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## Michigan State University's Adolescent Diversion Project Receives \$10,000 Carter Partnership Award

**February 9, 2010 – LANSING, MI** – Michigan State University's Adolescent Diversion Project receives the 2010 Carter Partnership Award winner for outstanding campus-community partnerships. This campus-community partnership was recognized February 9, 2010, during the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Community Service-Learning Award Ceremony at the *Institute: Service-Learning and Civic Engagement* conference.

The [Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration](#) is given annually by [Michigan Campus Compact](#) to one partnership involving a Michigan college or university and a community group with the \$10,000 prize divided equally between the campus and community partners for working together in exceptional ways to improve people's lives and enhance learning in the process.

Michigan State University's Adolescent Diversion Project was founded in 1976 through a collaborative agreement between the National Institute of Mental Health's Center for Studies of Crime and Delinquency, the MSU Department of Psychology, and the Ingham County Juvenile Court, and was founded to create an alternative to juvenile court processing for juvenile offenders in Ingham County. The Project created a collaboration through which innovative educational experiences would be offered, best practice intervention practices employed, and sound scientific methodology used to address the pressing social issue of juvenile delinquency. The Project seeks to create a more effective alternative to the juvenile justice system through the use of highly trained and supervised mentors (MSU Undergraduate students), strengths based philosophies, and involving youth in their community.

Michigan State University's Adolescent Diversion Project was among three finalists vying for this award. A selection panel composed of representatives from community, higher education, business, and government organizations selected the three finalists and winner of the award. The committee is independent of Michigan Campus Compact, the organizers of the award. The committee made its selection of the three finalists based on the combined merits of each program and gave careful consideration to how closely the program applicants matched the award guidelines. The award guidelines consisted of the following:

- Collaboration between a Michigan Campus Compact member college or university (public or private) and the community for at least two years.
- A history of shared power and decision-making.

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- Impact on the lives of families and communities through increased economic opportunity, resourceful social and civic networks, or responsive public systems.
- Data-informed planning and decision-making.
- An optimal blend of learning, research, and/or service for higher education participants.
- Efforts to enlist other collaborators (e.g. businesses, civic organizations, government agencies, faith-based institutions, etc.).
- Documentation of measurable outcomes.
- Promise of sustainability.

State Farm Insurance is the Premier Sponsor of the Carter Partnership Award. For more information about the Carter Partnership Awards, visit [www.micampuscompact.org/carterawards.asp](http://www.micampuscompact.org/carterawards.asp). For more information about the award finalists, please contact Shelley Long at 517-492-2432 or [slong@mnaonline.org](mailto:slong@mnaonline.org).

**Michigan Campus Compact (MCC)** is a coalition of college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the public purpose of higher education. We promote the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

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