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CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

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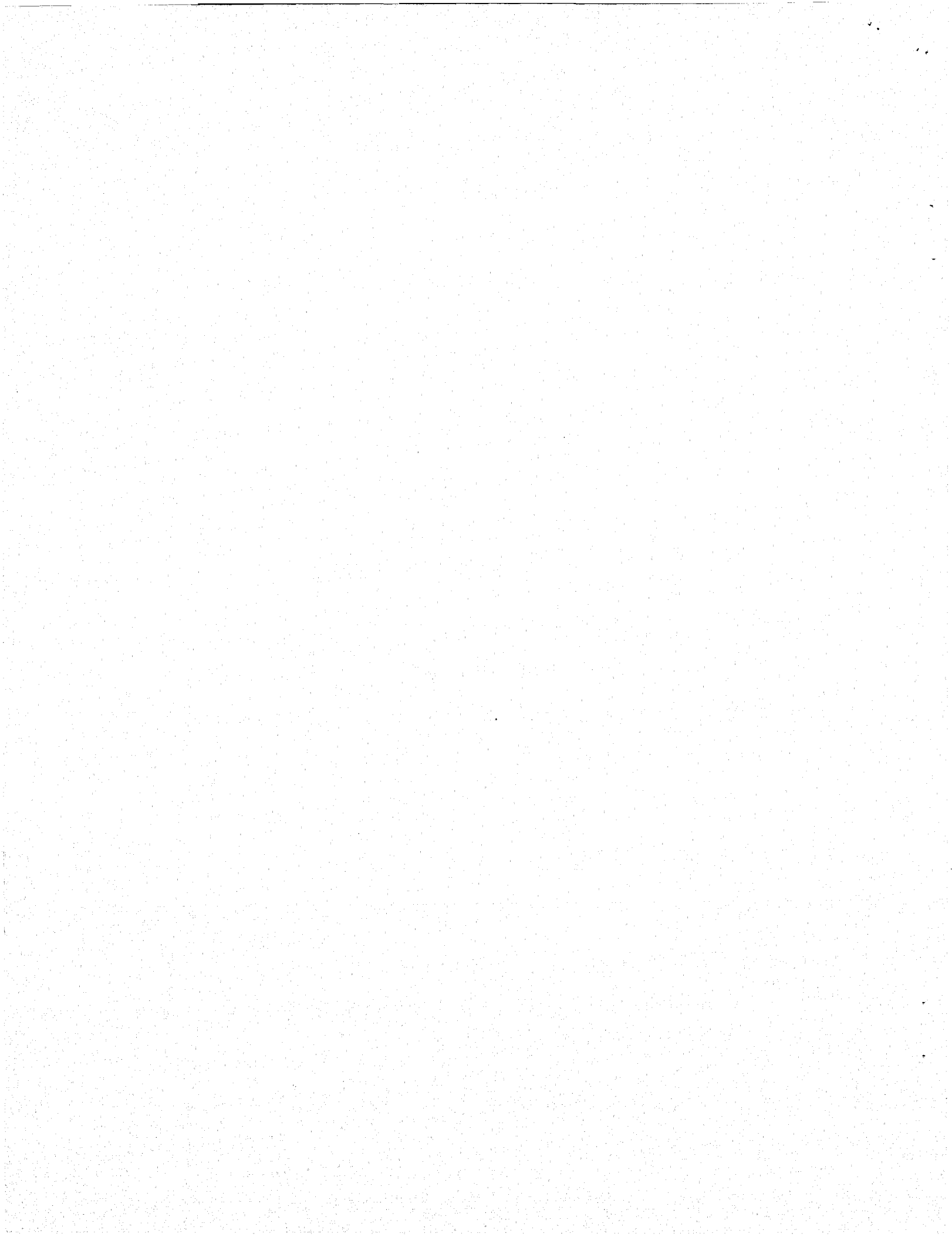
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INTRODUCTION

This listing is intended as an introductory guide to sources of information in the field. Addresses change and new material continually appears. This is a revision prepared in January of 1978. Any corrections or suggestions for additions should be sent to the Midwest Parent-Child Welfare Resource Center for inclusion in the next revision.

