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JANET C. ROBERTS ASSUMES POST
AS REGIONAL TRAINING OFFICER
FOR MONTANA HEAD START

MISSOULA--

Mrs. Janet C. Roberts, 44, former Head Start director of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation at Lame Deer, Mont., has joined the University of Montana as Head Start Regional Training Officer (RTO), for the State of Montana, effective this past July 1.

Mrs. Roberts replaces Mrs. Helen L. Wood who was the program's RTO since the Head Start regional training office was established on the UM campus Feb., 1968.

Head Start is a preschool child development program funded by the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) as part of a Community Action Program. Parents of Head Start children make incomes considered at or below the poverty level by OEO poverty guidelines.

Head Start programs provide health services, nutrition programs, education, parent involvement, and social and psychological services.

As a University of Montana office, the RTO is a catalyst in promoting the involvement of all relevant University resources directed toward Head Start improvement.

Mrs. Robert's primary responsibility will be to provide Head Start programs in Montana with teachers, aids and consultants through preservice and in-service training programs exclusive of instruction in the college classrooms.

She will spend about half of her time visiting CAP directors, Head Start directors, parents of Head Start children and personnel in Head Start centers in Missoula, Butte, Anaconda, Helena, Billings, Great Falls, Havre, and Kalispell.

A native of Lindenhurst, Long Island, N.Y., Mrs. Roberts was Head Start director at the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Lame Deer, from 1966 until her present appointment.

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She received her bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Montana College, Billings, in 1961. She taught reading at EMC from 1960-66. She also taught at Billings Senior High School in 1965. Mrs. Roberts' interest in the CAP was heightened by her position as elementary remedial reading teacher with the CAP program at Busby Boarding School, Busby, in 1965-66. She was consultant to the Missoula Head Start program 1967-68.

Mrs. Roberts is married and the mother of two children. Her husband, Richard E. Roberts, a remedial reading teacher, is enrolled at the University of Montana.

Said Mrs. Roberts, "In my new position, I hope to see more interaction between Indians and non-Indians in Head Start projects.

"Also, I hope to assist head Start personnel in the field in the way they would want to be assisted. I don't want to appear to be an inhuman supervisor."

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