

## DISCRETIONARY GRANTS AWARDED BY LEAA



Bernice Goodman, Richard Cox, John Mullaney and Bernice Manshel discuss Youth Service Bureaus during a recent seminar sponsored by the Agency's Prevention Unit.

### N. J. Receives \$2 Million

The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) has awarded over \$2 million in discretionary monies to local and state units of government in New Jersey for needed and innovative programs dealing with the reduction of crime and the improvement of the criminal justice system. Discretionary funds are awarded by LEAA in addition to the block grant received by the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency to carry out its mandate.

The largest grant was awarded to the Department of Institutions and Agencies totalling \$600,000 to initiate a juvenile reform program aimed at helping the county governments cope with the burden of handling juveniles in need of supervision (JINS). As of March 1, 1974, JINS (those youngsters who have been picked up for offenses of a non-criminal nature such as truancy or incorrigibility) can no longer be placed in the same facility as juveniles who have committed criminal offenses.

This new law created difficulties for the counties which were not prepared with alternate facilities. The LEAA discretionary grant will assist the counties by providing supportive services for both long and short-term JINS facilities.

A coordinated statewide investigative and prosecutorial attack will be launched upon the illegal diversion of controlled and dangerous substances in New Jersey thanks to a \$290,000 discretionary grant which has been awarded to the Department of Law and Public Safety. The goal of the program is to prevent physicians and pharmacists as well as other professionals from illegally selling and distributing drugs. As New Jersey is the nation's manufacturer and legitimate shipper of drugs, the program will also seek to identify the scope of commercial drug diversion and initiate pre-

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## YSB SEMINAR HELD AT SLEPA

Over 50 project directors and staff members involved in Youth Service Bureaus (YSB's) receiving Agency funding, gathered on June 3rd to listen, learn and discuss with each other and outside consultants the operational and structural problems encountered by YSB's.

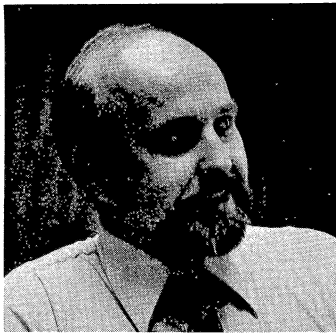
The seminar was sponsored by the Prevention Section of the Agency's Operations Unit to help their subgrantees work out problems and communicate with others facing similar ones. As Bernice Manshel, Prevention Chief, explained to the attendees, "You are our front line people. The most long range and profound changes to be made in the criminal justice system will be made in the community, in prevention and with youth." John J. Mullaney, SLEPA Executive Director, told the group that in working with other State Planning Agencies on their problems and progress he has had an opportunity to

evaluate New Jersey in comparison. "I've found New Jersey is one of the best, if not the best, and that's because you people in the community are doing a good job," asserted Mr. Mullaney.

The group heard two speakers during the morning session who addressed the conceptual and practical aspects of the YSB. Ms. Bernice Goodman, a private psycho-therapist and youth consultant to HEW, spoke on the concept of the youth service system. Mr. Richard Cox, director of two YSB's in Philadelphia which were designated by LEAA as exemplary programs, discussed the actual functioning of his YSB's and spelled out the terms of their success.

Ms. Goodman explained that in order to succeed, services for youth must be directed toward them and formulated by them with community and adult participation. She went on

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## PROFILE

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**ULRIC A. BRANDT**

*Chief-Corrections Unit – SLEPA*

It is said that variety is the mother of enjoyment and SLEPA's Chief of Corrections, Ulric A. Brandt, has enjoyed about as diverse a background as one can imagine. Educationally, in his work experience and in his interests, Ric has always enjoyed life.

Born in Flatbush, New York, Ric's family moved to the New Jersey countryside in Sussex County when he was only five years old and Ric has remained in the area ever since.