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I. NATIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES

- A. AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION
Children's Division
P.O. Box 1266
Denver, Colorado 80210

National Federation Headquarters for all United States humane agencies, and an information service center for child welfare organizations. Issues a variety of inexpensive publications. Serves as a clearinghouse for statistical information.

- B. CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA
67 Irving Place
New York, New York 10003

A national voluntary organization devoted to improving services for children and their families. Issues a newsletter, a journal, conducts research, provides consultation, maintains a comprehensive reference on child welfare services.

- C. EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES
300 Lincoln Tower Building
1860 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80203

Interstate organization aimed at furthering a working relationship among governors, state legislators and educators for the improvement of education. It currently has a child abuse and neglect project as one of its components.

- D. NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
OF CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT
41-27 169th Street
Flushing, New York 11258

An organization of leading professionals in the field of child abuse and neglect in the United States working together to develop guidelines for public awareness programs for child abuse and neglect.

- E. NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
1205 Oneida Street
Denver, Colorado 80220

A treatment, research and training center for abusive families and abused children.

- F. NATIONAL CENTER ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
Administration for Children, Youth and Families
U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare
P.O. Box 1182
Washington, D.C. 20013

NCCAN serves as a focal point within the government for the development of plans, policies and programs related to child abuse and neglect. Their clearinghouse provides bibliographies and general information.

- G. NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD
ABUSE AND NEGLECT
111 East Wacker Drive
Suite 510
Chicago, Illinois 60601

A private nonprofit organization dedicated to combatting the problem of child abuse and neglect through stimulating citizen interest and involvement in prevention programs.

- H. PARENTS ANONYMOUS
2810 Artesia Boulevard
Redondo Beach, California 90278

A national self-help parents' organization, utilizing group therapy and positive parenting methods to help abusive parents change their behavior. There are many local chapters in communities throughout the United States.

- I. PROJECT THRIVE
500 East 62nd Street
New York, New York 10021

A child abuse and neglect demonstration resource project of The National Urban League, aimed at increasing public awareness of issues regarding child protection as it pertains to the Black Community.

II. REGIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES

A. At the present time, the following resource centers are in existence. While they differ in services provided, most provide information about CAN and many lend books and materials.

1. REGION I (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Stephen Lorch
Judge Baker Guidance Center
295 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 232-8390

2. REGION II (New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

Frank Schneiger
Protective Services Resource Center
Rutgers Medical School
P.O. Box 101
Piscataway, NJ 08854
(201) 564-4447

3. REGION III (Pennsylvania, Virginia)

Barbara Stembridge
Institute for Urban Affairs and Research
Howard University
2935 Upton Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
(202) 686-6770

4. REGION IV (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee)

George Thomas
Regional Institute of Social Welfare Research
P.O. Box 152
Heritage Building
468 N. Milledge Avenue
Athens, GA 30601
(404) 542-7614

5. REGION V (Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio
Wisconsin)

Adrienne Haeuser
Midwest Parent-Child Welfare Resource Center
Center for Advanced Studies in Human Services
School of Social Welfare Enderis 949
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Milwaukee, WI 53201
(414) 963-4184
6. REGION VI (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma,
Texas)

Michael Lauderdale
Center for Social Work Research
School of Social Work
University of Texas-Austin
Austin, TX 78712
(512) 471-4067
7. REGION VII (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)

Gerald Solomons
Institute of Child Behavior and Development
University of Iowa
Oakdale, IA 52319
(319) 353-4791
8. REGION VIII (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota,
Utah, Wyoming)

Donald Bross
National Center for the Prevention and Treatment
of Child Abuse and Neglect
University of Colorado Medical Center
1205 Oneida Street
Denver, CO 80220
(303) 321-3963
9. REGION IX (California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam, Trust Territories
of the Pacific, American Samoa)

Herschel Swinger
Department of Special Education
California State University
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032
(213) 224-3283

9. REGION IX (con't)

David Friedman
Pediatric Pavilion
LAC-USC Medical Center
1129 N. State Street
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(213) 226-3868

10. REGION X (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)

James Bax
Northwest Federation for Human Services
P.O. Box 2526
Boise, ID 83720
(208) 345-6880

B. The Information Center of the Midwest Parent-Child Welfare Resource Center serves HEW Region V (the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin). It provides information on CAN and lends books and media to professionals. In addition, the MPCWRC has developed the following materials which are available:

