Networker Updates

☐ ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. Michael Zamm writes: "In my position as Director of Environmental Education for the Council on the Environment of New York City I continue to support the High School for Environmental Studies in New York City, a school which I helped to found, in developing curriculum infused with environmental concepts and in engaging students in social action/community service projects. I also coordinate the Training Student Organizers (TSO) Program which for 16 years has involved high school students and some other age groups as well in organizing environmental improvement projects. More than ever before we are attempting to link student efforts with ongoing community revitalization programs in specific neighborhoods." For more information call or write to Mike at the Council on the Environment of New York City, 51 Chambers St. Room 228, New York, NY 10007; 212/788-7900.

☐ HOUSING AND THE ELDERLY. Jon Pynoo recently became director of the National Resource and Policy Center on Housing and Long Term Care (NRPC) at the University of Southern California's Andrus Gerontology Center. The mission of NRPC is to make housing a more integral part of long term care. It is a partnership of the Andrus Gerontology Center, the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) and Brandeis University/Policy Center on Aging. Jon also sent us two recent NRPC publications: Federal Anti-discrimination Laws and Frail Older Tenants ($7) and Pivotal Choices in Housing and Services Programs ($12) (add 10% for shipping). They are available from the NRPC, Andrus Gerontology Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0191; 213/740-1364; fax: 213/740-8241. Jon can also be reached at the same address and phone.

☐ RACISM AND SEXISM. Joe Feagin informs us that he just published two books focusing on institutional racism and sexism. *White Racism: The Basics* (with Herman Vern) is published by Routledge and provides nine case studies of racialized practice in the United States as well as in-depth interviews with whites on how they think about race. *Modern Sexism: Blatant, Subtle, and Covert Discrimination* is published by Prentice-Hall and assesses, using hundreds of interviews, the current problems of discrimination faced by women in the U.S. For more information, write to Joe at Box 117330, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-7330.

☐ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. Bob Collin is the first faculty person for the newly formed undergraduate program in Environmental Studies at the University of Oregon. He will teach courses on Environmental Justice. For those interested in the topic, he recently published "Environmental Racism: A Challenge to Community Development" (with Dr. William Harris and Timmy Beatley), *The Journal of Black Studies* vol. 25, no. 3 (1995); and "Review of the Legal Literature of Environmental Racism, Environmental Equity, and Environmental Justice," *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation* vol 9: 121-71 (1994). For those interested in the relationship between sustainability and environmental equity, he recently published "Equity and Sustainability: An Exploratory Essay" (with Robin Morris Collin), *West Virginia Law Review* vol. 96: 1173-93 (1994); and has forthcoming very soon, "Where Did All the Blue Skies Go? Sustainability and Equity" (with Robin Morris Collin), *The*
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• Planners Network annual business/meeting/organizing meeting.

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Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation vol. 10, about 70 pp. (1999). Bob can be reached at 1641 Agati St. Eugene, OR 97405; 503-346-3635; fax: 503/346-2040; e-mail: RWC@oregon.edu.

Canadian Local Planning. Robert Lee Russell writes: "Since July 1990, I have worked for an area (i.e., local) municipality planning department as a planner, with a specialization in urban design. In the past four years I have, among other things, completed the final stage of a handset secondary plan, Community Improvement Policies, and a Community Assist for an Urban Study Effort (C.A.U.S.E.) Event, which is a Program of the Ontario Association of Architects. Also, I have presented to a new Official Plan for Clarington by doing, alongside other tasks, an existing land use survey (windshielded and on foot) covering the western half of Clarington (about 35,000 people spread over 110 square miles)." Robert can be reached at the Municipality of Clarington Planning and Development Dept., 1648 Nash Road, Courtice, Ontario L1E 2L1, Canada.

Mexican Elections. Grace Brady writes that she "lived in Mexico almost half of 1994, following the experience of being a foreign visitor to their elections — willing to network, provide information with or without slides." Contact her at 60 Calver St., Yonkers, NY 10705; 914/476-4381.

Querries

Diverse/ Stable Neighborhoods. The Policy Research Action Group and the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities have begun a research effort to identify and document factors that create and sustain diverse neighborhoods in US central cities. They are seeking information and contacts in order to develop their database. Contact Michael Maly at PRAG, Dept. Sociology and Anthropology, Loyola University, 2646 Granada Centre, 6255 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60625; 312/928-3468; e-mail: mmaly@luc.edu.

Homelessness/Textbook. The Homeless, a high-school and college-level text from Greenhaven Press, is being revised. The publisher is looking for articles, position papers, documents, book excerpts, etc. on a variety of topics related to homelessness. Contact Lynette Kopp at Greenhaven, PO Box 289009, San Diego, CA 92198-9009; 619/485-7424.

