

# Small Grants For Drug Prevention

Small grants from the U.S. Office of Education are available to Alaska communities to assist them in developing comprehensive preventive drug education programs, Dr. Marshall L. Lind, Commissioner of Education announced today. Grants are to be used exclusively to support the training of teams of five or six individuals at regional U.S.O.E. training centers.

Teams will learn skills which should enable them to return to their communities with the capability to determine the local drug problem, assess and mobilize their community's resources, and develop a coordinated community program for responding to their community's drug problem.

Teams of participants should represent the diversity of interests and backgrounds of the community. At least one teacher and one youth representative (age 16-22) should be included. Grants will cover the team member's transportation costs to and from the training center, room and board and basic living expenses while attending the two-week training session, and release time for persons who can only participate if a substitute fills their current job. After training, the team is to motivate the community to find resources of its own to plan and implement drug abuse prevention programs. The U.S.O.E. will provide additional consultant services to the community whenever particular problems arise.

Alaska communities interested in participating in the program should request further information and application forms from Mrs. Mary Beth Hilburn, Drug Abuse Education Consultant, Division of Instructional Services, Alaska Department of Education, Pouch F, Juneau 99801. The deadline for receiving completed applications in the U.S.O.E. is December 10, 1971.