

D.A.R.E. AMERICA NATIONAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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**SUBJECT: SELECTION AND TRAINING OF TRAINING CENTER
EDUCATIONAL ADVISOR**

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PURPOSE

To establish guidelines for the selection and training of persons serving in the capacity of educational advisor to a D.A.R.E. training center.

POLICY

It is the policy of D.A.R.E. America that standards be established to ensure that training center educational advisors are selected and trained in a manner facilitating the maintenance of training activities of a uniform high quality.

The Education Advisor must be competent in education theory, classroom management, childhood development appropriate to the course of instruction being provided, and adult learning. The Education Advisor must also demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the concerned D.A.R.E. curricula.

PROCEDURES

Selection criteria for D.A.R.E. Education Advisor:

1. A cooperative agreement between the educator and training center must be executed. The agreement should specify the roles of both entities in carrying out the partnership.
2. The D.A.R.E. Education Advisor should be employed by or function as an agent of a state or local education department or district.
3. The D.A.R.E. Education Advisor shall present required blocks of instruction during D.A.R.E. training seminars. It is recommended that the Education Advisor be on-site during the entire training activity. The Education Advisor must be available to the training cadre and trainees during the instructional hours of the concerned training course.
4. The D.A.R.E. Education Advisor shall meet appropriate and comply with training cadre requirements as set forth in D.A.R.E. America National Policy and Procedure.

5. Recommended procedure for training of an Educational Advisor:

- Observe all activities of a training in which they will subsequently instruct,
- Serve an apprenticeship under a trained D.A.R.E. Education Advisor for a minimum of one 80-hour DOT or specialized training course,
- Undergo a performance observation conducted by a trained D.A.R.E. Education Advisor, and
- Observe a 40-hour D.A.R.E. Mentor Officer Training seminar