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Governor Musgrove Praises Grant for Youth Program Through Institute for Disability Studies

Jackson, MS – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today praised the Institute for Disability Studies for capturing a two-year, \$500,000 grant. The grant from the U. S. Department of Labor will be used to improve the ability of Workforce Investment Area (WIA) youth programs to recruit and serve youths with disabilities in Mississippi.

“Mississippi is demonstrating its ability to compete with anyone, anytime, and that ability is grounded in the belief that every Mississippian has a talent to share with our state and our society,” Musgrove said. “This grant will help ensure those talents are maximized.”

Operating as the YES (Youth with Disabilities and Employment Success) project, the Institute will work with state WIA offices, state agencies and private industries to provide training and technical assistance to youth with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 21.

“YES is important to ensure youth with disabilities contribute to the 21st century workforce and Mississippi’s economy,” said Royal Walker, Jr., Associate Director for the Institute and Project Director for YES.

Armerita Tell, Citizen and Community Services Director in Governor Musgrove’s office, is serving as Chair of the YES Advisory Council.

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