



Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training

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Subject: 2011 Annual Report: Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training (CRPPT)

1. As requested, the 2011 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 continuing HEROES Project research funded by a grant from the Texas Office of the Attorney General – Child Support Division was brought under the Center in the fall of 2010. Research and analysis continues with an interim report and data inventory to be delivered summer 2011.

b. Contacts with the Texas State Legislature were continued 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 and lack of time on the part of legislators and staff to devote adequate time due to their workload. The earlier plan to complete the work this spring was delayed by the current legislative session. This work will continue this summer and fall.

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

No grants or endowments were funded during this time period.

A preliminary inquiry to the National Science Foundation has begun to acquire a grant to fund research into a proposed Texas Voter Project for 2012. This project, if funded, will explore the demographics and political involvement of the Texas voter. In light of recently released census data, the proportion of Hispanic population of Texas is growing at a high rate. Assuming



this population is politically active, there is likelihood that voting behavior in the state may also change. This project will begin to develop an expertise at Texas State University as to the voting and political behavior in Texas as it changes between now, the 2012 and 2016 general elections.

The grant from the Texas Office of the Attorney General – Child Support Division for the HEROES Project for \$225,000 continues into its second year.

The grant from the Swedish National Defence College (SNDC) for \$3,500 was received and has been used to fund travel and to pay for expenses of faculty seminar speakers.

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

Dr. Donald S. Inbody remains Director. A part-time research assistant was hired using funding from the HEROES grant. We anticipate continuing the research assistant through summer 2011 and into the fall of 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.