After graduation from Newton High School, Ric worked for a shipping company in Philadelphia and when the opportunity to join the U.S. Coast Guard presented itself, he chose to become an electronics technician and was assigned to the Port Security Unit in the New York harbor.

He received an appointment as a cadet in the Coast Guard Academy in 1955 and served in that capacity until a family crisis brought him back to Sussex County to run the family business.

The family business was in itself unusual and interesting as it included activities ranging from construction to furniture design and from manufacturing to restoration of sculpture objects and even included the painting of murals. Ric specialized in a form of art which can be described as the creative inception of an idea transmitted to a visual form. Each piece of sculpture was given a fresh new identity and a mural painted above the altar in a church became more than just color and design, "It became the embodiment of a lesson of good translated into visual form for all to see and understand," according to Ric.

In 1966, Ric began a new career in corrections as a correction officer at the Youth Correctional Institution, Annandale and a few months later was assigned to the pre-release unit in High Point State Park. Developing a keen interest in criminal justice, Ric attended the Orange County Community College majoring in correction administration. He received his AAS degree in 1971, the same year he was promoted to correction sergeant and transferred to the New Jersey State Prison, Rahway. In May, 1972, Ric was promoted to correction lieutenant at the Rahway Prison and assigned as Centerkeeper Second Shift and training officer. An interesting addition to his duties was an assignment as coordinator of a staff seminar designed to develop positive relationships and communications among prison personnel as well as between the staff and inmates.

In December, 1972, Ric joined the SLEPA staff as a principal program analyst in the Corrections Section. A month later he received his BS degree in Public Safety Administration from William Paterson College graduating *magna cum laude*. In September, 1973, Ric was promoted to Chief of Corrections and has been assigned program areas ranging from diversion of offenders to probation, jail, prison and parole.

During his past work in corrections, Ric developed definite views on the prison system and he considers it a privilege to be able to work at SLEPA and have the opportunity to work for a more effective system. In a recent panel discussion at the 73rd Annual Conference of the New Jersey Welfare Council, Ric espoused his hopes on diversion programs as "a mechanism leading to solutions for dealing with many offender problems," but stated that the prison problem exists now. "There is no place in a fair and reasonable man's thinking that allows the fear, tension and hopelessness existing in many prisons today," concluded Ric.

In addition to his work in Trenton, Ric and his family are in the process of building their third house in the Sussex County area. He develops the plans for the houses and the entire family participates with ideas and labor on weekends. The Brandts have six children ranging in age from 3 to 15. Amelia Brandt is a very active member of her community and president of the Montague Board of Education.

## 1974 STATE OF THE STATES REPORT RELEASED

The National Conference of State Criminal Justice Planning Administrators has released the second annual *State of the States on Crime and Justice 1974* report to the public on the activities, progress and accomplishments of the 55 states and territories under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, continuing under the new Crime Control Act of 1973.

Since the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) began in 1968, Congress has appropriated some \$1.5 billion in block grant action funds for direct administration by the states for programming aimed at improving the administration of criminal justice and reducing crime.

The *State of the States on Crime and Justice 1974* is a comprehensive report of the activities and the effectiveness of the states in carrying out their mandate under the Crime Control Act.

Among the major findings of the Report are the following: State Planning Agency's (SPA's) have set major crime reduction and criminal justice improvement priorities and are utilizing their resources to meet them; the SPA's are providing for the first time a coordinated and comprehensive approach to criminal justice and crime reduction problems, and through the process of planning, objective setting and action programming, are achieving their goals; and SPA progress in crime reduction and criminal justice improvement has been significant over the last five years, but the pace has been slowed by relatively constant levels of appropriation during the last three fiscal years.

New Jersey was singled out in the Report in several instances. It was noted that we have the largest number of local planning units totaling 21 and that SLEPA also leads in the number of professional SPA employees with 48. Newark is cited as one of the eight cities receiving \$20 million under the High Impact Program to reduce stranger-to-stranger street crime and burglary.

