

BIA to make \$2 million available to tribes, schools for drug abuse

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Bureau of Indian Affairs will make nearly \$2 million available to Indian schools and tribes for drug abuse education and prevention during the school year 1987-88, according to the Aug. 24 issue of *Indian News* published by the BIA.

The funds are part of an agreement signed Aug. 14 between the Departments of Education and the Interior. The agreement transfers \$1.9 million from the Education Department to the BIA. The funds were allocated to education under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986.

"We believe this is an opportunity to supplement the efforts of BIA and tribal schools as well as tribal governments in our mutual goal of achieving sobriety in Indian Country," said Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Ross Swimmer.

"Federal funding is not the solution to all alcohol and substance abuse problems, but I hope these monies will enable local people to bring about change in their schools and communities.

About 70 percent of the money will go to BIA and tribally contracted schools to fund school-based programs such as family drug abuse education counseling, intervention and rehabilitation referrals.

The remainder can be contracted by tribal governments affiliated with BIA-funded schools for community-based programs such as training for teachers, counselors and law enforcement officials, the development and distribution of educational materials and technical assistance to help community-based organizations in their fight against substance abuse.