1. A Pocket Guide for Helping to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect in Your Community. Single copy free.
2. Midwest Parent-Child Review. Single copies free. Multiple copies at \$0.10 each. Back issues include the following titles:
 - a. Vol. I, #1 Introductory Issue
 - b. Vol. I, #2-4 Untitled
 - c. Vol. I, #5 Parenting Today
 - d. Vol. I, #6 Volunteers: Handle With Care
 - e. Vol. II, #1 Education for Parenting
 - f. Vol. II, #2 Towards a New Perspective
 - g. Vol. II, #3 The Protective Services Worker
 - h. Vol. II, #4 Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect
 - i. Vol. III, #1 State of the States: A Region V Report
 - j. Vol. III, #2 Thinking About Different Questions
3. Bibliography series. Single copies free. Multiple copies at \$0.25 each.
 - a. #1 Some Ways to Find Out About Child Abuse and Neglect. Compiled by Thomas R. Bell (January, 1978).

- (3) b. #2 An Annotated Bibliography on the Literature of Child Abuse as it Relates to Protective Services. Compiled by Eileen J. Laird (August, 1976).
 - c. #3 Child Abuse and Neglect: Issues and Answers for Educators. Compiled by Maggie Melvin (March, 1978).
 - d. #4 Child Abuse and Neglect Programs in the Community. Compiled by Thomas R. Bell (June, 1977).
 - e. #5 Selected References Regarding Education for Parenting. Compiled by Robert Boger, Harriett Light, and Margaret Roberts.
 - f. #6 A Working Bibliography on Single Parents and Their Children. Compiled by Karen Steele (January, 1977).
 - g. #7 Annotated Bibliography on Woman Battering. Compiled by Claudette McShane (July, 1977).
4. (Simulation) All for the Cause and the Cause for Each, A Multidisciplinary Simulation of Community Programming for Child Abuse and Neglect by Adrienne Ahlgren Haeuser. Single copies \$2.50.
 5. Papers
 - a. Volunteerism in the Social Work Curriculum by Adrienne Ahlgren Haeuser.
 - b. Policy and Program Implications in the Child Abuse/Neglect-Juvenile Delinquency Correlation by Adrienne Ahlgren Haeuser, Janet Stenlund, and Laura Daniel.
 - c. Preparing Social Workers for Emerging Multidisciplinary Policy and Practice Approaches to the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect by Adrienne Ahlgren Haeuser.
 - d. Community Participation in the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect by Adrienne Ahlgren Haeuser.
 - e. Voluntary Action Systematized for Patient Advocacy and Policy Change in a Public Institution by Adrienne Ahlgren Haeuser.
 - f. Multidisciplinary/Multiagency Approaches to Families-At-Risk: Prevention and Treatment of Abuse and Neglect by Lorraine T. Fowler and Adrienne Ahlgren Haeuser.

6. Videotapes

- a. "Why Don't We Do Something?"
- b. "The 'C' Case: Interviews Conducted in a Case Incest in a Middle Class Family."

III. STATE INFORMATION SOURCES

A. State Social Service Agencies generally provide information about CAN in general and about legislation, programs, and statistics in their state. They also generally have available media for use by workers and groups. In Region V these offices are:

1. ILLINOIS

a. State

- 1) Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
1 N. Old State Capital Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62706
(217) 785-2509
- 2) Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
1026 S. Damen Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60612
(312) 793-4650

b. Area

- 1) Aurora (Du Page, Kane and Kendall Counties)
48 W. Galena Boulevard
Aurora, Illinois 60504
(312) 896-0881
- 2) Champaign (Champaign, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois and Vermillion Counties)
2125 S. 1st Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820
(217) 333-1037
- 3) Chicago East (Cook County)
1439 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60605
(312) 341-7617

