

Rural education conference set in March

The Fourth Annual National Rural Special Education Conference sponsored by the American Council on Rural Special Education (ACRES) will be held March 28-30, 1984, at Murray State University in Kentucky.

The conference theme is "The Future for Rural Special Education: A Rising Tide of Optimism." Conference sessions emphasize a positive alternative resource approach (in spite of the current economic era). Rural people have a history of "taking care of one's own" and solving their own problems. The conference will capitalize on those inherent rural characteristics as sessions focus on bringing the future to rural America.

An Earlybird Session on March

27 will focus on using advanced technologies in rural areas. This session will include discussions and demonstrations regarding uses for computers, video tapes, video discs, satellite TV, and other technological innovations.

Other areas of focus include working in cross-cultural situations, serving severe low-incidence handicaps, family-professional partnerships, new models of service delivery, rural parent-professional partnerships, effective transition from school to work.

A limited number of direct

service demonstrations practices will occur.

Conference registration is \$50 for ACRES members and \$60 for non-members. The Earlybird Session is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. ACRES is a non-profit national membership organization established to enhance services to rural handicapped children.

For more information, contact National Conference Coordinator, ACRES, Box 2470, Murray State University Station, Murray, KY 42071 or call (502) 762-2056.