
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
MEMORANDUM

TO: THELMA BRITTON
FROM: MICHAEL BOYD
SUBJECT: NGMS: ABOUT FACE PROGRAM
DATE: AUGUST 13, 2001
CC: KELLY

The National Guard Bureau is advocating an after-school enrichment program called "Operation About Face." This pilot program is operating in Florida, New Jersey and Rhode Island. This program targets at-risk children primarily in communities without other enrichment programs. Generals Lipscomb and Berry are strong advocates for this program because it addresses some of your concerns about education and mentoring (not to mention the recruitment possibilities).

Under this program, at-risk children would participate in educational activities (Internet research, life-skills training, and tutoring) at local National Guard armories. According to Major Paul Trapp with National Guard Bureau, a pilot program could be started for \$1.8 million in 7 locations. He has proposed using TANF and WIA funds. In Florida (Major Trapp's home state and the originating state for the About Face Program), they use \$1.5 million for 27 locations.

Currently in Congress, HR 2655 would establish the programs for federal funding. Rep. Susan Davis (CA-D) introduced this bill on 7/26/01. There has been no movement on this legislation due to the August recess. Fred will keep an eye on this legislation as there may be a late appropriation for this program.

I believe that this program will address some unmet needs for at-risk children and assist with the National Guard's recruitment efforts, especially regarding diversification. This program can be a win-win. I recommend that you call a meeting with Janice Broome Brooks, Jim Lott, Generals Lipscomb and Berry to discuss this matter further and potentially give approval for the use of TANF and WIA funds.

- Would you like to this meeting Wednesday, August 15, 2001, at 7:00AM?

YES

NO