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Subject: 2010 Annual Report: Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training (CRPPT)

1. As requested, the 2010 Annual report for the Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training is provided.

Center Name:	Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training
Center Director:	Dr. Donald S. Inbody
Year Center was Established:	2010

2. *One Year Summary of Activities:*

a. The Center was initially established this year. Dr. Diane Rahm wrote and shepherded the proposal through the process. President Denise M. Trauth approved the proposal on 25 January 2010. Dr. Donald S. Inbody was named the first Director, effective with the fall 2010 semester.

b. Dr. Diane Rahm completed a Community Strategic Needs Assessment: Austin-San Antonio Corridor (CRPPT Report 2010-001) in May 2010. Her research and subsequent report are the first under the auspices of the CRPPT.

c. Preliminary contacts were made with the Texas State Legislature to begin a study into staff needs by state legislators with an eye toward establishing a future staff development workshop series in support of the state legislature. We anticipate the preliminary study to be complete in the fall of 2010 with a needs assessment available prior to the opening of the 2011 legislative session.

d. The continuing HEROES Project research funded by a grant from the Texas Office of the Attorney General – Child Support Division will be brought under the Center in the fall of 2010.

3. *One Year Summary of grants/endowments:* (1/1/10 - 8/31/10)

No grants or endowments were funded during this time period.

A grant from the Texas Office of the Attorney General – Child Support Division for the HEROES Project for \$225,000 was received. This grant will fund research over the next three years.

A grant from the Swedish National Defence College (SNDC) for \$3,500 was received. These monies were set aside to fund future travel expenses by the Center.

4. *Changes to Center Staff, Operational Budget or space/facilities:*

Dr. Donald S. Inbody was named Director. A part-time research assistant was hired using funding from the HEROES grant. We anticipate continuing the research assistant through May 2011. The Center uses office space provided by the Department of Political Science which doubles as Dr. Inbody's assigned office as a Senior Lecturer. The Center will explore means to hire a part-time staff person to assist in grants development.