The Report also cites New Jersey's juvenile programs explaining: *The New Jersey SPA has funded seven youth service bureaus in high crime areas. The bureaus receive referrals from the juvenile justice system and act as coordination points for community youth services. Offered at the*

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## NEW JERSEY PROJECTS APPROVED FOR 1973 AND 1974 FUNDS

GRANT NO.	APPLICANT/IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A-177-73	Dept. of Law & Public Safety/Div. of State Police	Expansion of Laboratory Services	\$150,000*
A-178-73	Union County/County Courts	Criminal Court Information Center	60,472*
A-179-73	Middlesex County/County Courts	Criminal Records Microfilming	22,996
A-180-73	Administrative Office of the Courts	Institute for Court Management Seminar	26,892
A-181-73	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/Div. of Correction & Parole	Correctional Master Plan	11,805
A-182-73	Atlantic County/County Court	Bail/Jail Monitoring System	3,069*
A-183-73	Bergen County/Office of the County Narcotic Program Coordinator	Residential Intervention Program for Adolescent Drug Abusers	138,353*
A-184-73	Hudson County/Probation Dept.	Hudson County Volunteer Probation Program	12,440*
A-185-73	Mercer County/Probation Dept.	Juvenile Court Services - Intake Division	48,032
A-186-73	Middlesex County/Prosecutor's Office	Regional Police Information Network & Resource Allocation Management System	84,711
A-187-73	N.J. Dept. of Health/Div. Narcotics & Drug Abuse Control	Vocational Adjustment Center	29,998*
A-188-73	Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills/Police Dept.	Improvement of Police Services to Juveniles	23,458*
A-189-73	City of Perth Amboy/Perth Amboy General Hospital	ESCAPE Center Treatment-Prevention Program	126,856*
A-190-73	City of Trenton/Dept. of Public Safety	Diversion & Guidance of Youthful Offenders	71,725
A-191-73	Paramus Borough/Police Dept.	Paramus Juvenile Delinquency Prevention & Counseling Program	26,310*
TOTAL			\$837,117
A-13-74	William Paterson College/Public Safety Administration Institute	Criminal Justice Baccalaureate Degree Program	\$ 35,000*
A-14-74	Hudson County/Prosecutor's Office	Organized Crime Task Force	86,267*
A-15-74	Essex County/Prosecutor's Office	Organized Crime Task Force	100,000*
A-16-74	Mercer County/Prosecutor's Office	Organized Crime Task Force	100,000*
A-17-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/Div. of Correction & Parole	Special Parole Project	157,500*
A-18-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/Office of the Public Defender	Expansion of Services	300,000*
A-19-74	Rutgers, the State University	Training Project in Juvenile Delinquency & Corrections	50,190*
A-20-74	Jersey City/Municipal Court	Municipal Court Improvement Project	224,463*
A-21-74	Dept. of Civil Service	Recruitment & Selection of Criminal Justice Personnel	150,000*
A-22-74	Atlantic County/Family Service Association	Riverside Group Home	15,000*
A-23-74	City of Asbury Park/Police Dept.	Asbury Park Youth Service	101,585*
A-24-74	Atlantic County/Harborfields	Professional Staffing-Harborfields	58,972*
A-25-74	Atlantic County/County Jail	Jail Rehabilitative Services Program	49,958*
A-26-74	Atlantic County/Prosecutor's Office	Atlantic County Narcotic Crime Control Unit	10,518*
A-27-74	Bergen County/Children's Aid & Adoption Society of N.J. City of Camden/Concept House, Inc.	Group Home for Girls Concept House Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation	15,000* 231,058*
A-28-74	Camden County/County Drug Treatment Program	Turning Point - Adolescent Division	74,998*
A-29-74	Camden County/Park Police	Regionalized Radio Communications	9,450
A-30-74	Camden County/Prosecutor's Office	Organized Crime Task Force	50,754
A-31-74	Cape May County/County Drug Abuse Council	Operation Junction	100,000*
A-32-74	Cape May County/Prosecutor's Office	Cape May County Regionalized Narcotic Strike Force	46,741*
A-33-74	Cherry Hill Township/Police Dept.	Increasing Police Communication Efficiency	72,030
A-34-74	Deptford Township/Police Dept.	Response Time Project	38,965
A-35-74	City of East Orange/Youth Service Bureau	Youth Services Bureau	75,000
A-36-74	City of Elizabeth/Police Dept.	Juvenile Delinquency Recidivist Rate Reduction Plan	77,425

