

GOVERNOR SAWYER LISTS STATE INVOLVEMENT

NEVADA IS A FULL PARTNER in the War on Poverty, through which the nation is waging a relentless attack on the evils of ignorance, disease and want.

The program in Nevada combines the efforts of many people and many agencies, on local, state and federal levels. Together they have done much to improve the welfare of many underprivileged Nevadans, and even greater success is anticipated as our maximum forces are mobilized.

Here is a quick look at the Nevada programs under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964:

JOB CORPS CONSERVATION CENTERS:

Training centers for approximately 220 young people each from the ages 16 through 21 who are unemployed, principally because of lack of education and job skills.

Training will include basic education such as reading, writing, arithmetic and speaking. Vocational training will include instruction on how to get and hold a job, good work habits and attitudes, as well as vocational training on specific occupational skills such as office machine operator, shipping, accounting and file clerk, appliance and automotive repairman and many others.

Camps open or proposed are located at Clear Creek, Ormsby County; Antelope Mesa, Clark County; Paradise Station, Humboldt County, and White Pine County.

The Employment Security Department of Nevada, under contract with the U. S. Labor Department, Bureau of Employment Security, screens all applications of Nevada youth for Job Corps Camp placement.

NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS:

This is a program to provide work experience and training for young men and women, ages 16 through 21, who need the financial help of part-time employment to stay in school or return to the classroom, or who need full-time work experience and training to equip them for the jobs in today's labor market.

Programs completed and new ones proposed are connected with the Clark County School District, Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, the Inter-Tribal Council, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, and the Washoe County Parks and Recreation Department.

WORK STUDY:

These programs assist young men and women to continue their college education or to enroll in college by providing financial assistance through part-time employment on campus during the school year at the University of Nevada and Nevada Southern.

STATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

It is the responsibility of the Nevada Office of Economic Opportunity to stimulate and encourage communities throughout Nevada to mobilize all existing resources, both public and private, in order to put together a well integrated program in behalf of the poor in each community.

This department is giving all possible assistance to such communities in developing, conducting and administering Community Action Programs aimed at eliminating the poverty problem in each community. The director is Bruce M. Parks of Carson City and the assistant director is Leola H. Armstrong of Las Vegas.

COMMUNITY ACTION:

A community action organization is a representative group of people in a community formed into a non-profit organization for the purpose of combating and alleviating the problems of

poverty in that community.

Representation in such organizations includes members of local businesses and professions; health, welfare and educational personnel and, most important, the poor, themselves.

It is the function of such organizations to survey the problems of poverty in their community; to plan, initiate and conduct programs under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to combat such poverty, and to develop the human resources of the poor so that they may become self-sufficient members of society in their communities.

These organizations include the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, Operation Independence, Las Vegas; the Washoe County Community Action Association, the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., and the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council.

PROJECT HEAD-START:

This was a summer program of eight weeks to establish child development centers for the purpose of assisting pre-school aged children from deprived families to be physically and psychologically prepared to enter kindergarten or first grade this fall.

The program involved physical, dental and mental examinations of the children, (perhaps for the first time since they were born), the involvement of the parents in homemaking and home care training, and the development and general enrichment of the children through the professional skills of persons in nutrition, health, education, psychology, social work and recreation.

Transportation (in some cases) and a hot lunch were furnished to the children and classroom instruction was supplied by specially trained teachers and teachers aides with the assistance of volunteers in each classroom.

Follow-up programs for these children, as well as programs for new pre-school classes, are now being prepared.

VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America):

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