Essays on HUD. HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research has issued a call for brief essays on HUD's role and contributions over the last 30 years, for possible publication in a special Fall 1996 issue of the journal Cityscape ($4.00 commemorating HUD's founding. They're looking for first-person essays (growing up in public housing, owning a home for the first time, implementing HUD programs at the local level, etc.), commentary on HUD achievements and limitations in particular policy areas (fair housing, neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, urban economic development, special needs housing, etc.) or analysis of HUD's evolving policies from 1965-95. Essays should be 750 words maximum and there is no compensation. Submit essays to Janice London, Aspen Systems Corp., 1600 Research Blvd., Rockville, MD 20860; 301/251-5444.


Children/Housing. The journal Children's Environments is looking for papers on an issue on "Children and Housing." The submission deadline is July 1, 1995. Authors interested in submitting should request Authors Guidelines from: Children's Environments Research Group, City University of New York, Graduate School and University Center, 33 West 42 St., New York, NY 10036; 212/620-2970; fax: 212/262-2971.

Passing the Word

Economic and Community Development

Self-help Efforts. "The Grassroots Struggle for Change" is the theme of the Fall 1994 issue of Georgia Poverty Journal, periodically published by the Georgia Legal Service Program and likely free from them at 161 Spring St. NW, 5th fl., Atlanta, GA 30303; 404/656-6021. The issue includes several accounts of self-help efforts within low-income and minority communities.

Community Development Corps. South. Development With Dignity: An Assessment of Community- Based Development in the South," by Isaac Madison, surveys 50 CDCs. The complete report is available for $20 from the Institute for Southern Studies, PO Box 531, Durham, NC 27702; 919/419-8311; a five-page version can be found in the Winter 1994 issue of Southern Exposure.

Unemployment/Race. Displacement Rates, Unemployment Spells and Reemployment Wages by Race (32 pp., Sept. 1994) is a GAO report (GAO/HEHS-94-229PS) available, free from USGPO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015.

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Planners Network/Pratt GCPE, 379 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205; 718-636-3586; 718-636-3709 (fax)

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- "The Campaign for an America That Works" is an anti-corporate effort launched by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters as a counter to "The Contract With America." It focuses on creating good jobs, tax fairness, retirement security and safe communities. Contact Bob Nickels, 25 Louisiana Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202/624-8741.
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- The Institute for Policy Studies has published a draft “Call to Progressive Action” and is organizing teach-ins, a Washington Summer, and is preparing educational materials. Contact John Cavanagh of IPS, 1601 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009; 202/234-9382.
- A “Contract with America’s Children” counterdocument is being organized by a coalition of children’s groups, including Children Now: 1212 Broadway #330, Oakland, CA 94612; 510/763-2444 or 800/CHILD4.
- The “Principles for a Responsible Housing and Human Needs Agenda,” endorsed by 40 national organizations, has been organized by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 14th St. NW #200, Washington, DC 20005; 202/662-1530 (see the box on page 12 for more on this).
- The education implications of the Contract are outlined in a five-page memo (likely free), from the Center on Law and Education, 197 Friend St., 9th Fl., Boston, MA 02114; 617/371-1166.
- Copies of all 10 Contract bills, as originally submitted, are available (free) from the Republican Conference, US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515-6544.
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RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY. The Campaign for Responsible Technology was formed in 1990 to strengthen local organizing in key high-tech cities and to provide a forum for groups confronting technology-related issues. Labor, environmental justice, occupational health and technology policy groups are involved. Information from CTR, 76 N. First St., San Jose, CA 95112; 408/287-6707.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING. Beyond the Politics of Place (100 pp.), a recent report by Gary Delgado, director of the Applied Research Center (ARC) in Oakland, Calif., describes how community organizing has taken new turns in recent years as the rise of identity politics has transformed traditional notions of "place" as the terrain for collective action. Contact ARC, 25 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland, CA 94606; 510/554-1709; fax 510/534-9680 ($16; $3 shipping).

JOSH/JERELLYNS. Herbert J. Rubin has written the provocatively titled There Ain't Gonna Be Any Bakers Here No Mo. He is set to afford Jerellys: The Organic Theory of Community Based Development. The 24-page study, based on interviews with CBO directors, elaborates on the ways in which CBOs are accomplishing work beyond "bricks and mortar." Copies free from the author, Dept. of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE. The Union Institute Center for Public Policy is sponsoring three regional workshops entitled "The New Tax Credit Partnerships: A Regional Workshop on State Neighborhood Assistance Programs (NAP)." March 2-3, 1995 at The Mission in San Francisco; May 27-28 (tentative) in Richmond, VA. The workshops are of particular interest to nonprofits involved in housing, social services and community development, and those seeking additional funding opportunities. Contact: Carol Wayman, The Union Institute, 1731 Connecticut Ave., NW, #300, Washington, DC 20009-1146; 202/667-1313 or 800/696-6767.

CDFI. The Woodstock Institute (WI) has two new publications: "Strengths Program" (33 pp.) is a guide for state, city and county governments interested in setting up public deposit programs. Each is available for $10 (government, university, non-profit organizations); $15 for individuals. Contact: WI, 407 S. Dearborn, #550, Chicago, IL 60605; 312/427-8070.

