

Grant/Contract #	H325T110011		
Program Name	Personnel Development to Improve Services and Results for Children with Disabilities		
Competition	Special Education Preservice Program Improvement Grants		
Title	Restructuring Education Around Clinical Practice in High-Need Schools: Project REACH		
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Northridge, CA 91330-8232	TTY		Extension Date			
	Time on Proj		Time on Proj	Fiscal Info		
Key Personnel	AY	S	Key Personnel	Year	Requested	Actual
Spencer, Sally	25%		Sears, Sue	2011	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
				2012	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
				2013	\$300,000.00	
				2014	\$300,000.00	
				2015	\$300,000.00	

Note:

Purpose: This project will restructure the existing personnel preparation program in mild/moderate disabilities at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), providing a clinically based model of teacher preparation. Candidates completing the program will receive a Preliminary and Clear Education Specialist credential in mild/moderate disabilities. Those who choose a dual-certification will also receive a credential in either elementary or secondary education.

Method: Activities of this project include: (a) redesigning the program with courses that are grounded in clinical practice and interwoven with evidence-based interventions; (b) building expertise in the use of assistive and instructional technology, including application of Universal Design for Learning; (c) preparing highly qualified teachers who are knowledgeable in core academic subjects, and able to provide effective services and instruction to students with high-incidence disabilities; (d) structuring high quality supervised practica in high-need schools, with a focus on improving student outcomes through data-driven and collaborative practices; (e) providing ongoing academic support and mentorship to enhance candidates' successful completion of the program and retention in the field ; and (f) once the grant project is complete, graduating approximately 100 students per year from the program.

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