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# Atlanta Gets Youth Project

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WASHINGTON—Atlanta was chosen Monday as one of 40 metropolitan areas of the nation to participate in a summer athletic program for ghetto youths 12 to 18 years of age.

Modeled after a program conducted last summer at the University of Southern California, the unique day camps will emphasize physical fitness, sports and nutrition. College campus facilities will be used.

A White House spokesman said five Atlanta colleges had

given tentative indication of willingness to participate in the program, to be administered jointly by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Responding favorably to a questionnaire were Emory University, Morehouse College, Georgia Tech, Clark College and Morris Brown College.

Announcing the program Monday, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew said its prime target "is to reach the inner-city youngster who has no resource but the streets during the long, hot summer."

Each program will have a

campus supervisor and run a minimum of five weeks. The U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity is transferring \$3 million to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to support the program. Campus facilities and professional assistance will account for another \$1.55 million.

At least 200 youths will be enrolled on each participating campus.

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