

Small Grant Program Recipient Profiles 2001 Recipients

Empowering Students through Civic Education

The Center for the Prevention of School Violence was awarded \$7,000 in 2000 for Empowering Students through Civic Education, a project involving 15 counties. Fifty-five teachers participated in two in-service training sessions, *We the People... The Citizen and the Constitution*, in Asheville and Durham. The teachers taught over 3,000 students using this curriculum, which is based upon the U.S. Constitution and how it impacts daily life. For additional information, call 800.299.6054.

Kids Voting/Cabarrus County

The Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation received \$6,000 in 2000 for Kids Voting and had a successful launch. More than 7,200 young voters brought adults to the polls helping achieve the 60% adult voter turnout. Kids Voting/Cabarrus received national recognition for its partnership with the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce. For additional information visit: www.cabarrusregionalcoc.org/kidsvoting.php or e-mail shodges@cabarrusregionalcoc.org.

Latino Student Outreach

Kids Voting of Mecklenburg County received \$7,500 in 2000 for the Latino Student Outreach project. This project was designed to make Kids Voting accessible to students for whom English is a second language (ESL). Around 5,000 children were involved through ESL and other classes. They were provided Kids Voting materials translated into Spanish, which were sent home to encourage family participation. Materials, such as curriculum, ballots, posters and flyers, were available in Spanish. Volunteers at polling sites were trained to respond if a non-English speaking child wanted to vote. For additional information, call 704.391.3383.

Local Government Youth Assembly

Western Carolina University/Public Policy Institute was awarded \$8,000 in 2000 for the Local Government Youth Assembly reaching ten counties in North Carolina. Youth from 21 high schools gathered on a Saturday to debate, present and discuss local government issues. Twenty-two proposals were put forth to the body, debated and voted upon. Following the Assembly, youth were encouraged to work with officials in their community to get legislation passed. For additional information visit: <http://ppi.wcu.edu/> or call 828.227.2086.

The Neighborhoods Project

The Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University received \$8,500 in 2000 to continue and expand the Neighborhoods project. The main activity of this grant was the planning and production of a curriculum packet that enables other schools and communities to replicate the program. A second site was selected to implement the program and the curriculum guide was tested there. (*see above*)

For additional information visit: http://cds.aas.duke.edu/docprojects/durham/ek_powe.html.

Students in Touch with Government

The North Carolina Agency for Public Telecommunications in Raleigh was awarded \$8,000 in 2000 for the Students in Touch with Government project. Over several months seven teleconferences were held at five sites across North Carolina. Over 700 students participated in face-to-face, spontaneous conversations with state government leaders who offered descriptions of their major duties, followed by a question and answer session from students.

THINK Transit

Transit Civic Educators, of Durham and Orange County, and UNC–Chapel Hill were awarded \$5,000 in 2000 for the THINK Transit program. A dozen college students were educated about the civics of transportation planning, transit alternatives and how to teach these issues to middle school students. Curriculum materials were developed, including a study guide and video, and are available to middle school teachers. The college mentors taught a small number of middle school students. For additional information, call 919.967.6900 or e-mail nance@email.unc.edu.