

U awarded grants to train teachers of children with disabilities

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The U.S. Department of Education recently announced the award of \$9 million for 38 grants to institutions of higher education to train educators to improve the services and results for children with disabilities. In Minnesota, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, was awarded \$224,425 to train personnel to serve school age children with low incidence disabilities.

Projects awarded in 21 states and the District of Columbia, address specific personnel needs identified by states.

"Our success in building a better America is measured in terms of helping all children reach their full potential," said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. "These grants will support training for early learning providers and educators to make sure that infants, toddlers, children and young people with disabilities are equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed and transition to living independent and fulfilling lives."

The grants are funded by the Office of Special Education Programs.