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WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 21, 1971 -- A project to "bring handicapped students into the mainstream of life," was announced today by U. S. Senator Bob Dole.

The project is to train special education consultants who will be qualified to assist school personnel and parents in remediating academic and social behaviors of handicapped children in either "special" or "regular" class settings and in the home.

The project will be administered by Dr. R. Vance Hall of the University of Kansas Medical Center. It has been funded for approximately \$40,000 for a 10 month period.

In a Senate speech on April 14, 1971, Senator Dole said, "Our handicapped children must be given the opportunity to profit from the educational opportunities which are offered to all children in our public schools. Yet only through the skills and readiness they acquire in special education classes, can they benefit from the general school program. A dual program, with specialists and all-school personnel working together, is necessary to provide the richest possible ecucational experience for handicapped children."