CDFG. The Coalition for Low-Income Development (CL-ICD) has produced an illustrated guide for groups interested in obtaining Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds: CDBG Stories: An Organizing Manual by the Coalition for Law-Divided Communities (70 pp.). Available from CL-ICD, 410-2035. Price is $25; $15 for CL-ICD newsletter subscribers.

ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ON-LINE. An Environmental Justice Directory provides comprehensive listings of environmental justice groups, computer programs, health and community resources, and a number of other useful resources. Contact: Human Rights Watch, 431 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017; 212/254-5100.

PESTICIDES. Beyond Pesticides is a new coalition formed to "study attempts to work on pesticides issues that involve environment, labor, children, health, women, consumers and social justice." For a copy of their Statement of Principles, contact them at 701 E. St. SE, Washington, DC 20003; 202/543-5450. (Their west coast office is at 4516 University Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98105; 206/632-1545.)

JOBS/ENVIRONMENT. Gold and Green, by Bob Hall, is a study disproving the "jobs vs. environment" myth, showing that states with the best environmental records also offer the best job opportunities and climate for long-term economic development. The 24-page, Oct. 1994 study is available from the Institute for Sustainable Solutions/3730 Rhode Island Ave. NW #200, Washington, DC 20036/202-775-8810. No price listed.

HEALTH/CHILDREN. "Critical Health Issues for Children and Youth" is the Winter 1994 issue of The Future of Children, an educational supplement to the Journal of Children, David and Lucile Packard Foundation, 300 Second St. #102, Los Altos, CA 94022; 415/498-3666.

HEALTH/DISADVANTAGE. "Disadvantage in Health" was the theme of the June 1994 issue of the American Journal of Public Health. Some 17 articles deal with black life expectancy, behavioral risk factors among Latinos, the resurgence of TB, the reliability of racial classifications in health care, and justice in health care treatment, etc. Single copies are $13 from APHA, 1015 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005; 202/789-5600.

DEBATES IN HEALTH CARE. "Health Care Debate, 1994: Movement Agendas" is the Summer 1994 issue of Social Policy. The 64-page issue is available for $5 from SS 35 West 42nd St. #1122, New York, NY 10036. Subs for the quarterly are $12 for students, $50 institutions, $20 others.


HEALTH INSURANCE. Sources of Health Insurance and Characteristics of the Uninsured by the Kaiser Family Foundation has the Most Current Population (48 pp.; Feb. 1995) is available from the Employee Benefit Research Institute, 2212 K St. NW #600, Washington, DC 20037-1896; 202/659-0670. No price listed.

HEALTH/LATINOS. The COSSMOH Reporter is the bimonthly newsletter of the National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations, 1501 16th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; 202/381-5000.

INFANT MORTALITY/LIFE EXPECTANCY. The First Injustice: Socioeconomic Disparities in Infant Mortality in the US: Theoretical and Policy Perspectives, by Steven Gottmalk and Paul Wise (61 pp., Nov., 1994), and Income Inequality and Life Expectancy -- Theory, Research and Policy, by Ichiro Kawachi, Sol Levine, S.M. Miller, Kathryn Lasch and Benjamin Amick III (51 pp. + app., May, 1994), are working papers from the Joint Program in Society and Health of the Harvard School of Public Health. Both, plus an 11-page, April 1994 Mission Statement and Program Description, are available from the Program, 677 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115; 617/432-1135. No price listed.

HOUSING

ELDERLY HOUSING. Progress in Elderly Housing (37 pp.), a recent study by the American Association of Retired Persons, describes the current housing circumstances of older people and provides recommendations for the future. Free. Contact: Fulfillment Public Policy Institute, AARP 601 E St. NW, Washington, DC 20049; 202/424-2377.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION/AFORDABLE HOUSING. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Low Income Housing Coalition have established a Community Study to Combining the Tax Credits. It presents an overview of how to finance historic buildings using both historic preservation tax credits and low income housing tax credits. To order, send $3.50 to the Superintendent of Documents, PO Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-7594; 207/783-3239.


PREPAYMENT PROGRAM. A Guide to HUD's Prepayment Housing Program has been released by the Citizens Research Education Network. Contact: Kim McClain, CREN, 33 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106; 203/249-1416.

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION. An Assessment of the Adverse Impact of Housing Market Discrimination and Suggestions for Policy (45 pp., Sept. 1994) and The Cumulative Impacts of Slavery, Jim Crow, and Housing Market Discrimination (specific issue): Sep., 1994, also, both by John Kain, are available (possibly free) from him, Dept. of Economics, Littauer Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138.

