

the District of Columbia as a "State" for the purpose of this authority would permit allotments to appropriate agencies of the District of Columbia. Allotments under section 204(b) are required to be matched by non-Federal funds.

In addition to moneys available for allotment to States under Section 204(b), appropriations are also authorized for use by the Department of Agriculture in cooperating with State agencies and others, including persons or corporations engaged in the production, transportation, storage, processing, marketing, and distribution of agricultural products. As to this authority, the Department of Agriculture can presently cooperate with appropriate organizations in the District of Columbia.

Work in nonrural areas

Many cities have made effective use of the Cooperative Extension Service—especially 4-H youth development and Extension home economics programs. Extension-guided home counseling services and youth development programs have been initiated in recent months through Land-Grant universities to provide leadership in public housing projects in such cities as Providence, Rhode Island; Portland, Oregon; Kansas City, Missouri; Hartford, Manchester, and New Haven, Connecticut; Newark, New Jersey; Buffalo, New York; and Warren, Ohio. Similar self-help, learning-by-doing programs are urgently needed for the thousands of families in the District's public housing developments and in many other low-income neighborhoods.

Extension has demonstrated that it can fulfill a unique role of working with families and youth to help them raise their aspirations and make effective use of the services of the many specialized agencies. At the same time, Extension would have collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with schools, employment services, and other community agencies.

The cooperating university

Another phase of this relationship that warrants consideration is the role of each designated university which carries out Cooperative Extension programs. Such a university heeds the call for help from the community, reviews the problems, and helps local organizations plan for youth development programs, for adult education, for teaching of homemaker skills, for child health, and for other needed programs.

A university that sponsors an Extension Service lends its prestige and many of its most eminent professors to the job of helping the entire community. Exposure to the problems of the community enriches the vitality and expands the objectives of any educational institution.

The professional staff of the university has an opportunity to participate with all other Land-Grant institutions in numerous relevant subject-matter seminars, workshop, etc., which contribute to their professional growth and development. This relationship would strengthen the knowledge base for the District of Columbia Extension program.

What extension can do for families in the District

Extension has more than 50 years of experience which would be utilized to help families, including their youth, to improve their home situations and manage their resources; to be productive in employment situations; and to develop values of good citizenship.

Extension is a "family-centered" program. One of its objectives is to reach adults and youth who do not take advantage of existing educational opportunities, and to motivate them to learn the skills, attitudes, and knowledge necessary for successful family living.

Extension aims to help disadvantaged families and youth learn to secure and use goods and services in such a way as to achieve the greatest satisfaction for all family members.

Children and adults would participate in learning experiences that would reinforce each other—information on nutrition, sanitation, and personal hygiene, for example. They would learn to use community resources of benefit to the family and would become involved in community organizations.

Homemakers would develop home management skills; good housekeeping practices; buymanship; care and use of foods, clothing, household furnishing and equipment; as well as better child development and human relationships.

Husbands would become involved in the learning experiences Extension provides to homemakers and youth.