APPENDIX L

Funding Evaluation of Animal Assisted Interventions

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Funding Evaluations of Animal Assisted Therapy Programs

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Preparation

- Programs + Evaluation = Larger audience
- Evidence-based
- Needs assessment
  - Site
  - Subjects
  - Instruments
  - Replicability?
- Building networks & partnerships

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Show Me the Money! Or some advice on obtaining funding

- Do your homework
- Introduce yourself to program staff
- Be creative; team up with other institutions and individuals
- Persist
- Organize
Department of Justice
- Bureau of Justice Statistics
  - GREAT Anti-gang Initiative
- Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention
- Prevention & Intervention Programs
- National Center for Children Exposed to Violence, Yale Child
  Study Center
- National Institute of Justice
  - Office of Research & Evaluation
  - Office of Science & Technology
- Office of Justice Programs
  - National Criminal Justice Reference Service

Department of Health and Human Services
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
  - Preventing Injury & Violence
  - Child Abuse/Maltreatment
  - Intimate Partner Violence
  - Youth Violence / Youth Violence Prevention through Community-Level Change. [U49] [RFA-CE-08-001]
    - go to http://www.grants.gov
  - Sexual Violence

HHS continued
- Administration for Children & Families
  - Family Violence Prevention
  - Research & Evaluation
  - Healthy Families Initiative

HHS (continued)
- Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
  - Anticipated FY 2008 Funding Opportunities-TA
    Center for Mental Health Promotion and Youth Violence Prevention. $3.99 million
- NIH/NIMH
  - Family Violence Prevention & Services Act
    - Funded by VAWA, administered by HHS

Examples from National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices
- All Stars is a multi-year school-based program for middle school students (11 to 14 years old) designed to prevent and delay the
  onset of high risk behaviors such as drug use, violence, and premature sexual activity.

Examples from National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices
- CASASTART (Standing Together to Achieve Results) a school-based prevention program
  developed by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. CASASTART targets youth between
  12 and 13 years old who have a minimum of four identified risk factors.
Examples from National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices
- Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) and PATHS: Pre-K are school-based preventive interventions for children in elementary school or preschool. These interventions are designed to enhance the area of social-emotional development, such as self-control, self-esteem, emotional awareness, social skills, friendships, and interpersonal problem solving, skills while reducing aggression and other behavior problems. Key concepts are presented through direct instruction, discussion, modeling
- Second Step is a classroom-based social skills program for children 4 to 12 years of age that teaches prosocial skills aimed at reducing impulsive and aggressive behavior while increasing social competence.

Centers/Registries, cont’d
- Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence
  - Database of national listings of violence prevention, intervention, and treatment programs
  - Database of bibliographic information and CSPV abstracts of violence-related research
  - Database stores information about violence-related curricula, videos and other resources
  - Database of data collection tools available on violence-related topics for program evaluation purposes

Centers/Registries
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network
  - Established by act of Congress in 2000
  - Collaboration of academic and community-based service centers
  - Network comprises 70 member centers; 45 current grantees and 25 previous grantees
  - Funded by the Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

More
- Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence
  - Administered by the George Washington University; funded by OJJDP
  - National resource center for the research and development of school violence prevention strategies
  - Database Overview
    - National and state-level survey and school summaries
    - Classification of programs as effective or noteworthy
    - Survey and Measures

And still more
- Statistical Briefing Book
  - Basic statistical information on juvenile offending, victimization of juveniles, and involvement of youth in the juvenile justice system
  - Data analysis tools
  - Easy access to NIBRS: Victims of Domestic Violence (EZANIBRS)

The last one
- Child Welfare League of America
  - Association of nearly 800 public and private nonprofit agencies that assist more than .5 million abuse and neglected children
  - National Center for Research and Data
    - National Data Analysis System
    - Research and Evaluation
    - Research to Practice Initiative
    - National Resource Center for Child Welfare Data and Technology

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Organize

- National Technical Assistance Center on AAT and Youth Violence Prevention
  - Up-to-date information/links about AAT & YVP programs
  - Database of program evaluation instruments
  - Listserv
  - Evaluation/grant proposal writing consults
  - Teleconferences
  - Publications and other resources