

Alcohol program helps 'high-risk' child

BY MARLENE BURBACH

He began the program, angry and silent. Now he is better able to express himself. He is less angry and more willing to take part in family activities. He feels better about himself.

This describes a boy who joined the Children from Alcoholic Parents Program.

The Lancaster County Child Guidance Program was awarded \$75,000 from the Nebraska Division on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. With the money, the Children from Alcoholic Families Program was established in January.

Until now no established Nebraska pro-

grams helped the children of alcoholic parents, said program director Ann Lawson.

"Children with alcoholic parents are twice as likely to develop alcohol problems as children of non-alcoholics, Mrs. Lawson said, "so we devised some special help was needed for these children."

The program's purpose is to prevent "high-risk" children from becoming alcoholics and to treat their problems while they live with an alcoholic parent, she said.

The "high-risk" status is determined by physical, mental and social factors, Mrs. Lawson said. Physically, the children may have inherited physical traits which increase the risk of their becoming alcoholics. Mentally,

the children may have low self-esteem. Socially, the children may be around people who drink a lot, she said.

One goal is to improve the children's families, which includes drinking-related values, child-rearing skills and communication patterns, Mrs. Lawson said.

Another goal is to improve the child's self-esteem and decision-making ability, she said. The program also tries to improve the child's social skills, she said.

The program is open to any family in which one or both parents are alcoholics and in which at least one child is between the ages of six and 13.

The children's families begin the program

with a six-week session, Mrs. Lawson said. The families are divided into a parent group and three children's groups. The children's groups are divided according to age.

The families also come in once a week for a family-therapy session. The hour-and-a-half meetings are very organized. Each group is headed by one of the nine staff members.

Follow-up program may include therapy

A follow-up program is designed for a family after the six-week program is finished. This program may include family therapy, children's support groups, a single parents' group, recreational services or a referral to self-help groups, she said.

"I am very pleased with the results," Mrs. Lawson said.

Changes are taking place in the families and children in the program, she said. For the first time some parents are taking child-rearing seriously, she said.

"One important thing is the kids do not have to be showing problems. They may be high achievers and socially acceptable," she said, "but they are high-risk and may develop problems."

Fees are based on the families' ability to pay, Mrs. Lawson said. Fees are partially refunded to any family that completes the program.

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Program stresses experience, not pay

BY PAT MASTERS

Learning experience with academic credit is stressed over salary for students who intern through the Experiential Education Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Assistant program coordinator Anne Chase said education is emphasized to students and they are told not to expect any pay for their internships.

Last year over 60 percent of the 485 students interviewed for internships were placed somewhere, Chase said. The number placed, 285, was up from 213 of the year before.

Program coordinator Millie Katz said about 70 percent of the interns are from the College of Arts and Sciences, the rest are mainly from the College of Business Administration. The program began in 1978.

A student interested in an internship can fill out an application form at 1218 Oldfather Hall. The student then looks through four books of internship possibilities for internships that coincide with his or her area of study. The applicant's qualifications are discussed with Ms. Katz and sent to placements who choose the interns.

A good experience

A student who is chosen must meet with a faculty adviser to talk about a paper or journal which must be kept during the internship. The amount of work the student does determines the number of credit hours received. Students usually earn three to six hours credit.

Most students feel comfortable during their internship and are treated like fellow employees, not lower, Miss Chase said.

"For the majority of the interns it is a good experience to get away from the academic setting of the university and enjoy a place one might work after graduation," she said.

Jane Heinicke, 23, interned with the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare September 1980 through December 1981. She worked 15 hours a week with the food stamp program, earning \$3.50 an hour.

"It was a fine experience. The people at the food stamp program were encouraging and helpful," Mrs. Heinicke said.

Interns work part-time

Internships offered through the experiential program are ongoing academic assignments. Students work from 12 to 15 hours weekly during their internship and report to their faculty sponsor afterwards, often at group meetings, Ms. Katz said.