OCCUPANCY STATISTICS. An Ethnography of Occupancy Statistics: Recognizing and Recording the Use of Labor Market Discrimination on the Basis of Native Origin and Familial Status, by Pfeiffer Ellen Pader (7 pp.), is available from her, Dept. of (Continued on Page 10)
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PLANNERS NETWORK 1995 CONFERENCE 

May 19-21, 1995 
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East St. Louis, Illinois 

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Arrangements have been made for accommodations at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights, Illinois. (East St. Louis does not have a full-service hotel or motel.) The $54.39 plus tax room rate includes a continental breakfast. Each room has one king-sized bed or two double-beds and can accommodate up to four. Transportation will be provided at no extra cost to and from the conference site. A limited number of rooms are available at the PN discount rate, so please make your reservations early. Send the reservation form directly to the hotel.

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Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning, Hills N., University Mass., Amherst, MA 01003; 413/545-6620.

☐ FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/HOUSING. The Institute for Community Economics (ICE) has issued Managing the Money Side: Financial Management for Community-Based Housing Organizations, a basic resource clarifies the financial understandings about such organizations and provides workable model systems. Contact: ICE, 57 School St., Springfield, MA 01105-1331. List price is $50 (plus $3 shipping); discounts are available (contact T. W. Smith, 413/789-9644); its CIAT (Community, Community Land Trust (CLT) Associates ($35), and CLT Affiliates ($20). Additional copies are $20.


☐ URBAN RENALW/BLACK RELOCATION. "Street by Street, Block by Block." 1994 Racial Displacement Report, Black Roundhouse, by Mary Bishop, is a 12-page supplement to the Jan. 29, 1995 Roundhouse Times and World-News, detailing, in many personal accounts, the impact of the city's urban renewal program. Reprints are available (probably free) from Bishop at the Times, PO Box 2491, Roundhouse, VA 24010.

☐ TAX CREDITS. The 8th edition of Tax Credits for Low Income Housing, by housing and development consultant (and PNÉ) Joseph Guggenheim, includes a totally rewritten expanded volume, including the tax credit programs, including significant amendments enacted when the program was made permanent. Contact: Simon Publications, PO Box 229, Glenn Echo, MD 20812; 301/320-5771. Soft cover ($39 pp.; $62, plus $5 shipping; loose leaf edition ($50 pp.), $165, plus $10 shipping (includes quarterly supplements). 

Poverty

☐ WAR ON POVERTY/VIDEO/BOOK. America's New War on Poverty, the guidebook produced to accompany the recent five-part PBS series by Blackside Productions, is available at a deep discount (55¢, or $3.83/book, for 50 or more to be shared by a group) from IQED, 2001 Mariposa St., San Francisco, CA 94110-140, 415/864-2000. Single copies are 12.95. PNÉ founder Chester Hartman was an advisor for the book project, and PNE Jacoby was interviewed both for the series and for the book. VHS copies of the TV series are available from PBS Video, 800/424-7863. A "Discussion and Viewers Guide" is available (likely free) from the Civil Rights Project, 486 Shawmut Ave., Boston, MA 02118-3773; 617/492-6000 x 2260.

☐ EITC MONITORING PROJECT. The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty plans to monitor the Earned Income Tax Credit outreach efforts of the IRS. To get involved in the project, contact Teresa Hinze at the Center, 918 F St. NW #142, Washington, DC 20004 (202/263-2550).

☐ INCOME INEQUALITY. "The Largest Gap Between Rich and Poor: More Households Than Ever Before." Jan. 15, 1995 NY Times, depicting the ratio between the average annual income earned by the richest and poorest fifth of the population (using 1990 Census data). The least disparity (a 4.5 ratio) was in Manassas Park City, Va, the greatest disparity (a whopping 32.1 ratio) was in Manhattan.

Race/Ethnic


☐ MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES. Building Bridges: Creating and Sustaining Viable Multicultural Communities is a compilation from a convening of Hitachi Foundation grantee (76 pp., 1994), available (likely free) from the Foundation, 1509 22 St. NW, Washington, DC 20003-1073; 202/457-0588.

☐ DISCRIMINATION/MALES. Discrimination Over the Life Course: A Synthetic Cohort Analysis of Earnings Differences in cohorts born between 1940-1960 by Melvin Thomas, Cedric Herring and Hayward Horton, from the Nov. 1994 Social Problems, is available ($1.50 from Prof. Herring, Dept. of Psychology, Michigan State University, 1007 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60607.

☐ JOURNAL ON RACE. Race and Reason is the new semi-annual publication of Columbia University's Institute for Research in African-American Studies. The initial (Autumn 1994) issue had a special section on "Afrocentrism and Its Critics" and a long interview with black feminist scholar bell hooks by Institute Director Manning Marable. For information contact the Institute, 758 Schermerhorn Extension, New York, NY 10072; 212/854-7080.

☐ RACISM/WOMEN. Racism in the Lives of Women: Testimony, Theory and Guide to Anti-Racist Practice, Joanna Dymmerman, and Gloria Enuindia, eds. (326 pp., 1994), is available (FREE) from the U.S. Women's Press, 10 Allen St., Binghamton, NY 13904-1380; 800/342-9678. They also publish the quarterly Journal of Multicultural Social Work, sube: $40 individuals, $60 institutions, $75 libraries, and have a catalogue of publications on "ethnic, multicultural and cross-cultural perspectives on health and mental health."

