

Alaska receives T.R.A.C.E. grant

The Alaska Department of Education has been awarded a State Implementation Grant by the Federal Bureau of Educa-

tion for the Handicapped, to help implement Alaska's State Plan for Exceptional Preschool Children. This grant is

known as T.R.A.C.E. (Tots Requiring Agency Coordination in Education). A primary function of TRACE is to help identify and refer those children from birth to 6 years of age needing but not receiving services. To assist in this identification process, a "Totline" number has been established (274-1666 - collect calls accepted 8:30 - 4:30 Alaska Standard Time) to be used by parents, professionals, paraprofessionals, agencies or other persons interested in obtaining services for these children.

Other functions of the pro-

gram will include revision and distribution of the Alaska Directory of Services for the Preschool Handicapped Child; description of preschool programs in Alaska and distribution upon request to those who work with preschoolers; description of teaching materials that have been developed or adapted especially for Alaska and distribution of same upon request.

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