

PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

What are the *implications for the family* in the proposed Federal Department of Welfare? If such a department is developed, how can it best serve the family? What are the responsibilities and limitations of government as well as the contributions of private individuals and agencies? What is their relationship to one another and how can they best serve the total needs of the *family*?

The National Council on Family Relations has called this conference as an interprofessional organization fostering discussion about, and sound proposals for, *the family*. The conference is called as an open forum to stimulate communication concerning a vital subject on the part of *individuals* from various professions.

The National Council on Family Relations is not itself an action group, and the purpose of the conference is not to prepare a report or pass a resolution, but to focus interprofessional communication on a proposal which can have far-reaching results for the family.

CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS (To Date)

Adult Education Council of Greater Chicago
American Association of Social Workers (Chicago Chapter)
American Institute of Architects (Chicago Chapter)
Association for Family Living
Chicago Board of Education
Chicago Recreation Commission
Family Study Center, University of Chicago

Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers
Illinois Department of Public Welfare
National Association of Housing Officials (Great Lakes Chapter)
Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago
The Young Women's Christian Association of Chicago

REGISTRATION

Admission to all sessions will be by *advance registration only*.

Please mail your check or money order with the enclosed registration blank *before February 23*. For information, call Butterfield 8-3757 or Midway 3-0800, extension 1584.

All-day registration, including dinner.....\$8.00
(All-day registration fee \$2.50)
Dinner 5.50
Morning general session and workshop..... 1.25
Afternoon general session and workshop..... 1.25
Evening general session (balcony)..... 1.25

COMMITTEE ON THE CONFERENCE

Nelson N. Foote	Albert Rosenberg
Eva Grant	Arthur L. Schultz
Esther Handwerk	Calvin Stillman
William E. Hill	Mary Mark Sturm
Freda S. Kehm	Mary L. Thompson
Edwin Levine M.D.	Helen J. Hiltner, <i>Chrmn.</i>

MEMBERS, INTERPROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Charles K. Brightbill	Francis B. McKeag
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Midwest Conference

on

A FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE

— Hope or Hazard for the Family? —

Friday, February 27, 1953
9 A. M. — 9 P. M.

CONGRESS HOTEL
Chicago, Illinois

National Council on Family Relations
5757 South Drexel Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

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Morning

9:00—Registration, Frances I Room, Mezzanine

9:15-9:45—General Session, Gold Room

Welcome—Robert G. Foster, President, National Council on Family Relations, and Director, Marriage and Counseling Service and Training Program, The Menninger Foundation

Chairman of the Day—Convening Speaker—Fred K. Hoehler, Executive Director, Citizens Committee of Greater Chicago

10:00-12:00—Workshop Sessions

Afternoon

1:30-2:15—General Session, Gold Room

Chairman—Fred K. Hoehler

Reconvening Speaker—name withheld until conference.

To be announced in press.

"A Contemporary Concept of Family Welfare"

2:30-4:30—Workshop sessions continued.

5:00-6:00—Mixer. Refreshments available on mezzanine. Meet and talk with friends and panel members at workshope.

Evening

6:30-9:00—Dinner meeting

Chairman—Fred K. Hoehler
"Findings of the Conference" (Assisted by interprofessional panel)

Speaker—Paul B. Magnuson, M.D., Chairman of the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation
"The Federal Government's Role in the Health and Support of the Family"

Workshop I: EDUCATION

Morning, 10:00-12:00

How can educators and families unite in mobilizing resources to meet the educational crisis of the rising flood of children; adequate facilities; adequate pay and attraction for able teachers; participative curriculum development?

Moderator—E. T. McSwain, Dean, School of Education, Northwestern University

Discussants—Edward M. Tuttle, Executive Secretary, National School Boards Association, Inc. "The Problem: The Unpreparedness of the Community"

Representative, National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools. "Public and Private Efforts to Date to Mobilize Nationally"

Nelson N. Foote, Director, Family Study Center, University of Chicago, "Love for Children to Participation in Their Education"

Kenneth Benne, Professor of Education, University of Illinois, "Curriculum Development and Family Development"

Mrs. J. W. Heylum, Vice-President, National Congress of Parents and Teachers

Afternoon, 2:30-4:30

Education as a major section of a national approach to family welfare.

