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Fifty leaders for Child Development Centers under Project Head Start, a part of the War on Poverty, will be trained at Montana State University in June, according to Tom Collins, MSU director of statewide services.

This will be the only training program for Project Head Start in Montana, Collins said.

The prospective leaders from Montana and the surrounding region will undergo six days of intensive training in two groups. The participants will be persons who have had professional training in child guidance. The training session will serve as an orientation program for the professional staff of the Child Development Centers to be established.

The University is participating in the training program as a member of the National University Extension Association, an organization of universities offering extension work. The NUEA has signed a contract with the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity to train personnel for Project Head Start.

Project Head Start is designed to provide special educational opportunities for disadvantaged pre-school children during July and August before they enter school.

Leaders trained for the 12,000 Child Development Centers throughout the country in turn will train volunteers in the local communities.

The training program staff at MSU will comprise faculty members and specialists in various areas covered by Project Head Start, including public health, social work, education, sociology and psychology.

Irene Groom, assistant professor of education at MSU, is in charge of recruiting the staff for the training sessions.

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