☐ RACISM/POVERTY. The Critical Chasm Between Racialized Poverty and the U.S. Drug Policy: An African-American Perspective, by Clarence Wood (35 pp., May 1992), is available (no price listed) from the Human Relations Foundation of Chicago, 222 N. LaSalle St. #1400, Chicago, IL 60601; 312/455-7745. They also have a publications list.

Urban Policy

☐ URBAN AMERICA IN TRANSFORMATION. Perspectives on Urban Policy and Development, by PnE Bron Klein and John D. Keating, is an interdisciplinary analysis of the national system of urban policymaking in the restructuring of older cities since the one the year before that. He was finishing a series of stories of the history of Chicago Mayor Harold Washington's government. As Bob recalled Washington's strength, he began to falter as he approached the story of the mayor's death. Members of the large audience began to shift in their seats, in evident discomfort, when Bob lost his own composure, and had to stop talking, to gather himself again. Some of us had trouble continuing, Bob most of all.

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Welfare

☐ WELFARE REFORM WITH A HEART. The "Welfare Reform with a Heart Campaign" is a grassroots effort sponsored by the National General Assistance Working Group, the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, and the National Coalition for the Homeless. A campaign kit ($5, including pamphlets, signs, stenciling) is available from PNÉ Michael Stoops at NCH, 1612 K.
Remembering Rob Mier

Robert Mier died February 4 of complications from lymphoma and other cancers that began attacking him about a year ago when he took a trip to Sao Luis in northeastern Brazil. Only someone as strong as Rob would have resisted a long as he did, and those lucky enough to have been with him this year when he bailed out of and in treatment will particularly remember his strength. It is a sad irony, but Rob had good reason to think he was a victim of Agent Orange. Although Miers, 1967-1975, his adult life and his entire professional career fighting injustice and racism, as a young adult he had spent time in Viet Nam as an officer with the Navy's civil construction group, and he carried memories not only of the suffering inflicted on the Vietnamese, but also of the agony of U.S. servicemen. He vividly remembered his own exposure to toxic herbicides.

Rob leaves his brother Fred in St. Louis and his sister Nola in Washington, D.C., and his wife Joan Fitzgerald and her daughter Shelly, and his former wife Sharon Mier and their children Brian, Brendan, Lia, and grandchildren Dylan and Jon Joe.

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Principles of a Responsible Housing and Human Needs Agenda

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The sponsors call upon Congress and the Administration to reaffirm the national commitment to safe, decent and affordable housing set forth in the Housing Act of 1949 and reaffirmed in the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. They oppose proposals that would be used to undermine housing programs, balance the budget, reform welfare, or hinder America’s housing goals.

The agenda includes the right of all Americans to live in a safe, affordable home, the need to ensure the affordability and availability of the existing public and federally assisted housing stock to low and moderate income families, and the need for close coordination between housing assistance and other fundamental social services. Contact Marc Granowitz or Deborah M. Austin, National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 Fourteenth St. NW #200, Washington, DC 20005; 202/662-1530.

WELFARE TO WORK. A Welfare Reform Based on Help for Working Parents is a 6-page, Jan. 1995 proposal from the Economists’ Policy Group for Women’s Issues, co-authored by Barbara Bennett, Assistant Professor of American University and Heidi Hartmann of the Institute for Policy Studies. For a copy and a list of the 50+ signers, contact IWPR, 1400 20th St. NW #104, Washington, DC 20036; 202/787-5100.

MORE WELFARE TO WORK. Welfare to Work: Current AFDC Program Not Sufficiently Focused on Employment is a Dec. 1994 GAO study (GAO/HEHS-95-28), available, free, from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-6015.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT. Contract with Disaster: The Impact on States of the Personal Responsibility Act, by Mark Greenberg (26 pp., no price listed) from the Center for Law and Social Policy, 1616 P St. NW #150, Washington, DC 20036; 202/528-5140.

AFDC BLOCK GRANT. Facing the Next Recession Alone: Can States Afford a $20 Billion Cut in Federal Aid? examines how the “Contract With America” proposal to convert AFDC to a block grant affects state budgets. Hardest hit would be TX, CA, FL, AZ, NY, WA and PA; only 3 states — MI, WI, LA — would lose funds. Free from the AFSCME Policy Dept., 1625 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; 202/629-1155.

STATE WAIVERS. Welfare Reform Waivers Granted to States: A State by State Summary is available, (free with a 9 x 12 SASI) from the National Association of Social Workers Information Center, 219, 750 1st St. NE #700, Washington, DC 20002-4241; 202/336-8254.

Women and Families


CHILD CARE. Child Care: Promoting Quality in Family Child Care (GAO/HEHS-95-98) and “Child Care: Child Care Subsidies Increase Likelihood That Low-Income Mothers Will Work” (GAO/HEHS-95-36) are Dec. 1994 reports, available, free, from GAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-6015.


