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To: Substance Abuse Prevention Program Developers

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Re: Nominations for Regional Service to Science Academy

The Central Center for the Advancement of Prevention Technology (CAPT), located in Mounds View, Minnesota, is hosting a Regional Service to Science Academy for prevention programs. Last year's academy was a resounding success, and they are excited to again serve the states in this capacity. They are seeking one nomination from each state they serve and the Red Lake Nation to participate.

The only requirement for a program to participate is that the program director/staff have an interest in improving their evidence or research base substance abuse prevention program. Therefore, programs from those in the beginning stages of designing an evaluation to those considering submission to the National Registry of Effective Programs and Practices (NREPP) are eligible for the Academy.

The Federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) has identified several prevention priority areas that the State will use in determining which Wisconsin program to nominate to participate in this event. The CSAP Priority Areas focus on comprehensive community strategies, actions and interventions that:

- Prevent and/or reduce substance abuse and its related problems-*e.g.*, underage drinking, inhalant abuse, cannabis use and abuse, drug-related suicide, alcohol and drug abuse among young adults, misuse of alcohol and prescription drugs among the elderly, and HIV/substance abuse problems.
- Change policies and practices at the community level to reduce risk factors and/or increase protective factors across multiple domains-*e.g.*, workplace, schools, and neighborhoods.
- Address emerging substance abuse problems-*e.g.*, methamphetamine, over-the-counter drugs, fentanyl and other synthetic drugs.¹

¹ "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices: Priorities for NREPP Reviews." Federal Register 71:126 (June 30, 2006) p. 37590-91.

The Academy is tentatively scheduled for April 26th and 27th in Minneapolis, MN. Portions of this two-day event will be didactic; however, the majority of time will be spent in one-on-one technical assistance delivered to the programs.

Central CAPT will cover travel, hotel, and meal costs for two representatives from each program nominated to participate. We envision a typical pair of participants to be: (1) program staff or director, and (2) evaluator. If a program wishes to send a third person, we ask that the program cover travel expenses for this additional participant.

If you are interested in being considered for nomination, please complete the attached nomination form and forward to me no later than February 21, 2007. These can be forwarded by mail, fax or email. My contact information is:

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Other attachments are also available for your review including: Frequently Asked Questions, the 2006 Service to Science Academy Agenda, and an evaluation of the 2006 Service to Science Academy event. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your interest in considering being a part of the Service to Science Academy.