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GRANT NO.	APPLICANT/IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A-37-74	Essex County/Children's Aid & Adoption Society of N.J.	Group Home for Boys	30,000
A-38-74	Gloucester County/Robin's Nest Inc.	Residential Foster Home for Girls	15,000*
A-39-74	Gloucester County/Prosecutor's Office	Gloucester County Narcotic Control Unit	31,635*
A-40-74	Hudson County/County Jail	Inmate Rehabilitation	58,521*
A-41-74	Hudson County/Office of Court Administrator	Vocational Service Coordination Unit/ Hudson County Superior Court	22,500*
A-42-74	Hudson County/Prosecutor's Office	Establishment of Hudson County Narcotic Bureau	45,311*
A-43-74	Jersey City/Police Dept.	Crime Prevention Program	20,000*
A-44-74	Township of Livingston/No. Essex Drug Abuse Council, Inc.	Youth Service Bureaus — Livingston, Montclair, Verona	83,700
A-45-74	Mercer County/Peace Haven, Inc.	Residential Boys Center — Peace Haven	101,000*
A-46-74	Mercer County/Mercer St. Friends Center	Probation Services Program	52,106*
A-47-74	Borough of Metuchen/Police Dept.	Improvement of Police Services to Youth	8,454
A-48-74	Middlesex County/YMCA of Central Jersey	Hammond House	20,000*
A-49-74	Middlesex County/Sheriff's Dept.	Prisoner Transportation Program	27,635*
A-50-74	Morris County/Plaid House, Inc.	Group Home for Girls, Plaid House, Inc.	30,935
A-51-74	City of Newark/Police Dept. Youth Aid Bureau	Youth Aid and Services	53,362*
A-52-74	N.J. Dept. of Health/Div. of Narcotics & Drug Abuse Control	State of N.J., Methadone Maintenance Program	746,991*
A-53-74	City of Orange/Dept. of Public Safety	Housing Authority Security Program	67,342*
A-54-74	City of Paterson/Police Dept.	Police Communications and Response	99,635*
A-55-74	Passaic County/Paterson YMCA	Paterson YMCA Group Foster Home	15,000*
A-56-74	Passaic County/United Home for Boys	United Home for Boys Group Foster Home	15,000*
A-57-74	Passaic County/Probation Dept.	Youth Probation Service	147,600*
A-58-74	Passaic County/Probation Dept.	Volunteers in the Passaic County Criminal Justice System	\$ 45,236*
A-59-74	Passaic County/Mt. Carmel Guild	Mt. Carmel Hospital Alcoholism Rehabilitation Program Center	50,601*
A-60-74	City of Plainfield/Second St. Youth Center	Anti-Recidivism and Career Preparation Project	24,997*
A-61-74	City of Plainfield/Police Division	Police-Community Service Unit	39,500*
A-62-74	Borough of Roselle/Police Dept.	Improvement of Police Services to Juveniles	37,730
A-63-74	Somerset County/Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children	Children's Shelter	15,000*
A-64-74	Township of Teaneck/Group Care Home, Inc.	The Development of a Teaneck Group Care Home	20,000*
A-65-74	City of Trenton/Police Dept.	Police Computer	38,484*
A-66-74	Union County/County Jail	Inmate Rehabilitation Unit	78,763*
A-67-74	Union County/Two Worlds	Renaissance House - Group Foster Home	15,000*
A-68-74	Union County/Runnells Hospital	Diversionsary Alcohol Detoxification Program	165,789*
A-69-74	Union County/Prosecutor's Office	Narcotics Strike Force	30,710*
A-70-74	City of Vineland/Police Dept.	Vineland Police Dept. Computer Aids	20,419*
A-71-74	Borough of West Caldwell/Bridge, Inc.	Bridge, Inc., Youth Development Center	60,035*
A-72-74	Township of Woodbridge/Woodbridge Action for Youth	Woodbridge Action for Youth	61,578*
TOTAL			\$4,626,443
E-27-72	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/Div. of Correction & Parole	Wharton Tract Narcotic Treatment Unit	\$ 10,048*
TOTAL			\$ 10,048
E-14-73	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/Div. of Correction & Parole	Essex Community Service Center	\$137,840*
E-15-73	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/Div. of Correction & Parole	Camden Community Treatment Juvenile Center	18,378*

