding Early Head Start.** The Department of Health and Human Services is requesting proposals for new Early Head Start programs to expand Early Head Start enrollment by one-third next year. Created by the Clinton Administration in 1994, the Early Head Start program brings Head Start's successful comprehensive services to families with children ages zero to three and to pregnant women.
- **Giving Parents and Caregivers Early Childhood Tools.** The President's America Reads Challenge is releasing "Ready*Set*Read" early childhood development activity kits. The kits

offer suggestions to families and caregivers about developmentally appropriate activities for children ages zero to five. They will be distributed in May to early childhood programs across the country and to callers to the Department of Education's 1-800-USA-LEARN hotline.

Safe Start. The Department of Justice is establishing "Safe Start" to change the way law enforcement officers respond to children who are the victims of or witnesses to violence. The program will provide training on early childhood development to community police officers, prosecutors, probation and parole officers, school personnel and mental health providers. It will better prepare law enforcement officials to respond to young children exposed to violence and can help prevent today's children from turning into tomorrow's criminals. The initiative is built on the successful partnerships between community police officers and mental health providers funded by DOJ in New Haven, Connecticut and three other communities.

CLINTON ADMINISTRATION EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICA'S YOUNGEST CHILDREN

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Recent scientific research has demonstrated that experiences during the earliest years of life -- before children reach school age -- are critical to their cognitive, emotional, and physical development. Nurturing and stimulating children in the first years of life actually help their brains develop and prepare them for the challenges of school and later life. President Clinton is committed to giving America's children the opportunity to live up to their God-given potential by investing in research, supporting parents and caregivers, and strengthening programs that provide early intervention to disadvantaged families.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Supported Over 90% of all Children's Research. In fiscal year 1995, the federal government spent an estimated \$2 billion on research and development directly related to children and youth -- over 90% of all funding of children's research. Spending on children's health research at The National Institutes of Health (NIH) increased 25% between 1993 and 1997, and this year NIH will spend \$904 million on research on young children alone. This research has contributed to the recent advances in understanding early learning and language development.

Increased participation in WIC program. WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program provides nutrition packages, nutrition education, and health referrals to low-income pregnant women, infants, and children. Over the past four years participation has expanded by 1.7 million from 5.7 to 7.4 million women, infants, and children. The increase in the President's budget proposal fulfills his commitment to achieving full participation in WIC by the end of 1998. Research shows that WIC prenatal services save Medicaid much more than they cost by reducing health care expenses in the first 60 days after birth.

Raised Childhood Immunization Rates to an All-Time High. The President's Childhood Immunization Initiative focuses on five areas: 1) improving the quality and quantity of vaccination delivery services; 2) reducing vaccine costs for parents; 3) increasing community participation, education and partnerships; 4) improving systems to monitor diseases and vaccinations; and 5) improving vaccines and vaccine use. This initiative has achieved notable

success. In 1995, 75% of two-year olds were fully immunized -- an historic high. Funding for childhood immunization has doubled since fiscal year 1993.

Protected the Medicaid Guarantee for 9 Million Children Under 6 Years Old. This Administration has protected and, preserved -- and now will improve on -- the guarantee of Medicaid coverage for 36 million Americans, including 9 million children under the age of 6. In 1995, the President vetoed the Republican Medicaid block grant proposal that would have ended the guarantee of coverage for up to 4 million children by 2002. At the same time, the President worked with states by granting 15 comprehensive Medicaid waivers and approving many more state plan amendments that improve and expand coverage for children.

Seeks to Extend Health Coverage to Up to 5 Million Children. Although this Administration has made great strides in protecting the health of America's neediest children, there is still much to be done. In 1995, more than 10 million American children, 80% of whom have working parents, had no health insurance. The President's budget takes three important steps to address the problem of children who lack health insurance coverage:

- 1) Provides annual grants to states to cover health insurance premiums for families of workers who are in-between jobs;
- 2) Utilizes state partnership grants to help working families who are not eligible for Medicaid to purchase private insurance for their children; and
- 3) Expands Medicaid coverage by allowing states to continue Medicaid coverage for up to one year even if family income changes, intensifying outreach to children who are currently eligible but not enrolled, and continuing current law expansions of coverage to reach poor children between the ages of 13 and 18.

Fighting Pediatric AIDS. In 1994, the National Institutes of Health released new research showing that the use of the drug AZT by HIV-infected pregnant women can reduce the risk of transmission from mother to child by two-thirds. In response, the Food and Drug Administration quickly approved changes in labeling indications for AZT to include HIV-infected pregnant women and, in 1995, the Centers for Disease Control began recommending routine HIV counseling and voluntary HIV testing for all pregnant women. In addition, the President has consistently supported investment through Title IV of the Ryan White CARE Act, which provides grants for coordinated HIV services and access to research for children, women and families. Since 1994, \$113 million has been appropriated under Title IV, with 59 organizations in 26 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia receiving support.

