



Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — May 17, 1984 — Kansas Senators Nancy Landon Kassebaum and Bob Dole today announced the awarding of a \$5.76 million federal grant to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to fund a nationwide summer youth sports program.

The grant, from the Department of Health and Human Services, goes to the NCAA's national headquarters in Mission, Kansas, to be distributed to 135 colleges and universities participating in the program.

"We're delighted to announce this grant because of its beneficial impact on economically disadvantaged kids," Dole and Kassebaum said. "We can think of no better way for underprivileged kids to spend a portion of their summer than in organized sports activities."

The National Youth Sports Program—in its 15th year—serves 55,000 children from ages 10 to 16, according to Ruth K. Berkey, Assistant Executive Director of the NCAA. Besides basic instruction in sports skills, the program also offers free medical examinations and followup, instruction in good health and proper nutrition, and some career counseling.

Ms. Berkey said each of the participating schools also provides financial support to the program, which in addition receives contributions from private businesses and the NCAA.

Berkey added that while the program primarily affects urban areas, there is participation in many rural areas as well. In Kansas, the Haskell Indian Community College in Lawrence is a program participant.

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