- 4) Chicago North (Cook County)
4320 Montrose Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60641
(312) 282-9470
- 5) Chicago South (Cook County)
950 E. 61st Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637
(312) 684-8820
- 6) Chicago West (Cook County)
3636 S. Western Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60609
(312) 254-8728
- 7) Decatur (DeWitt, Livingston, McLean, Macon,
Moultrie, Piatt and Shelby Counties)
119 W. Williams Street
Decatur, Illinois 62523
(217) 429-5731
- 8) East St. Louis (Madison, Monroe, Randolph, and
St. Clair Counties)
Regional State Office Bldg.
10 Collingsville Avenue
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201
(618) 875-9300 ext. 246
- 9) Joliet (Kankakee and Will Counties)
58 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, Illinois 60431
(815) 727-7675
- 10) Lake-McHenry (Lake and McHenry Counties)
Waukegan Bldg., 6th Floor
4 S. Genessee Street
Waukegan, Illinois 60085
(312) 244-4640
- 11) Marion (Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton,
Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry,
Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, White and
Williamson Counties)
2209 W. Main Street
Marion, Illinois 62959
(618) 997-4371

- 12) Moline (Henderson, Henry, Knox, Mercer,
Rock Island, and Warren Counties)
2810 - 41st Street
Moline, Illinois 61265
(309) 762-9446
- 13) Ottawa (Bureau, De Kalb, Grundy, La Salle,
Lee, Marshall, Putnam, Stark and
Whiteside Counties)
633 La Salle Street Suite 301
Ottawa, Illinois 61350
(815) 433-4610
- 14) Peoria (Fulton, McDonough, Peoria, Tazewell,
and Woodford Counties)
5415 N. University Street
Peoria, Illinois 61614
(309) 691-2200 ext. 268
- 15) Quincy (Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Hancock,
Jersey, Morgan, Pike, Schuyler and
Scott Counties)
410 N. 9th Street
Quincy, Illinois 62301
(217) 223-7187
- 16) Rockford (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle,
Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties)
4302 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 915
Rockford, Illinois 61105
(815) 987-7640
- 17) Salem (Bond, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards,
Jefferson, Lawrence, Marion, Richland,
Wabash, Washington, and Wayne Counties)
205 E. Locust Street
Salem, Illinois 62881
(618) 548-1692

2. INDIANA

Indiana Department of Public Welfare
Division of Child-Welfare-Social Services
141 S. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46225
(317) 633-4956

3. MICHIGAN

a. State

- 1) Michigan Department of Social Services
Office of Children and Youth Services
300 S. Capital Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48926
(517) 373-2035

b. Area

- 1) Area I (Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft Counties)
State Office Building
305 Ludington Street
Escanaba, Michigan 49829
(906) 786-6223
- 2) Area II (Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Clare, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola, and Wexford Counties)
1030 Hastings Street
Traverse City, Michigan 49684
(616) 941-1300
- 3) Area III (Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Gladwin, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon Counties)
1100 S. Bagley Street
Alpena, Michigan 49707
(517) 356-2287
- 4) Area IV (Allegan, Barry, Branch, Cass, Eaton, Ionia, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties)
6545 Mercantile Way
Lansing, Michigan 48910
(517) 373-6536

- 5) Area V (Clinton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Isabella, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Midland, Monroe, Sanilac, Shiawassee, and Tuscola Counties)
6545 Mercantile Way
Lansing, Michigan 48910
(517) 373-2170
- 6) Area VI (Bay, Berrien, Calhoun, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Saginaw, St. Clair, and Washtenaw Counties)

4. MINNESOTA

Minnesota Department of Public Welfare
Bureau of Community Services
Centennial Office Bldg.
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155
(612) 296-6117

5. OHIO

a. State

1) Ohio Department of Public Welfare
Office of Programs, Division of Social Services
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 466-2306

b. Area

- 1) Canton (Ashland, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Mahoning, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Richland, Stark, Tuscarawas, Washington, and Wayne Counties)
117 Walnut Avenue, N.E.
Canton, Ohio 44702
(216) 453-7729
- 2) Cincinnati (Adams, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren Counties)
100 E. 8th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
(513) 852-3288

- 3) Cleveland (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, Summit, and Trumbull Counties)
Perry-Payne Bldg., Room 320
740 Superior Avenue, N.W.
Cleveland, Ohio 44113
(216) 579-2937
- 4) Columbus (Athens, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Meigs, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Union, and Vinton Counties)
30 E. Broad Street, 34th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 466-4456
- 5) Toledo (Allen, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Logan, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Van Wert, Williams, Wood and Wyandot Counties)
4445 Talmadge Road, 2nd Floor
Toledo, Ohio 43623
(419) 473-2651

6. WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services
Bureau of Children and Youth
Division of Community Services
1 W. Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53702
(608) 266-2701

B. State Public Health and Mental Health Agencies

1. ILLINOIS

- a. Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
401 S. Spring Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
- b. Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
State of Illinois Bldg., Room 1500
160 N. La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601

- c. Department of Public Health
535 W. Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

2. INDIANA

- a. Department of Mental Health
5 Indiana Square
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202
- b. Board of Health
Division of Maternal and Child Health
1330 W. Michigan Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

3. MICHIGAN

- a. Department of Mental Health
Lewis Cass Building
320 S. Walnut Street
Lansing, Michigan 48926
- b. Department of Public Health
Baher-Olin West Building
3423 N. Logan Street
Lansing, Michigan 48906

- 4. MINNESOTA: Department of Health
717 Delaware Street, S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

5. OHIO

- a. Department of Health
450 E. Town Street
P.O. Box 118
Columbus, Ohio 43215
- b. Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
30 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

- 6. WISCONSIN: Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services
Division of Health
1 W. Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53702

C. State Departments of Education

1. ILLINOIS: Office of Education
100 N. 1st Street
Springfield, Illinois 62777
(217) 782-4321
2. INDIANA: Department of Public Instruction
227 State House
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
(317) 633-5640
3. MICHIGAN: Department of Education
520 Michigan National Tower
Lansing, Michigan 48909
(517) 373-3354
4. MINNESOTA: Department of Education
550 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
(612) 296-6104
5. OHIO: Department of Education
State Office bldg., Room 808
65 S. Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 466-3304
6. WISCONSIN: Department of Public Instruction
126 Langdon Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53702
(608) 266-1649

IV. LOCAL INFORMATION SOURCES

- A. Local sources often provide information, films, and speakers.
 1. Your county's Child Abuse and Neglect Coordinating Committee.
 2. Your local public child protection agency.
 3. Private agencies.
 4. Your local Parents Anonymous chapter.
- B. Your local public library.
 1. Books, Pamphlets and films.

2. Information contained in periodicals should be located by using periodical indexes such as The Reader's Guide and The New York Times Index among others. Information may be found listed under such topics as "Cruelty to Children", "Child Abuse", "Maltreatment of Children", or "Children, Welfare".
3. Consult specialized indexes, such as Abstracts for Social Workers or Psychological Abstracts. Articles located through these and other specialized indexing and abstracting services may discuss general as well as specific aspects of the problem. Ask your librarian about which of these indexes are available in your library.

- C. Specialized libraries. These are libraries in your area that contain special materials on law, medicine, mental health or education. Ask your librarian if you are eligible to use these resources.
- D. Professional organizations from many disciplines which have some involvement in preventing and treating CAN. These disciplines include education, mental health, medicine and nursing, and law and law enforcement. Examples of information sources include:

1. National Institute of Mental Health
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20852
2. American Academy of Pediatrics
801 Hinman Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60204

V. SOME RECENT GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

- A. Newspapers frequently print series of articles on Child Abuse and Neglect.
 1. Check your local newspaper.
 2. Rescuing Abused and Neglected Children. A series of five articles from the Cristian Science Monitor, October 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 1974. Reprint is available from the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, Office of Child Development, Children's Bureau.
- B. Public Information Pamphlets
 1. Child Abuse is Scary: Facts and Feelings for Those Who May Need to Report It. Available for \$0.35 from Parents' Anonymous 2810 Artesia Boulevard, Suite F, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

2. To Combat Child Abuse and Neglect, by Theodore Irwin. Available for \$0.35 from Public Affairs Pamphlets 381 Park Avenue, South, New York, NY 10016
3. The Abused Child Primer, by Donald C. Philips. P.O. Box 2248, Wenatchee, Washington 98801

C. Periodicals which regularly contain relevant articles include:

1. Children Today
2. Child Welfare
3. Parents' Magazine
4. International Child Abuse Journal
5. Victimology

D. Recent books include:

1. Child Abuse and Neglect: The Problem and Its Management. (3 vol. series). Vol. I: An Overview of the Problem (#017-092-00018-9, \$1.50). Vol. II: The Roles and Responsibilities of Professionals (#017-092-00017-1, \$1.90). Vol. III: The Community Team (#017-092-00019-7, \$2.60). Available from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Basic introduction to the multiple aspects of the problem of child abuse and neglect, and the multiple professionals involved in its alleviation.