These internships differ from others offered in separate colleges on the university. During most other internships students work full time and receive some payment, Ms. Katz said.

Any internship can be a learning experience, but at the School of Journalism all interns receive pay and an education, said

Larry Walklin, chairman of the broadcasting department.

Representatives of several broadcasting stations come to the school and judge intern applicants like they are applying for full-time positions, Walklin said.

The interns have good qualifications and aren't going into a situation unprepared, he said. It gives them an opportunity to work in a formal position so they can prove their value to the station and employer. They get a professional feel instead of spending time as an observer, he said.

Interns work a 40 hour week and pay is negotiated on an individual basis, depending on whether the company has a union scale. An intern's salary might be a scholarship or compensation based on incentive, Walklin said.

Wheat farmers find bugs a chinch this year

Wheat farmers of Nebraska can look forward to only a mild chinch bug infestation this year.

Dr. David Keith, a University of Nebraska extension entomologist, says that moisture and high humidity helped promote a fungus disease which killed many of the pests.

Police have 'understanding'

BY JIM ANDERSON

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department has a "gentleman's agreement" with area law enforcement agencies, said Gail Gade, director of the UN-L police department.

Police Lt. Lyle Roberts, public information officer for the Lincoln Police Department said that this unwritten agreement, which has developed over a period of many years, makes operations between departments much smoother.

He said UN-L police, who are much more familiar with the campus, are in the best position to assist officers who must come to campus.

When a Lincoln police officer has to come to campus—for example, to make an arrest—he will usually ask the UN-L police for help. He said that if an case should lead a UN-L police officer off campus, he usually will ask for city police help.

Both Roberts and Gade said that during emergencies there may not always be time to inform the each other of their actions, but the departments tell each other as soon as possible. Gade said that UN-L police officers must undergo the same training as city police or state troopers. They are state deputy sheriffs, who have statewide jurisdiction, he said. But normally they work on the Lincoln campus, he said.

The UN-L police force has two officers who are criminal investigators, Gade said, so



Photo by Ann Stedman

Grant and Beth Neitzel, children of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Neitzel of Lincoln, were among the youngest participants in a peace rally sponsored by the Lincoln Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign at Antelope Park Saturday.

the department can handle most of its own cases.

In murder cases, Lincoln police and Nebraska State Highway Patrol officers will be asked to help because they have the equipment and expertise which the UN-L police lack, he said. But Gade said there hasn't been

a campus murder case in a long time.

Nebraska's Memorial Stadium, Gade said, provides an example of the overlapping authority of area law enforcement agencies. He said officers of the UN-L and Lincoln police departments, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department and the state patrol provide security at each game.

Cablevision expands by four channels

Lincoln Cablevision is expanding by adding four more channels to its programming.

It will take some time to rebuild the system, Bob Olson, program director, said. Cablevision has to replace old cable and amplifiers because the components cannot handle the extra channels, Olson said.

Cablevision would like to have the rebuilding done by early spring next year, he said. The weather has not helped, he said.

Some areas in Lincoln have the new channels, Olson said. The new channels consist of two independent news stations, a CBS cable station and an entertainment station.

Cablevision is not planning to add such services as pay-per-view, home banking and shopping or security, Olson said.

The Indax system — home banking and shopping — sounds good, but it is years away from the banks and stores being hooked into the system, Olson said.

He was told that Cox Cable of Omaha is

having problems with its Indax system, he said, but he does not know what problems.

He has not had inquiry for these services from Lincoln customers, he said.

Cablevision is not considering the pay-per-view feature, Olson said. Pay-per-view features a special event which can be seen on cable television by using a disposable decoder. The decoder is good for only one event. After the event is over, the decoder could not pick up any other event.

Two exhibits at Sheldon

Two art exhibits will open Sunday at the Art Shop of the Sheldon Art Gallery at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The artist of these works are Robert Currier, a practicing clinical psychologist at the Lincoln Regional Center, and Douglas Hanson, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.