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"ACHIEVEMENT PLACE" GRANT TO KANSAS UNIVERSITY

Washington, D.C., June 1, 1971 -- The National Institute of Mental Health has awarded a grant of \$142,331 to the University of Kansas for its "Achievement Place" project, a community-based home for the rehabilitation of pre-delinquent children.

The award was announced today by the offices of Senators James B. Pearson and Bob Dole and Representative Larry Winn.

Dr. E. L. Phillips of the Department of Human Development and Family Life said the funds will be used to continue the 5-year-old project in Lawrence and investigate opportunities for applying the concept to other Kansas communities. Such homes, he said, care for 7 or 8 young offenders during the week and allow them to go home on weekends. They offer juvenile court judges an alternative between sending these youths to prison or simply letting them go with a reprimand, he added.