Moderator—E. T. McSwain

Resource Persons—Morning discussants

Buzz sessions and active audience participation

Workshop II: FAMILY SECURITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Morning, 10:00-12:00

A review of government agencies and recommendations in the Magnuson, Hoover, and Mid-century White House Conference reports; services parents believe essential to family security; emphasis on the need for parent and family life education; what an effective philosophy of social welfare implies for the federal administration

Moderator—Louis DeBoer, Executive Officer, Illinois Mental Health Authority, Department of Public Welfare

Discussants—Alton A. Linfor, Professor, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

Ethel Kavin, Professor, Department of Education, University of Chicago

Workshop III: FAMILY SECURITY AND CHILD WELFARE (cont.)

Afternoon, 2:30-4:30

How federal government services can be strengthened to meet the needs of families and children; what agencies can best carry out these responsibilities; how such a program affects the proposal for a federal department of public welfare

Moderator—Louis DeBoer

Resource Persons—Morning discussants and Julius B. Richmond, Director, Institute for Juvenile Research

Marion Craine, Associate Executive Secretary, Division of the Family and Child Welfare, Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago

Buzz sessions and active audience participation

Workshop III: HEALTH

Morning, 10:00-12:00 A.M.

The effect and value of existing services in the entire health field of the family; how the establishment of a Federal Department of Welfare would affect either the type of service or the relationship to the family; is establishment of such a department of benefit to the family?

Moderator—Edwin Levine, M.D., Chicago

Discussants—Mrs. James Galbraith, Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers

Calvin Stillman, Instructor, The College, University of Chicago

Richard P. Willey, Director, Mental Health Research and Training, Council of State Governments

Afternoon, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

What should a Department of Welfare encompass in matters relating to health? Alternative proposals.

Moderator—Edwin Levine, M.D.

Resource Persons—Morning discussants and Rudolph G. Novick, M.D., Director, Illinois Society for Mental Health.

Buzz sessions and active audience participation

Workshop IV: HOUSING

Morning, 10:00-12:00

Moderator—Robert A. Merriam, Alderman, 5th Ward, Chicago

Presentation—Joseph D. Lohman, Chairman, National Capitol Planning Commission by Presidential appointment. *The influence of housing on sound family life, its relationship to and influence on federal welfare programs*

Discussants—Ruth Schley Goldman, Director, Service Bureau, Chicago Department of Welfare

George Hutchinson, Jr., planner, Chicago Samuel A. Lichtmann, architect, Chicago Oglesby Paul, M.D., Chicago

Byron Munson, Illinois Small Homes Council

Elizabeth Wood, Executive Secretary, Chicago Housing Authority

Afternoon, 2:30-4:30

What is the best way to get the job done?

Presentation—Elizabeth Wood—"The existing administrative structure, the federal, state and local level of the public housing program, home finance, and other aspects"

Resource Persons—Morning discussants

Buzz sessions and active audience participation

Workshop V: RECREATION

Morning, 10:00-12:00

Moderator—Arthur L. Schultz, Executive Secretary, Chicago Recreation Commission

Discussants—David Riesman, Professor of Social Sciences, The College, University of Chicago; author, *The Lonely Crowd "Recreation and the Family"*

Homer C. Wadsworth, Deputy Director, Kansas City Association of Trusts and Foundations, "Recreation as Related to Health, Education and Other Welfare Services"

Charles K. Brightbill, Professor of Recreation, University of Illinois. "Recreation and the Federal Government"

Afternoon, 2:30-4:30

Objectives of previous legislative attempts; statements of differing points of view; questions and alternative proposals regarding federal legislation for recreation

Moderator—Arthur L. Schultz

Resource Persons—Morning discussants

Buzz sessions and active audience participation