

## **REQUIRED Cover Page**

Recommendation of President: Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_

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## APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

\*\*All applicants please complete this cover page. Report Received V Choose one: Date of Last PDG Award (Semester and Year awarded) Fall 06 [x] Creative activity [ ] Research activity [ ] Professional Date of ATU Faculty Appointment (Semester and Year): Enhancement activity 1. Project Title: Fun Ways to Increase Children's Attention Span 2. Name of Principal Investigator/Project Director: Jackie Paxton 3. School (abbrev): EDUC 4. Department: Curriculum & Instruction 5. Campus Mail Address: Crabaugh 102 6. PI/PD Campus Phone: 356-2016 7. Amount Requested: \$728.00 8. Total Cost of Project: \$728.00 9. Does this project involve: 10. Duration of Project: May 4-5, 2007 Yes No [ ] [x ] human subjects? [ ] [x] animals/animal care facility? [ ] [x ] radioactive materials? [ ] [x ] hazardous materials? ] [x] biological agents or toxins restricted by the USA Patriot Act? [ ] [x ] copyright or patent potential? [ ] [x] utilization of space not currently available to the PI/PD? [ ] [x ] the purchase of equipment/instrumentation/software currently available to the PI/PD? NOTE: If the answer is "yes" to any of the above questions, the investigator must attach appropriate documentation of approval or justification for use/purchase. **SIGNATURES** Department Head Dean This Section to be completed by the Office of Academic Affairs PDC Committee Award Recommendation: Yes of Total Proposals. PDC Committee Proposal Rank: Recommendation of VPAA: Yes V No

## PROPOSED BUDGET FACULTY RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT GRANT

1.	Graduate assistant stipend Fringe benefits: salary X .0012		\$ NA
<ul><li>2.</li><li>3.</li></ul>	Non-work study stipend Fringe benefits: salary X .0012 Supplies (please list items to be purchased and estimated price per item including taxes and shipping, if appropriate):		NA
	Item No. 1 (copying costs) Item No. 2 (Registration Fee)	Estimated Price Estimated Price	\$20.00 \$ 105.00
	Total estimated supplies		\$125.00
4.	Travel (please list travel expenditures by date and estimated costs):		
	Travel No. 1 (transportation) Travel No. 2 (Lodging) Travel No. 3 (Meals) Total estim	Estimated Price Estimated Price Estimated Price atted travel	\$195.00 \$348.00 \$60.00 \$603.00
5.	*Capital Outlay (please list items to be purchased and estimated price per item including taxes and shipping, if appropriate):		
	Item No. 1	Estimated Price al estimated capital outlay	NA NA

\$728.00

**TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET** 

<sup>\*</sup>Items purchased under \$2,500 (including taxes and shipping) are considered supply items. Capital Outlay items are those which cost \$2,500 or more (including taxes and shipping).

Abstract: One of the foremost problems facing children, teachers and parents over the last decade has been the increasing number of children being diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder. This problem has become widespread throughout society. Many parents and teachers are well acquainted with the symptoms that are associated with this disorder. Impulsive behavior, distractibility, hyperactivity, and short attention span are among the notable characteristics of the problem; depending on if it is the hyperactive or non-hyperactive form. Attention problems are the primary concern associated with this disorder.

Medication, behavior modification and other approaches have been the usual methods suggested to deal with this problem. An often overlooked resource that could be used is to provide the child with activities which will increase his/her attention span without the use of these other interventions. This presentation will provide examples/handouts of fun activities that are useful in helping to increase the child's attention span.

**Purpose/Objectives:** There is almost no information available to parents and teachers on how to address the specific characteristic of Attention Deficit Disorder; a short attention span. This presentation will offer specific examples of activities which can be used to increase a child's attention span.

**Significance/Need:** There is very little information available on how to deal with the primary characteristic of ADD/ADHD; a short attention span. This presentation will provide proven activities to address this problem.

Process for Attainment of Goals: This information will be presented to the International Conference of American Childhood Education International in Tampa, Florida on May 7, 2007. It will provide proven activities that address the problem of how to increase children's attention span. The primary audience will be teachers and parents. Additionally, this information will also be submitted to a variety of magazines/journals. Dissemination of Results: Information will be presented, including handouts to ACEI

International Conference participants. Information will also be submitted to a variety of parenting and education magazines and journals.

Repeated Requests: NA

**Budget:** 

Registration \$105.00

Travel (lodging) \$348.00

Travel(meals) \$ 60.00

Travel (transportation) \$195.00

Supplies- \$20.00

Total: \$728.00

## **Application Vita:**

Information used in this presentation will also be submitted to magazines and journals for consideration for publication. This is similar to the approach used for the grant received in 2006 for presentation to the AECI International Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Information from that presentation was published in an International journal:

Paxton, Jackie, & Teresa Shoemake. *Positive Teacher-Parent Communication* and it's Effect on Student Performance. Journal of Early Childhood Development, Vol. 3, pp. 74-75. Tribhuvan University, Katmandu, Nepal, December, 2006.