

## NOTICES

### College Retention Newest CTD Grant Program

Catching the Dream (CTD), a national scholarship and school improvement organization, has announced that it plans to add a seventh grant program during the coming year. The College Retention Program (CRP) will give small grants to colleges in an attempt to reduce the high college dropout rate for Native students.

"We estimate that the national college dropout rate for Native Americans is 82 percent," stated Dr. Dean Chavers, CTD director. "Many people say the dropout rate for Indians is 98 percent, and it has never been that high. But it is well past time for the nation to start dealing with this high rate of failure."

Most colleges have dropout rates between 70 percent and 90 percent, he stated.

Dr. Chavers cited inadequate preparation for college, lack of reading, and low daily attendance rates as the three main reasons for Indian students dropping out.

"Many people cite lack of funds as a main reason for Indian students dropping out, but that is a secondary reason. Problems at home, unwanted pregnancies and family emergencies are other major reasons students drop out," he said.

The CRP will be one of six programs CTD will fund this fall. The other five are:

- The **Reading Award Program (RAP)** helps schools get Indian stu-

dents to read more books. CTD found in data from eight different districts that Indian students were reading an average of less than one book per year outside the classroom. The organization has funded 92 RAP grants since 1991 and at least 70 have worked miracles. Test scores have risen dramatically once students started reading heavily.

- The **Math and Science Teaching (MAST)** program helps schools enroll more Indian students in advanced math and science classes, and get more of them ready for college.
- The **Native Educator Scholarships (NES)** program helps schools enroll their Indian teacher aides in

college to earn degrees and teaching credentials.

- The **Golden Star Attendance (GSA)** award helps Indian schools improve daily attendance rates of their students.
- The **School Improvement Project (SIP)** helps schools improve their programs. CTD plans to have as many as nine regional programs operating by the fall of 2007.

Potential applicants can request an application form directly from CTD by e-mail at [ctd4deanchavers@aol.com](mailto:ctd4deanchavers@aol.com), by fax at 505-262-0534, by telephone at 505-262-2352, or by mail at 8200 Mountain Road NE, Suite 203, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

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For more information: 503-643-5620 or 800-772-1315

### Oregon's Child Passenger Safety Law Changes Effective July 1, 2007

Amending ORS 811.210 and 811.215

Oregon drivers look to the law in deciding how to restrain and protect children in motor vehicles. The proper restraint of children will reduce the number of children killed in motor vehicle crashes and reduce the severity of injuries to children who survive motor vehicle crashes.

Oregon law has required children younger than 6 years of age or weighing less than 60 pounds to ride in booster seats. Recent research has shown that adult lap and shoulder belts do not fit children until they are age 8 or 4'9" tall. (Partners for Child Passenger Safety, Fact and Trend Report 2006) By requiring the use of child safety seats for children up to age 8 or 4'9", Oregon will be ensuring that children who do not fit in adult safety belts are protected.

Oregon's Occupant Protection Law now reflects **National Best Practice**.

#### Changes to the law require:

- Infants must ride rear-facing until they reach both one year of age **AND** twenty pounds.
- Children who weight over 40 pounds must be properly secured in a booster seat until they are age 8 **OR** 4'9" in height.
- Children who are age 8 or older **OR** are taller than 4'9" must ride properly secured with the safety belt system.

#### The law continues to require:

- Children over one year old and between 20 and 40 pounds must be properly secured with a forward-facing child safety seat up to a minimum of 40 pounds or the weight limit of the seat.

Contact ACTS Oregon Child Safety Seat Resource Center for information on Oregon law, answers to child passenger safety questions or to locate a child safety seat check up event:



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Above: Floy Evans Chapman, oldest aunt of Maria A. Westervelt, in 1962 in Logsdon, Ore.

Below: Augusta Evans Alicante and Catherine Alicante in 1923, Maria's mother and older sister, respectively (photos contributed by Maria Westervelt)