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GRANT NO.	APPLICANT/IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
E-16-73	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/Div. of Correction & Parole	Special Offender Groups Treatment Programs	275,098
			TOTAL
			\$431,316
E-1-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ Bureau of Parole	Special Parole Project	\$ 55,151*
E-2-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/Div. of Correction & Parole	Special Offenders Unit - Clinton	75,538*
E-3-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ Garden State School District	Personal Improvement Program - State Home for Girls	12,392*
E-4-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ Garden State School District	Learning Center for New Lisbon Honor Camp	21,809*
E-5-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ Garden State School District	Yardville Learning Center and Communications Skills Program	21,030*
E-6-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ Garden State School District	Vocational Careers Training Program — Bordentown	172,247
E-7-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ Garden State School District	Medical-Surgical Technician Program — Correctional Institutions	41,329*
E-8-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ State Parole Board	Final Parole Revocation Hearing Program	52,848*
E-9-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ Garden State School District	Vocational Preparation of Confined Offenders	72,947*
E-10-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ Garden State School District	In-House Skill Training	19,215*
E-11-74	Dept. of Institutions & Agencies/ Garden State School District	Evening Vocational Training — Annandale	31,394*
			TOTAL
			\$575,900

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ventive measures.

In addition, the Camden County Prosecutor's Office was awarded \$229,577 to implement a Probation Treatment Alternatives To Street Crime program intended to treat drug dependent persons who have been involved with the criminal justice system at the earliest possible stage. Hopefully, a large number can be diverted from the system by offering the dismissal of drug related charges after successful completion of the program.

The National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals reports in its standards and goals survey that there is a need for assistant court administrators due to the diversity and complexity of the court system. For this reason, the Administrative Office of the Courts was awarded \$229,506 to establish assistant trial court administrators in each judicial district to reduce processing time in cases involving indictable offenses and assure defendants prompt appearances before a judge.

A city/county strike force to combat organized crime operating in Newark and Essex County will be receiving a boost of \$200,000 from LEAA. The purpose of the strike force is to iden-

tify and erase the organized crime in the area. The force is increasing its capabilities to combat illegal activities such as gambling, homicide, narcotics, loansharking and official corruption.

The State Law Enforcement Planning Agency was awarded \$181,359 to implement an expanded evaluation component. Additional personnel will be hired to complement the present evaluation efforts for greater compliance with federal guidelines. The new evaluators will develop models and program clusters which can be used to measure the effectiveness of the projects the Agency funds.

Due to the discretionary awards, law focused educational training is now available to secondary school teachers in New Jersey. A \$112,648 LEAA grant was awarded to Seton Hall University. Through the cooperation of the Seton Hall Schools of Law and Education, two summer institutes will be conducted to instruct teachers on incorporating knowledge of the criminal justice system in their teaching efforts. Secondary level students on a statewide basis will then be able to receive input which will hopefully create a more positive attitude toward the system and result in behavior more consistent with the terms of law and

order.