Protecting Mothers and Children. Due to the Clinton Administration's comprehensive strategy to increase access to prenatal care, the preliminary estimate for the U.S. infant mortality rate (the rate at which babies die before their first birthday) is at an historic low of less than 8 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1995, and the proportion of mothers getting early prenatal care is at a record high of 81%. In addition, the President spearheaded legislation requiring insurance companies to cover at least 48 hour hospital stays following childbirth. In 1970, the average length of stay for an uncomplicated delivery was four days, but by 1992 it had declined to two days. This legislation ensures that mothers and babies do not leave the hospital before they and their doctors decide they are ready. The Administration is ensuring that the health needs of mothers and

children are met by providing over \$1 billion in FY 97 for Title V Maternal and Child Health Programs. The Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, one of the Title V programs, serves approximately 17 million women, infants and children, in partnership with states. In addition, Title V programs provide comprehensive care for children with special health needs, meet nutritional and development needs of mothers and children and help reduce infant mortality.

Preventing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The Clinton Administration launched the Back to Sleep public education campaign to send the message to parents and health professionals that putting babies to sleep on their backs can reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Largely as a result of this campaign, SIDS deaths dropped by 30% between 1992 and 1995.

PROMOTING EARLY LEARNING

Increased participation in Head Start, created Early Head Start for 0-3 year olds, and improved program quality. For more than thirty years, Head Start has been one of our nation's best investments. President Clinton has made improving and expanding Head Start a priority because Head Start ensures that low-income children start school ready to learn. Over the past five years, funding for the program has increased by 80%, and in fiscal year 1997 Head Start will serve 800,000 low-income children five years old and younger. Initiated in 1994, there are now 143 *Early Head Start* programs across the country, expanding the proven benefits of Head Start to low-income families with children under three. Over the last three years, the Clinton Administration has also invested significantly in improving program quality and providing local programs with the resources they need to attract and retain high quality teachers. The President's 1998 budget proposal provides a \$324 million increase in Head Start's budget so that it will remain on course to serve 1 million children by 2002.

Improved Support for Infants and Toddlers with Special Needs. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Infants and Families Program supports the continuing efforts of states to implement high quality statewide early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities. Over the past four years, funding for the program has increased by 48% or \$102.5 million. During the same period, the number of children served increased by 21.5%. An estimated 191,000 children will be served in fiscal year 1998.

Enhanced Family Literacy Program. Even Start Family Literacy is a family-focused grant program to improve the educational opportunities for children and their parents in low-income areas by integrating family literacy activities, including early childhood education, adult education, and parenting education. Since 1993, funding for Even Start has increased by over 40% to support programs in every state and the District of Columbia.

Providing Funding for Parent Resource Centers in 42 States. In addition to involving parents in the development of state and local education plans, the President's Goals 2000 program provides funding to establish parent resource centers that help parents learn how to help their children meet high standards. The centers provide training, distribute resource materials, and support a variety of programs that strengthen family involvement in education. In fiscal year 1997, funding is available for support centers in 42 states, 14 more than in 1996.

Promoting Parents as First Teachers. The President's America Reads Challenge, a campaign to ensure that every child can read well by the end of the third grade, includes Parents as First Teachers Challenge Grants to fund proven local, regional and national programs that provide assistance to parents to help their children become successful readers. The grants can be used to expand successful programs such as the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) and the Parents as First Teachers (PAT) program. They will also fund national and regional networks to share information on how parents can help children to read.

IMPROVING CHILD CARE

Increased Child Care Funding. Since 1993 federal funding for child care has increased by \$1 billion, providing services for over 660,000 children -- 65% of whom are under 5 years of age. The newly established Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) has made available \$2.9 billion to states. The new fund, authorized and expanded by the new welfare law, will assist low-income families working their way off welfare to obtain child care so they can work or attend school.

Improved Child Care in Public Housing. The Early Childhood Development Program helps to provide quality child care for families living in public housing communities, as well as families who are homeless or at risk of becoming so. The program allows parents or guardians who live in public housing to get and keep jobs by ensuring that their children are cared for. In 1996, \$21 million was awarded to public housing sites across the country -- three times more than in 1994.

Providing High Quality Child Care for Military Families. Under the Clinton Administration, the Department of Defense has made important strides to improve the quality of child care for the children of the men and women who serve our country. Since 1992, the number of military child care facilities that are accredited by the independent National Association for the Education of Young Children has risen from 55 to 466. Currently, 72% of military child care programs are accredited, as compared to only 7% of other child care facilities nationwide.

