

**MEMORANDUM**

March 5, 2002

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: Institute for Disability Studies Press Conference

This press conference is being held to announce the awarding of a two-year, \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to the Institute for Disability Studies (IDS). Operating as the YES (Youth with Disabilities and Employment Success) Project, the IDS will partner with state WIA offices, MDA, the Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Department of Education, the Department of Mental Health, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission and private business groups to provide statewide training and technical assistance to youths with disabilities aged 14-21.

Armerita is the chair of the YES Advisory Council.

You will speak first, then Royal Walker will make his remarks.