In addition, a comprehensive master plan for the coordinated operation and growth of the correctional system in New Jersey will be conducted with \$100,000 of the discretionary monies by the Department of Institutions and Agencies' Division of Correction and Parole.

A new and innovative program to provide inmates at Rahway Prison with civil and criminal legal assistance will be implemented through another LEAA grant for \$67,388. According to the standards and goals of the National Advisory Commission, correctional agencies should provide inmates with access to legal assistance. The Legal Information Station at Rahway is a pilot project which will be manned by two full-time attorneys and a paraprofessional.

Finally, the Administrative Office of the Courts received an additional discretionary grant to conduct a two and one-half day seminar on criminal justice. The seminar will be designed to touch upon all aspects of the criminal justice process including diversion, court administration, judicial standards and goals and juvenile justice and to generally review the many innovative programs now in operation in the current system.

to explain that the systems approach to establishing a YSB should include three basic strategies; the reduction of negative labeling, the establishment of positive roles and increased communications between youth and adults. Interim concepts include such things as diversion, community participation, agency linkages, and flexibility of the delivery services. "Most importantly," according to Ms. Goodman, "people must realize that youngsters are the fever of social illness. Youngsters are the victims not the cause of society's problems."

Getting into the grassroots application of concepts, Mr. Cox suggested three needs a YSB must meet to be successful. First, the YSB must serve as a brokerage firm bridging the gap between the youth in need and the services available. Secondly, it must develop resources to meet the needs of the youngsters where none exists and finally it must modify the system where discrimination against youth appears to be occurring. "I call my success formula the three A's," explained Mr. Cox. "Create alternatives by advocacy to reduce alienation."

Mr. Cox continued by suggesting several points that a successful YSB depend upon. First, there must be a commitment of funds on behalf of troubled youth and a readiness of the social community to join in an effort to assist these youngsters. Citizen leadership, including youth, is a key factor at every stage. According to Mr. Cox, no YSB can succeed without the cooperation of the courts and police in diversionary efforts. The final requirement must be the re-

cruitment of capable staff to provide leadership at all levels from the community to the funding source.

Prior to the seminar, Mr. Cox had been asked by the Prevention Section to address specific issues affecting the operations of all YSB's. Direct and indirect services, staffing, intake, determining admissions, establishing treatment plans and referral mechanisms were all discussed in detail and tied into the operations of the two Philadelphia YSB's.

During the afternoon session, the participants split into three workshops to discuss specified topics relating to the implementation of a YSB, referral mechanisms, intake procedures, delivery of services and record keeping. Each group reported back to the closing plenary session.

At the close of the seminar, the participants felt they got a great deal of valuable information from meeting with other project directors and exchanging ideas. They expressed a desire to continue such meetings. It appears that the success of this seminar will be the spark of more to follow. According to Ms. Manshel, an additional seminar is being planned for the fall for the project directors of Agency funded residential centers.

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*bureaus are such services as psychiatric counseling, crisis intervention, family counseling, police-youth relations programs and educational and recreational projects.*

In addition, the Report points out that New Jersey is one of four states participating in Project STAR — "Systems and Training Analysis of Re-

quirements." Project STAR is a research effort to define roles, objectives, function and performance for criminal justice personnel.

In a closing chapter entitled, "Outlook," the Report states: *Five years ago the SPA was the "new kid on the block," new to the as yet undefined discipline of criminal justice planning, yet charged with the critical responsibility of coordinating the law enforcement and criminal justice efforts of state and local agencies and administering a massive program of federal anti-crime funding to the states. The SPA's have met this challenge.*

The closing comment in the Report asserts the need for a continued and increased commitment on the part of both the government and the people: *How rapidly can we achieve the goals which five years ago seemed generations away and today are within a decade's grasp, is only a matter of America's philosophical and financial commitment.*

The report will be made available on a limited basis by request to the Planning Unit of the Agency.

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