RESEARCH ON WOMEN. The Institute for Women’s Policy Research produces regular research documents or issues affecting women’s daily lives: poverty and welfare reform, family and work policies, employment and wages, discrimination, health. Among recent and upcoming publications: Few Welfare Moms Fit the Stereotypes (a research-in-Brief paper) and Combining Work and Welfare: An Alternative Anti-Poverty Strategy. For information about membership in their International Network, contact them at 1400 20th St. NW #104, Washington, DC 20036; 202/787-5100.


YOUNG CHILDREN/POVERTY. Young Children in Poverty: A Statistical Update is a 6-page, Jan. 1995 publication of the National Center for Children in Poverty. $5 from the Center, 154 Haven Ave., New York, NY 10011; 202/973-8797.

Jobs

LISC/NYSC. LISC is seeking a president for its Local Initiatives Management and Administration Corp. (LIMAC) is a secondary market for community development loans, working primarily with nonprofit originators to provide liquidity and increase the volume of CD lending in low-income communities. Resume/letter (mailed, not faxed) by March 31 to LISC, 733 Third Ave., 5th fl., New York, NY 10117.

CHILD CARE LAW/BAY AREA. The Child Care Law Center is seeking an executive director ($53,000 +) to supervise its San Francisco office. Letter/resume 3 references by March 31 to Terry Lowe Ansc, PO Box 1974-402, Berkeley, CA 94701.

CHINESE SPEAKING/CHICAGO. The Chinese American Service League has several job openings, including a Program Director, a Neighborhood Development Counselor, a Health Outreach Coordinator, a Senior Employment/Tithe V Coordinator. Bilingual English/Chinese necessary. Resume to Bernadnea Wong, CASL, 310 W. 24th Fl., Chicago, IL 60616; 312/971-0418.

SPANISH SPEAKING/ARIZ/SUMMER INTERN. The Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project is seeking a summer intern to work at the INS Processing Center in Florence, AZ, screening, interviewing and representing persons deportations proceedings, especially around the issue of political asylum. Ten weeks, $2000 stipend, fluency in Spanish required. Letter/ resume to Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project, 75 S. Main St., Florence, AZ 85223; 602/868-0191 and M. Sanchez, National Lawyers Guild, 55 Sixth Ave., New York, NY 10013; 212/966-5000.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR/DC. The National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty is seeking a development director ($42,000). Although the group is in DC, resume/ cover letter should go by (May 15) to Pat Clark, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION/NYC. The Youth Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (YLPPP) — a community-based environmental and economic justice project being started by the Rheem Center for Families and Children, Brooklyn Environmental and Faculty Students at Columbia University seeks an executive director with experience in community activism, environmental education, and nonprofit development. Bachelor’s degree required, bilingual (Spanish/English) preferred. Salary $35,000 and up, plus benefits. Resume and 3 references to Michel Goldberg, 420 West 118th St., Suite 1313, New York, N.Y. 10027.

POLICY ANALYST/CAF. The California Budget Project, a nonprofit budget policy institute is seeking a policy analyst to prepare written reports and training materials on state fiscal policy issues. Desired qualifications include familiarity with California state tax or budget policy issues, strong writing skills, and public speaking skills. Salary: $33,000, plus DOE, including health and dental benefits. Send resume, writing sample, and three references to: The California Budget Project, 2525 S. E. Sacramento, CA 95816. Deadline: April 15, 1995.

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The National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Neighborhood Coalition, National Coalition for the Homeless, National Alliance to End Homelessness, and a center for Community Change have joined together to support ten "Principles of a Responsible Housing and Human Needs Agenda" and advocate for a housing platform.

The sponsors call upon Congress and the Administration to reinforce the national commitment to safe, decent and affordable housing set forth in the Housing Act of 1949 and reaffirmed in the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. They oppose proposals such as those to restructure housing programs, balance the budget, reform welfare, or hinder America's housing goals.

The agenda includes the right of all Americans to live in a safe, affordable home, the need to ensure and maintain the affordability and availability of the existing public and federally assisted housing stock to low and moderate income families, and the need for close coordination between housing assistance and other fundamental social services. Contact Marc Granovetter or Deborah M. Austin, National Low Income Housing Coalition, 1012 Fourteenth St. NW #200, Washington, DC 20005; 202-662-1530.

WELFARE TO WORK. A Welfare Reform Based on Help for Working Parents is a 4-page, Jan. 1995 proposal from the Economists' Policy Group for Women's Issues, co-directed by Barbara Bennett and Heidi Hartmann of the Institute for Women's Policy Studies. For a copy and a list of the 50+ signers, contact IWPR, 1400 20th St. NW #104, Washington, DC 20006; 202-785-5100.

