

ment does rise to the challenge of our times. In its brief lifetime, ENABLE has demonstrated new and collaborative methods and techniques to reach and affect the lives of thousands of impoverished persons. There is no doubt that the multiplier effect of ENABLE will influence the practices of many agencies in the years ahead. Meanwhile FSAA is fully committed to pursue vigorously an outreach program to families in greatest need."

Alfred D. Buchmueller, Executive Director, CSAA: "The drastic reduction of funds for operation of Community Action Programs in the war against poverty which has necessitated curtailment of Project ENABLE is indeed a tragic occurrence in the lives of many families living in poverty who had begun to gain a new basis for hope for themselves and their children. As the training component in the tri-agency collaboration of ENABLE it was most gratifying to witness unique achievements in realization of goals originally projected and to observe the implementation of innovative concepts formulated. It is our firm belief that the commitments embodied in ENABLE must be maintained in order to provide, skillfully and flexibly, greater opportunities for strengthening parent-child-community relationships leading to constructive action."

Whitney M. Young, Jr., Executive Director, NUL: "During the past fourteen months, the National Urban League has had the opportunity of participating in this Project through 34 of our local affiliates. It has been an illuminating and rewarding experience—illuminating from the standpoint that this collaboration of three national agencies has demonstrated the feasibility of teamwork and a coordinated approach to attacking some of the debilitating results of poverty.

"It has meant helping poor families to utilize their own strengths as well as community resources to bring about a better life for themselves. It has meant the provision of running water for some families, paved streets, credit unions, consumer education classes, a TB campaign, and employment for over 250 neighborhood workers.

"The National Urban League is proud to have participated in Project ENABLE."

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL OFFICE REPORT

E. K. Jones VISTA Training Center: Initiated June 30, 1966.

Funding Amount: \$231,937.00, OEO.

Operating in Atlanta, Georgia, and Liberty County (Georgia) under the aegis of the Southern Regional Office, National Urban League.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The program is concerned with generic training for potential VISTA volunteers who need to understand the dynamics and techniques of working with the poor, especially in the South.

Through structured classroom instruction and unstructured field experiences, the VISTA trainee is given six weeks of intensive pre-service training.

The program services VISTA trainees, 18-80 years of age.

The program utilizes Emory University, Atlanta University and selected skills specialists for classroom experiences: 40%

43 community services agencies in Metropolitan Atlanta provide the field work component: 60%

A rural assignment is included.

The program operates in six-week cycles of approximately 50 trainees per cycle.

The program was begun June 30, 1966, and the termination date is August, 1967.

NOTE.—Currently at the VISTA Office (Washington, D. C.) is a request for a second VISTA Training Center, to be established in the Western Region.

We also are discussing ways VISTA volunteers can be used as added manpower with local affiliates.

Project ASSIST—Initiated December 1, 1966 to extend through March 31, 1968.

Funding Amount: \$231,000.00, U. S. Department of Labor.

Program funded for a 15 month period.