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CDE Awards \$7 Million in Student Services Programs

The Colorado Department of Education announced today the distribution of seven million dollars in grants for Expelled and At-risk Student Services Programs.

Nineteen schools, districts and eligible facilities are the recipients of new grants totaling \$2.4 million and 40 grantees will receive \$4.6 million in continuation funding for the 2009-2010 school year. These grants are possible through Amendment 23 funding for the Expelled and At-Risk Student Services Program.

Recipients of the new grants include: South Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Denver Justice High School, Boulder Preparatory High School, Weld School District 8, Park County School District, Fountain-Ft. Carson School District, Douglas County School District, Boulder Valley School District, Sangre De Cristo School District, Southwest Open Charter School, Youth Track Inc. of San Luis Valley, Lake County School District, Griffith Centers for Children Inc., Ignacio School District, Adams School District 50, Family Crisis Center, Canon City Schools, Surface Creek Vision School and Mesa County School District 51. These sites may receive up to four years of funding depending on availability of funds, progress on measurable objective and compliance with cooperative agreement.

The department's goals for the program are to support students who are unable to avoid mandatory suspension or expulsion and to develop strategies to help students who are at risk of suspension or expulsion.

Eligible applicants were school districts, Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), nonpublic, nonparochial schools, alternative schools within a school district, charter schools and pilot schools.

Applicants for the grants were encouraged to consider a comprehensive range of educational and prevention strategies that are proven effective. Services may include:

- Instruction in math, reading, writing, science and social studies
- Tutoring
- Alternative educational programs
- Vocational education programs
- Prevention services
- Strategies that address the underlying causes of expulsion such as habitually disruptive behavior or truancy

As part of the subgrantee agreement, schools committed to adopting policies for compulsory attendance, working with a student's parent or guardian to provide services and agreed to the certifications contained in the four year application, among many more.

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