MORE WELFARE TO WORK. Welfare to Work: Consumer AFDC Program Not Sufficiently Focused on Employment is a Dec. 1994 GAO study (GAO/HEHS-95-26), available, free, from USGAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-6015.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT. "Contract with Disaster: The Impact on States of the Personal Responsibility Act," by Mark Greenberg (26 pp., no price listed) from the Center for Law and Social Policy, 1616 P St. NW #150, Washington, DC 20036; 202-328-5140.

AFDC BLOCK GRANT. Facing the Next Recession: Can States Afford a $20 Billion Cut in Federal Aid? examines how the "Contract With America" proposal to convert AFDC to a block grant affects state budgets. Harder hit would be TX, CA, FL, AZ, NY, WA and PA; only 3 states -- MI, WI, LA -- would lose funds. Free, from the AFSCME Policy Dep't., 1635 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20006; 202-293-1155.

STATE WAIVERS. Welfare Reform Waivers Granted to States: A State by State Summary is available (free, with a 9 x 12" SASIE) from the National Association of Social Workers Information Center-219, 750 1st St. NE #700, Washington, DC 20002-4241; 202-336-8254.

Women and Families


CHILD CARE. Child Care: Promoting Quality in Family Child Care (GAO/HEHS-95-26) and "Child Care: Child Care Subsidies Increase Likelihood That Low-Income Mothers Will Work" (GAO/HEHS-95-36) are Dec. 1994 reports, available, free, from GAO, PO Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20877-6015.

SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY/WOMEN. Regulating the Lives of Women: Social Welfare Policy from Colonial Times to the Present, by Maria Abravanel, is available (S17) from South End Press, 800-533-8477.

RESEARCH ON WOMEN. The Institute for Women's Policy Research produces regular research documents or issues affecting women's daily lives: poverty and welfare reform, family and work policies, employment and wages, discrimination, health. Among recent and upcoming publications: Few Welfare Moms Fit the Stereotypes (a research-in-brief paper) and Combining Work and Welfare: An Alternative Anti-Poverty Strategy. For information about membership in their Iraq Learning Network, contact them at 1400 20th St. NW #104, Washington, DC 20006; 202-785-5100.


YOUNG CHILDREN/POVERTY. Young Children in Poverty: A Statistical Update is a 6-page, Jan. 1995 publication of the National Center for Children in Poverty. $5 from the Center, 154 Haven Ave., New York, NY 10036; 202/ 927-8793.

Jobs

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Funding and Fellowships

- AMERICORPS. AmeriCorps grants are being given out for national nonprofits and Indian tribes (May 9 deadline) and states (May 1 deadline). Contact Corp. For Nat’l Service, 1201 NY Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20525; 202/606-5000 x474; e-mail: cncs@acsc.usda.gov.

- RAND R: The Windell Resident Program honors people who’ve been working hard to change the world. Located on a beautiful 320-acre ranch near Bozeman, MT, Windell offers private rooms, all meals and unstructured time to reflect on what comes next. Summer and fall residencies range from 2-4 weeks. One 4 people are in residence at any one time. Next application date is April 15. Contact Contact Counsel, 2530 San Pablo Ave. #B, Berkeley, CA 94702; 510/644-1904.

- SOCIAL CHANGE GRANTS. The Abela Foundation supports progressive social change activities that: 1) expand and protect civil liberties and civil/human rights; 2) increase opportunities for the poor, the disenfranchised, immigrants and people of color; 3) expand and strengthen community involvement, and control over, economic and environmental decisions. Average grant size is $7,000 and about 14 grants are made annually. The Foundation has east and west coast offices, concentrating, respectively, on proposals east and west of the Mississippi. There are spring and fall rounds of grants, and unfortunately the spring deadline was Feb. 27. Indefinite that plans the Collins at the Foundation, PO Box 148, Lincoln, MA 01773.

- HOMELESS/YOUTH GRANTS. The Butler Family Fund (PO Box 42440, Washington, DC 20015; 202/362-0603) has available a list of its latest grants in the areas of homeless families, 17 grants, ranging from $10,000-$15,000 and at-risk youth (9 grants, ranging from $10,000-$20,000). No unsolicited proposals are accepted.

- LITIGATION GRANTS. The Impact Fund provides grants (up to $25,000) to pay for costs of substantial class action cases that impact public interest litigation in the areas of civil and human rights, environmental justice and poverty law. Grants are made quarterly. Send 1-page letter explaining case, potential impact and financial necessity — following which you may be invited to submit a full application — to Brad Silliman at the Fund, 1604 Solano Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707; 510/528-7344.

- SUMMER INTERNSHIP/MINORITIES. The Nonprofit Sector Research Fund has initiated the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship, Open to minority students groups based on need and academic excellence. Graduates and undergraduates students are eligible; the Fund "seeks to introduce college students to issues relating to philanthropy, voluntarism and nonprofit organizations." The intern will be with The Aspen Institute, 1120 G St. NW, office 10-12-weeks this summer. Stipend: $2,300-$4,200. Letter/resume/ transcript/letter from financial aid officer certifying financial need/2 letters of reference by April 7 to David Williams, Aspen Institute, 1120 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20036; 202/736-5800.