SAFEGUARDING THE ENVIRONMENT

Controlling Childhood Lead Poisoning. The Administration has launched a major new effort to control childhood lead poisoning. The program requires landlords and sellers of older homes to notify prospective tenants and buyers about lead-based paint hazards, provides grants to states to control lead-based paint hazards in low-income privately-owned homes, and offers technical assistance to ensure that lead hazard control work is done safely and efficiently. The 1997 interim report evaluating the HUD Lead-Based Point Hazard Control grant program shows that median dust levels on interior window sills were reduced by 85 %. In addition, the number of children suffering from lead poisoning dropped from 1.7 million in the late 1980s to about 930,000 in the mid-1990s.

Protecting Our Children's Environment. Because their bodies are still developing, children are among the most vulnerable to pollution in the air, water and soil. In 1995, the Clinton Administration began requiring that children receive first consideration when EPA assesses

environmental hazards and sets public health standards. In addition, the Clinton Administration has strengthened environmental protections for children by: proposing to strengthen air quality standards for soot and smog to protect children from air pollution, particularly those with asthma; speeding the clean-up of two-thirds of the nation's toxic waste sites to protect the 10 million children under age 12 who live within four miles of a toxic waste dump; strengthening drinking water protections to ensure that drinking water is free of microbial contaminants; expanding families' right to know about environmental health risks that infants and children face to help them make informed decisions about their children's exposure to these risks; issuing advisories about contaminated fish so parents can protect children from cancer-causing PCBs; and educating parents about the effects of second-hand smoke, which annually results in 7,500 to 15,000 hospitalizations of infants and children under 18 months of age.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Passed Family and Medical Leave. The President fought for the passage of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) that allows workers to take up to 12 weeks unpaid leave to care for a newborn or adopted child, to attend to their own serious health needs, or to care for a seriously ill parent, child or spouse. In June 1996, President Clinton proposed expanding FMLA to allow workers to take up to 24 unpaid hours off each year for school and early childhood education activities, routine family medical care, and additional activities related to caring for an elderly relative. Last week, the President asked Federal agencies to implement his expanded leave policy immediately for Federal workers.

Improved Children's Television. The President announced a breakthrough agreement with the media and entertainment industry to develop a television ratings system to enable parents to protect their children from violence and adult content. In addition, the Administration has given parents greater control over what their children watch on television by requiring the installation of anti-violence screening chips ("V-chips") in all new televisions.

Reducing Child Abuse and Domestic Violence. The Administration created the Safe Streets/Safe Kids initiative to make community responses to child abuse and neglect more comprehensive and coordinated in an effort to break the cycle of early childhood victimization and later delinquency. The Administration also put in place a nurse home visitation program for low-income first-time mothers. Studies have shown that home visitation programs are successful -- for example, reducing cigarette smoking during pregnancy by 25% and reducing mistreatment of children from birth to age 2 by 80 percent. The Clinton Administration has also taken significant steps to reduce domestic violence. For example, the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant Program helps law enforcement agencies, courts community organizations and businesses to work toward early identification, intervention and prevention of domestic violence and child victimization in rural areas. Finally, the President is committed to finding stable and permanent homes for children who cannot remain safely at home. As a result, the Administration announced Adoption 2002, a plan to double the number of children adopted or placed in permanent homes each year by the year 2002.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR: INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: KRIS BALDERSTON

**SUBJECT: FINAL UPDATE ON THE EARLY CHILDHOOD REGIONAL
SATELLITE SITES**

Attached is a near final list and map of the eighty-two (82) regional satellite sites for the White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning which will be held on Thursday, April 17, 1997. (I say "near final" because we continue to get calls from state and local officials including Members of Congress who are planning to hold similar sessions. By Thursday morning, I am sure we will reach nearly 100 sites.) In just three weeks, the Regional Administrators from HHS, Education, USDA, EPA, and GSA set up sites in 36 states (OH, FL, and WI do not appear on the map) in every federal region of the country. As you review the materials, please note the following points:

- These are not just "conference-watching" sessions. In nearly every case, the local organizers have replicated the East Room program. They will watch the morning session via satellite and create their own panel sessions of local experts to discuss early childhood issues in the afternoon. Many plan to develop their own local action plans.
- Each of the satellite sites will distribute White House materials and collect the names of their participants so that we can send each of the attendees a final report. Most of the sites are planning to send the White House a 1-2 page summary of their own proceedings for inclusion in the White House document.
- There is genuine excitement in the regions about participating in this conference. The Regional Administrators note that the local respondents immediately jumped on the opportunity to participate and help organize it. Anecdotally, we have learned that 600 people are planning to attend the Phoenix conference, 300 in Kansas City, 350 in New York City, 200 in San Francisco, 150 in South Texas, and 250 in Philadelphia. In most cases organizers expect an average of approximately 100-150 participants. As you look through the sites, you will note that many of the satellite sessions are being held in hospitals, universities, high schools, and federal buildings.

