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OFFNER NAMES MUAP DIRECTOR

MISSOULA--

Richard B. Offner, associate director since 1982 of the Montana University Affiliated Program for Developmental Disabilities (MUAP), headquartered at the University of Montana, has been named MUAP director at an annual salary of \$40,000. The appointment is effective immediately.

Offner was selected after a national search that began last August.

His administrative and managerial duties as MUAP director include planning, coordinating and directing educational, service and technical assistance activities related to developmental disabilities.

The new director is a licensed private practitioner of school psychology, and he has held positions as a psychologist and an administrator in hospitals and school systems in Wisconsin.

Immediately before coming to UM in 1982, he spent a year as a post-doctoral fellow at the Center on Human Development at the University of Oregon in conjunction with the Division of Special Education and Rehabilitation. There he was responsible for research and training in developmental disabilities, and he also taught in the university's Division of Teacher Education.

Offner is active in community and professional organizations concerned with developmental disabilities, and he frequently publishes papers in the field.

He holds three degrees from the University of Wisconsin, including a Ph.D. in developmental disabilities/special education from UW-Madison.