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*****University Affiliated Center funded to train physicians, dentists, psychologists, social workers, educators and other professionals to work with the "developmentally disabled," starts in Dallas.

DALLAS--Future physicians, dentists, psychologists, social workers, educators and other professionals will learn to work together in testing, diagnosing and planning individual help programs for "developmentally disabled" young people in the Dallas area because of a new federal grant awarded to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has allocated \$370,370 for a University Affiliated Center to provide instructional training in the field of "developmental disabilities" include the multiply handicapped, the mentally retarded, the learning and language disabled, the cerebral palsied, the autistic and patients with epilepsy. Treatment for ages 0-14 is covered in the grant agreement.

According to Dr. Doman K. Keele, associate professor of pediatrics at Southwestern and director of the Dallas Independent School Districtaffiliated center, all training will be interdisciplinary. "This cooperative training will enable health professionals and paraprofessionals to gain better understanding of each others' fields and the latest developments in these areas."

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Dr. Keele said it is also important that health professionals be aware of other areas of medical and psychological help so that they can make appropriate referrals in treating their patients as whole individuals.

The University Affiliated Center will be composed of two units, the Diagnostic and Evaluation Center at Children's Medical Center and the university affiliated facility located in the Stephen J. Hay Elementary School at 3801 Herschel.

Steering committee for the University Affiliated Center includes Dr. Charles C. Sprague, president of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas; Dr. Bryce Jordan, president of The University of Texas at Dallas; and Dr. Nolan Estes, superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District. All three expressed their enthusiasm for this cooperative effort to train health professionals which utilizes the resources of the Health Science Center, other major institutions of higher learning in the Dallas area and one of the most innovative public school systems in the nation.

The affiliating universities are as follows:

ADMINISTRATION	School of Management and Administrative Sciences, The University of Texas at Dallas
AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH PATHOLOGY	Department of Communications, The Univer- sity of Texas at Dallas
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (which grants Ph.D. degrees in clinical psychology)
DENTISTRY	Department of Pedontics, Baylor University School of Dentistry

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MEDICINE	Departments of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatrics, UT Southwestern Medical School
NURSING	The University of Texas School of Nursing at Fort Worth and Texas Woman's Univer- sity School of Nursing
NUTRITION	Department of Nutrition, The University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences at Dallas
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	School of Occupational Therapy, Texas Woman's University
PHYSICAL THERAPY	Department of Physical Therapy, The University of Texas School of Allied Health Sciences
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Department of Special Education, The University of Texas at Dallas
SOCIAL WORK	Graduate School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington.

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