Grant/Contract # | H325T110003  
Program Name | Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities  
Competition | Special Education Preservice Program Improvement Grants  
Title | Restructuring and Improving Special Education (RISE)  
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Begin Date | 10/1/2011  
End Date | 9/30/2016  
Key Personnel |  
Conway, Sheila | 30%  
Fiscal Info |  
| Year | Requested | Actual |  
| 2011 | $299,454 | $299,454 |  
| 2012 | $296,820 | $296,820 |  
| 2013 | $299,725 | $299,725 |  
| 2014 | $299,960 |  
| 2015 | $298,806 |  

Note:

Purpose: This project will revise and redesign the current special education program to produce dually certified, master's level teachers in both special education and a content area with a secondary focus.

Method: Activities of this project include: (a) expanding the current Special Education PreK-8 program offered at the University of Pittsburgh; (b) training candidates who meet teaching competencies promoting effective practices for improved achievement of adolescents with high incidence disabilities; (c) integrating implementation of evidence-based educational practices; (d) placing candidates to work in high-needs schools; (e) combining course work with field work both on-campus and in local partner schools; and (f) providing e-mentoring to ensure efficient support for graduates who leave the region.

Products: