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## Rotary Youth Exchange Conference



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**The Department of State wishes to thank the Rotaries for your commitment to international exchange and commends your continued fine work in providing exchange opportunities to so many students from around the world.**



# OFFICE MOVE

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## **New Address:**

ECA/EC/D/PS

Department of State

2200 C Street, SA-5 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Washington, DC 20522-0505

## **New Contact Numbers:**

Main Line: 202-632-2805

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Web Site: <http://exchanges.state.gov/jexchanges>



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# PRIVATE SECTOR PROGRAMS DIVISION GOAL

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**Improve and  
Streamline  
Communication**



# HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS

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Year	Number of Participants	Number of Designated Sponsors
2009	26,601	94
2008	28,627	98
2007	29,512	107
2006	26,711	113

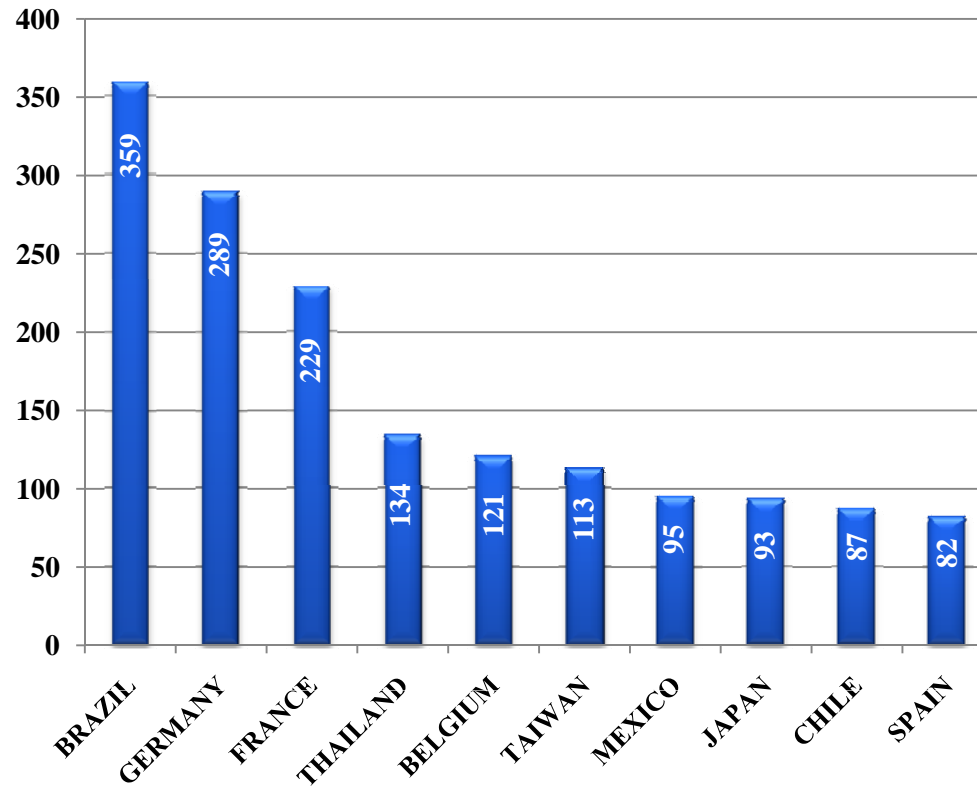


# 2009-10 ROTARY STATISTICS

## Top 10 Countries of Participation

Total Number of  
Rotary Participants

2628





# REPORTING STATISTICS

1-800 Number Call Totals	
Month	Total Calls
August 2009	36
September 2009	60
October 2009	46
November 2009	62
December 2009	95
January 2010	118
<b>RUNNING TOTAL:</b>	<b>417</b>

Complaint and Incident Report Totals			
Academic Year (July – June)	Complaints	Incidents	Total
2006 – 2007	25	66	101
2007 – 2008	68	123	197
2008 – 2009	84	175	258
2009 – 2010	36	160	196





# 1-800 NUMBER LAUNCH

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**Contact Number:** 1-866-283-9090

**Launch Date:** August 1, 2009

**Purpose:** It is an added means for exchange students, host families, and third parties to report circumstances impacting the health and safety of exchange students.

**MAKE CERTAIN TO INCLUDE THIS  
NUMBER ON PARTICIPANT IDs!**



# REMINDERS

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**Annual Report Due Date:**

**ACADEMIC YEAR - JULY 31**

**Placement Report Due Dates:**

**AUGUST 31 & JANUARY 15**

**Allotment Request Due Date:**

**JUNE 30**

**Documentation for DoS Review:**

- **TIMELY**
- **ACCURATE**
- **COMPLETE**
- **LEGIBLE**



# SEVIS UPDATE REMINDERS

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## **Subpart F - CFR 62.70(b) *Current U.S. address:***

Sponsors shall ensure that the actual current U.S. address of all sponsored participants is reported in SEVIS under “Current U.S. Address”. A sponsor's failure to update the actual U.S. address information within 21 days of a move may be grounds for revocation of their Exchange Visitor Program status.

## **Site of Activity Update:**

The names and addresses of the schools exchange students are currently attending should be updated in SEVIS under the “Site of Activity”.

## **Sponsor Profile Update:**

Designated sponsors are urged to update their program profile information in SEVIS. The contact information of ROs and AROs must be updated in SEVIS to facilitate communications between the sponsor and the Department.



# REGULATION PUBLICATION

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- **September 2, 2009:** Advanced Notice of Proposed Rule Making
  - 30 Day comment window provided
  - Rotary Districts submitted 54 of the 97 comments received
  - Proposed Rule will be published with a 60 day comment period
- **September 22, 2009:** General Provisions (Subpart A)
  - Management Audits
  - Criminal Background Checks on RO and AROs
  - Insurance Level Increase
  - Currently reviewing and analyzing the 700+ comments received
  - Final Rule out later this year



# REQUIRED REPORTING

<u>Type of Report</u>	<u>22 CFR Citation</u>
Annual Reports	• 62.15
Placement Reports	• 62.25(m)(3)
Placement Change Reports	• 62.25(l)(3) and 62.25(m)(2)
<b><i>Actual <u>or</u> alleged incidents of sexual exploitation or abuse</i></b>	• 62.25(m)(1)
<b><i>Any incident that could bring notoriety <u>or</u> disrepute</i></b>	• 62.13(9)(b)



# ANNUAL REPORTS

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- Annual report due by end of July
- Annual reporting cycle: Academic Year
  - July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Submission Process:
  - Complete annual report in SEVIS
  - Mail original copy to DoS
  - Electronic copies are accepted by Email and Fax



# PLACEMENT REPORTS

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- **Due dates:**
  - Fall - August 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Spring - January 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Submission Process:**
  - Use Excel template provided by DoS
  - Email reports to [PlacementReports@state.gov](mailto:PlacementReports@state.gov)
  - Submit a report even if no students that semester
- *Any exchange visitor not on the placement report may not start the program that semester!*



# IMPORTANCE OF FIELD STAFF

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- Critical screening and selection of host families occurs in the field.
- Field staff selection, training, and oversight is key.
- To the exchange visitor, the field staff represent the U.S. government's Exchange Visitor Program.

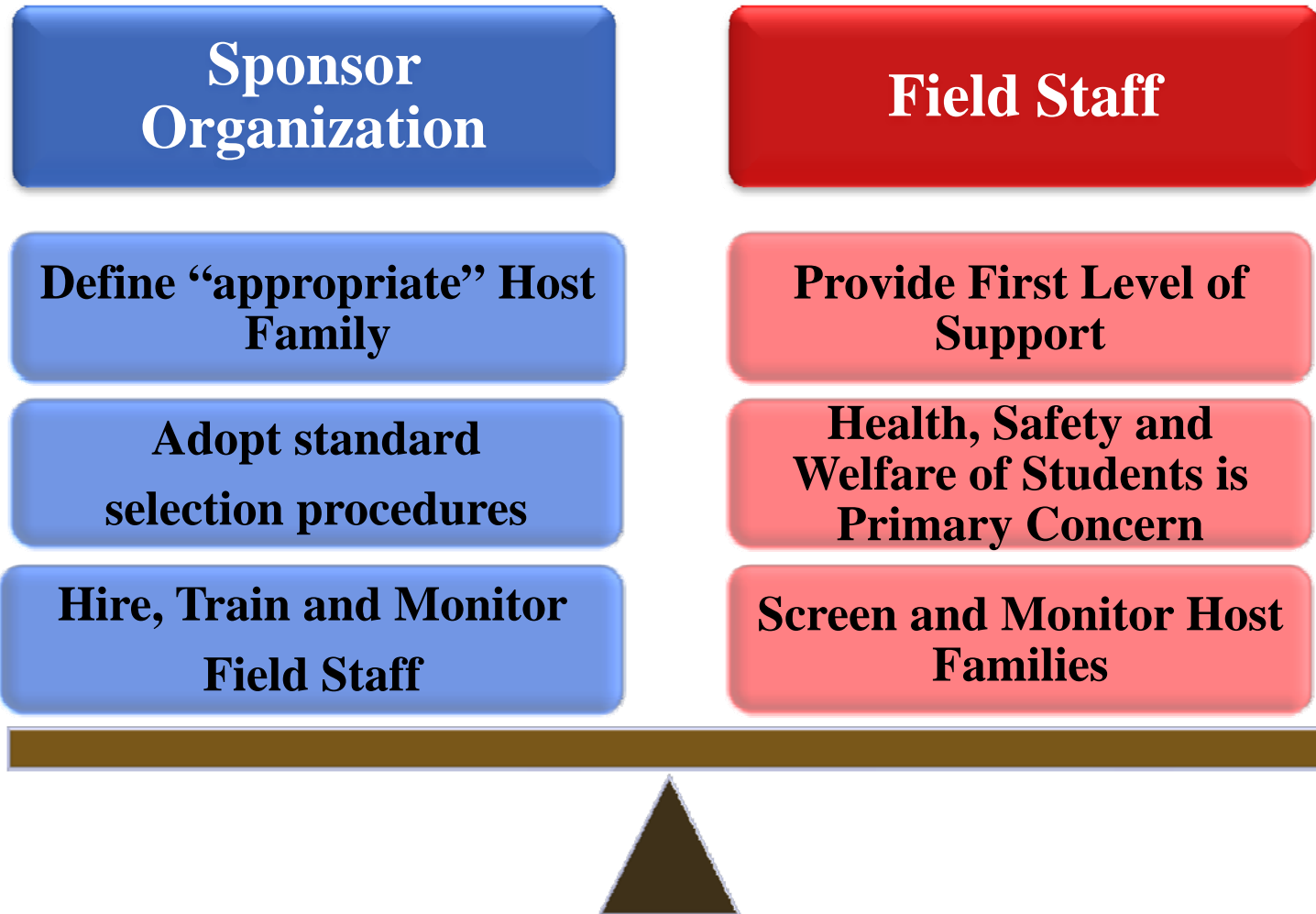


*We must not lose sight of the public diplomacy mission of the program*





# CRITICAL ROLES





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**Thank You**

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**Questions**