- STUDENT STIPENDS/NONPROFIT WORK. The Winston Foundation for World Peace Fellowship Program offers a monthly $1,200 stipend for 2-4 month projects, working full time for a nonprofit on a range of issues, among which are democracy-building and conflict resolution. College juniors and seniors and grad students are eligible. Projects can involve public education, grassroots organizing, media outreach, monitoring legislative activity, etc. Information from Monica Dorbandt, 2040 S. St. NW #201, Washington, DC 20009-1157; 202/483-4215; e-mail: winstonfnd@pacbell.net. Deadlines are March 1 (already passed), July 15 and Nov. 1.

- COURAGE IN COMMUNITY AWARD. The McAuley Institute announced its first annual Courage in Community Award honoring the contributions made by women in the development of decent, safe, affordable housing and strong communities. The award is open to individual women or women-led groups. Applicants should demonstrate leadership, application of innovative approaches and unique collaborative partnerships. The award(s) will receive an award of $1,500 which will $1,500 will go directly to individual or team and $1,500 to their organization. For nomination forms and further information, contact McAuley Institute, 830 W. Silver Spring Drive, MD 20919; 301/588-8110; fax: 301/588-8154.

Conferences

- SHARED HOUSING. The 1995 Shared Housing Conference will be held March 30-April 1 in Baltimore. Information from the National Shared Housing Resource Center, 321 E. 25 St., Baltimore, MD 21218; 410/235-4454.

- ASSISTED LIVING. The National Conference of the Assisted Living Facilities Association of America will be held in Orlando, FL, April 23-25. Contact: ALFAA, Circle Towers Plaza, 9411 Lee Highway, Suite J, Fairfax, VA 22021; 703/491-8610; fax: 703/491-8100.

- WORKPLACE STRUGGLES. "Stress and Struggle in the Changing Workplace" is a Labor Notes conference, April 28-30 in Detroit. Information from Labor Notes, 7435 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48210; 313/842-6252.

- URBAN POLITICS. "Social Change, Societal Restructuring and the Failure of Urban Politics," is the theme of a conference at the Université de Paris VIII, St. Denis, France, May 15-16, which is organized under the auspices of the International Sociological Association’s Research Committee on Housing and the Built Environment; Contact: Prof. Dan Behmmann, Director, DESS, 15 rue Catulle-Mendès, St. Denis 93200, France.

- HUD TENANTS. The National Alliance of HUD Tenants will hold its first annual conference on May 20-22 at the Westpark/Brooklin Hotel in Arlington, VA. Topics will include: tenants rights to affordable housing; preserving the housing stock, organizing the unorganized, creating strong tenants associations, building working relationships with local government, making Congress hear and HUD responsible for their actions. Contact the Alliance at 353 Columbus Ave., Boston, MA 02116; 617/267-9564; fax: 617/267-4769.

- FIRST NATIONS. The First Nations Development Institute is hosting its sixth annual conference on May 22-25 in Oklahoma City. It is designed to assist Native communities in their efforts to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Sessions will cover tribal control of assets, banks and financing, affordable housing, organizational development, economic development and community organizing. Contact the First Nations Development Institute, The Stores Building, 11917 Main Street, Frederickburg, VA 22408; 703/371-5615; fax: 703/371-3505.

- CAPITALISM/DEMOCRACY. "Capitalism vs. Democracy," The Planners Network

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abstracts to Dr. Robert Davis, Dept. Sociology, NC A and T State University, Greensboro, NC 27411; 910/334-7006; e-mail: DavisBob@Athena.NCAT.edu.


☐ INTERNATIONAL HOUSING/PLANNING. The IFHP International Housing and Planning Congress, "Accommodating Differences," will be held Sept. 10-14 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Contact: Belfast Congress Coordinator, Project Planning, Montalto Estate, Spa Rd., Ballynahinch BT24 8PT, Northern Ireland; 44 238 561993; fax: 44 238 565073; e-mail: ifhp@proj-pl.co.uk.

☐ PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. The International Association of Public Participation Practitioners (IAP3) is holding its fourth annual international conference in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada Sept. 23-27. Contact: IAP3 Headquarters, PO Box 82317, Portland, OR 97282; 503/236-6630 or 800/644-4273; fax: 503/233-0772.

☐ ACSP. The Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning will hold its 37th annual conference Oct. 19-22 at the Renaissance Center in Detroit, Mich. Contact: ACSP Detroit '95, Urban Planning Program, Wayne State University, 225 State Hall, Detroit, MI 48202; fax: 313/577-0022; e-mail: acsp95@umich.edu.

Next Issue Deadline

☐ ARRIVAL DEADLINE FOR PLANNERS NETWORK #111 COPY: MONDAY, MAY 1, 1995. Be sure to use our new address: Planners Network/Pratt GCPE, 379 DeKalb Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11205; 718/636-3486; fax 718/636-3709. As always, our thanks to those who can type their notes. It reduces our chances of misreading what you write.