Finally a special thanks should go to Laura Schwartz for answering a million technical questions from administrators throughout the country, Pat Lewis for answering their press inquiries, (Jay Wolf our Cabinet Affairs intern who spent countless hours inputting the information), and Eric Dodds, the White House Liaison at GSA, who is the main point of contact with the Regional Administrators. Also a thanks to HHS, DoEd, GSA, USDA, and EPA for contributing funds to put the program up on the satellite.

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Boston University - Boston, MA (2 sites)	Illinois Institute of Technology - Chicago, IL
Boston Federal Executive Board - Boston, MA	University of Minnesota - St. Paul, MN
Lesley College - Cambridge, MA	Minnesota Extension Service - St. Paul MN
University of MA - Worcester, MA	Cincinnati Public Schools - Cincinnati, OH
Springfield Technical Community College - Springfield, MA	Indiana State Department of Health - Indianapolis, IA
Brown University - Providence, RI	University of Missouri - Kansas City, MO
University of Rhode Island - Kingston, RI	Epworth Family Learning Center - East Prairie, MO
University of Rhode Island - Providence, RI	Cooperating School Districts of St. Louis County - St. Louis, MO
Stamford Public Schools - Stamford, CT	St. Louis Community College - St. Louis, MO
Groton Public Schools - Groton, CT	Southwest Livingston County R-I School District - Ludlow, MO
New Haven Public Schools - New Haven, CT	Federal Aviation Administration - Kansas City, MO
University of Connecticut - Storrs, CT	Neosho R-V School District - Neosho, MO
University of Vermont - Burlington, VT	Missouri Department of Health - Independence, MO
NH Division of Children, Youth & Families - Concord, NH	Heartland Education Agency - Johnston, IA
University of Maine at Fort Kent - Fort Kent, ME	Child Care Resource and Referral - Des Moines, IA
University of Maine at Orono - Orono, ME	Iowa Pilot Parents Program - Ft. Dodge, IA
Manhattan Borough Community College - New York, NY	Cowles Elementary School - Des Moines, IA
Cornell University - Voorheesville, NY	Kirkwood Community College - Cedar Rapids, IA
Cornell University - Ithaca, NY	Kansas Department of Education - Topeka, KS
Cornell University - Albion, NY	Kansas Dept. Of Social & Rehab. Services - Topeka, KS
Cornell University - Middletown, NY	NW Kansas Education Service Unit - Oakley, KS
PBS TV Affiliate - Rochester, NY	Kansas State University - Manhattan, KS
American Booksellers Association - Tarrytown, NY	Creighton University - Omaha, NE
Rutgers University - Livingston, NJ	Nebraska Department of Education - Lincoln, NE
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children - Philadelphia, PA	Alliance Public Schools - Alliance, NE
Egleston Children's Hospital - Atlanta, GA	Arkansas Children's Hospital - Little Rock, AR
Tennessee University - Nashville, TN	Arkansas River Education Co-Op - Pine Bluff, AR
East Tennessee State University - Johnson City, TN	Texas A&M - Weslaco, TX
University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN	University of Texas Arlington - Arlington, TX
University of Tennessee - Martin, TN	University of Texas Arlington - El Paso, TX
Chattanooga State Technical Community College - Chattanooga, TN	Our Lady of the Lake University - San Antonio TX
Roper Mountain Science Center - Greenville, SC	Southwest Texas University - San Marcus, TX
Instructional Television Studio - Birmingham, AL	Children's Hospital of Oklahoma - Oklahoma City, OK
North Carolina State University - Raleigh, NC	Tulsa Community College - Tulsa, OK

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Department of Human Services - Hugo, OK	
Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute - Albuquerque, NM	
Ocate High School - Las Cruces, NM	
Southeastern Louisiana University - Hammond, LA	
Colorado Department of Health - Denver, CO (2 sites)	
Auraria Media Center Library - Denver, CO	
Phoenix College - Phoenix, AZ	
Central AZ College - Coolidge, AZ	
San Francisco State University - San Francisco, CA	
Sacramento State University - Sacramento, CA	
Fresno State University - Fresno, CA	
UCLA - Los Angeles, CA	
Mable Smyth Auditorium - Honolulu, HI	
High Desert Conference & Training Center - Las Vegas, NV	
GSA Regional Headquarters - Auburn, WA	