2. Walters, David R. Physical and Sexual Abuse of Children, 1975. Available for \$7.95 from Indiana University Press, Tenth and Morton Streets, Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Basic source for understanding causes and treatment of physical and sexual abuse.

3. Polansky, Norman et al., Child Neglect: Understanding and Reaching the Parent. Available for \$4.50 from Child Welfare League of America, Inc.; 67 Irving Place, New York, NY 10003.

Basic source for understanding causes, indicators and sequelae of neglect.

4. Kempe, C. Henry and Helfer, Ray E., Helping the Battered Child and His Family, 1972. Available for \$5.95 from J. B. Lippencott Company, E. Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105

Comprehensive source on the treatment of the family and/or parent who has abused.

5. Martin, Harold P., ed. The Abused Child: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Developmental Issues and Treatment, 1976. Available for \$16.00 from Ballinger Publishing Company, 17 Dunster Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

Comprehensive source on the treatment of the abused child.

6. Helfer, Ray E. Child Abuse and Neglect: The Diagnostic Process and Treatment Programs, 1975. Available for \$0.80 (017-090-00020-8) from Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402

Concise guide to treatment choices based on the cycle of abuse.

7. National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect. How to Plan and Carry Out a Successful Public Awareness Program on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1976. Available free from NCCAN, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, D.C. 20013

"How-to" Manual for community organizers involved in media public awareness programs.

8. Schmidt, Barton, ed. The Child Protection Team Handbook, 1978. Available for \$18.50 from Garland Publishing, Inc., 545 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

Practical handbook for community multidisciplinary teams.

9. A Pocket Guide for Helping to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect in Your Community. Single copy available free from the Midwest Parent-Child Welfare Resource Center, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Practical sourcebook of ideas for community prevention of child abuse and neglect.

10. Child Abuse and Neglect Programs, 1976. Available for \$11.00 from National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

A directory of current U.S. child abuse/neglect programs. Arrangement is by state; indexing by agency, profession, and program type.

VI. PEOPLE

If approached properly and in ways that do not demand too much of their professional time, people in many fields (e.g. law, medicine, social welfare, and mental health) who are professionally involved in the problem of child abuse and neglect will often be pleased to share their experience and knowledge with you. In addition to the mandated child protection agency in your area, people who are willing to talk to you or your group might come from local schools or universities, hospitals, parents' anonymous groups, law enforcement agencies, or mental health associations. In some localities Child Abuse and Neglect coordinating groups have been formed and these groups are excellent sources of reliable information.

VII. LEGISLATION AND STATISTICS

- A. Legislation varies from state to state. Current federal legislation should be available for examination at your local library. Information about current or pending legislation should be available from state offices of public welfare, from legislative reference bureaus, from your representatives or from such organizations as the League of Women Voters or the Urban League.
- B. Statistical. The demography of the incidence of child abuse and neglect has been and is now subject to limitations in its accuracy due to differences in reporting legislation, failures to report, over-reporting for certain populations, and other factors. Estimates of the actual incidence vary widely and reported cases may not reflect the actual incidence.
 1. Information of national statistics should be obtained either from: NCCAN Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 1182, Washington D.C. 20013 (202) 293-2608 or American Humane Association, Children's Division, P.O. Box 1266, Denver, Colorado 80210. (303) 771-1300.
 2. Information on incidence in your state should be obtained from your state office of public welfare.

VIII. RELATION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT TO OTHER ISSUES.

Child Abuse and Neglect is not an isolated phenomenon. It generally occurs in conjunction with other family or personal problems such as

family stresses, alcoholism, or other manifestations of violence. Societal factors, such as a general condoning of a violent way of life, or societal failure to provide the minimum economic conditions for a family to survive, often contribute to the problem. These factors should be kept in mind both in obtaining and assessing information.

IX. WHAT CAN BE DONE?

A guide to what you as a professional or lay person can do to combat the problem and prevent its occurrence is A Pocket Guide to Helping Prevent CAN in Your Community.

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