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OISSE RECEIVES GRANT FROM OMAHA URBAN AHEC

Omaha, Nebraska (May 24, 2006) --- OISSE has received a grant in the amount of \$7800 from the Omaha Urban Area Health Education Center (AHEC) to implement Brain Bash.

Brain Bash is a reverse science fair model in which health professional students educate youth about the brain and the affect of substance use on the brain. Health professional students choose an area of the brain and study how it functions normally. The students then choose a substance and create an interactive activity for youth that demonstrates the impact of that substance on the brain. Youth go through a variety of booths learning about the brain and the role substances play on every day life. The youth participants choose which booth is the best and that booth receives an award. A Community Education toolkit describing how to hold an event such as Brain Bash is available at <http://oisse.creighton.edu/local/neuromanual.pdf>.

OISSE has been awarded the funding to hold 3 Brain Bash events in Omaha with the first taking place on Monday July 10th with Girls INC. The other two are still in the planning stages. On July 10th, Doctorate of Physical Therapy students will hold the first Brain Bash as part of a Health Promotion Planning Course.

The Omaha Urban AHEC serves Douglas County. For more information, contact Dr. Theresa Townley at treetownley@creighton.edu.

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