

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

January 30, 1997 Hearing Room HR B

1:00PM Tapes #9 -11

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen, Chair

Rep. Kitty Piercy, Vice-Chair

Rep. Bob Jenson

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Dennis Luke

Rep. Schrader

Rep. Simmons

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Carlson, Administrator

Berri Sellers, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Informational Meeting

Child Abuse Prevention Overview

Healthy Start-Sue Cameron, Tillamook County Commissioner

Relief Nurseries-Dan Close, Jean Phelps and Judy

Bergstrom

Linn County CASA(Court Appointed Special Advocates) Helen Jenks, Lisa Gaino

Kid's Center, Bend-Sue Robinson, Sue Shepardson

Child Advocacy Center, Eugene-Ray Broderick

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
004	Chair VanLeeuwen	Begins meeting at 1:08, discusses agenda for meeting.
017		Thanks Helen Jenks for bringing the committee pins from Linn County CASA.
027		Introduces Sue Cameron
<u>HEALTHY START PROGRAM</u>		
037	Sue Cameron	Elected to the Tillamook Board of County Commissioners. A leader in promoting children and families issues and serves on the State Commission on Children and Families.
060		Discusses vision of Healthy Start: reducing child abuse, visiting at-risk mothers and focusing on prevention.
115		Discusses the Public Health Model (EXHIBIT A).
134	Chair VanLeeuwen	Discusses report from the Oregon Commission on Children and Families.
140-231		Video from the Healthy Start Program
277	Cameron	Statistics that show the necessities and benefits of Healthy Start in the community. (EXHIBIT A)
284		Funding as a key issue in the continuation of the Healthy Start program
310	Chair VanLeeuwen	Points out to the Committee that Healthy Start is in 9 Counties
327	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about home visiting birth centers
333	Cameron	Start prenatally, so can access mothers who deliver in birthing centers.
344	Rep. Schrader	Question about Healthy Start programs and their funding
355	Cameron	Discussion of DHR's reinvestment strategy in addition to other funding.
374	Rep. Kruse	Comment/question about connecting Healthy Start and Early Intervention
377	Cameron	How to put together a system that has good referral mechanisms and does not duplicate programs.
410	Chair VanLeeuwen	Recognizes Senator Susan Castillo in the audience

RELIEF NURSERIES		
435	Chair VanLeeuwen	Introduces Jean Phelps and Dan Close
450	Jean Phelps	Director of the Relief Nursery in Eugene. (EXHIBIT B) Discusses the contents of the packet.
TAPE 2,A		
054	Dan Close	Professor at the University of Oregon
058		Emphasizes four points of the Relief Nursery
063		* Children ages 0-18 months are very influenced by their parents.
076		* Children develop an us vs. them mentality if not protected by early intervention.
097		* Children in extremely low income homes have impoverished language skills as compared to "working class" and "professional" families.
109		* These children receive few positive reactions and many negatives.
125	Close	Home visits are not enough for severely at-risk families.
138	Rep. Schrader	Question about funding for relief nurseries
143	Phelps	Discusses funding as it relates to the nursery. Categorical funding and work do not coincide.
165	Phelps	Introduces Judy Bergstrom
185	Judy Bergstrom	Parent who has been helped by attending classes and going to the Relief Nursery.
206		Discusses experiences as an alcoholic and a drug addict.
236		Experience at the Relief Nursery and how it has helped her family.
245	Bergstrom	Story about family she is currently working with that is in need of assistance.
260-349		Video from World News Tonight about Relief Nurseries
352	Judge Brewer	Lane County Judge and former President of the Relief Nursery.
359		Discusses the perspective of a judge on the issue of child abuse and juvenile crime.
400		Treatment programs are more expensive than prevention.
TAPE 1,B		
006		Lane County is considered to be the methamphetamine haven of the country

011		Links between child abuse, substance abuse and alcoholism.
022	Close	Replications of the Relief Nursery in Portland, Cottage Grove and Klamath Falls.
028	Joaquim Schultz	Former president of the Rotary Club and also the person who began the Relief Nursery in Cottage Grove.
050		Describes sources of funding for the relief nursery in Cottage Grove.
060	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about whether or not Relief Nurseries are present in other states.
070	Phelps	Answers question about duplicate nurseries.
<u>CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) PROGRAMS</u>		
114	Helen Jenks	Director of the CASA program in Linn and Benton Counties. Provides background for CASA programs and describes volunteers.
135		Statistics that relate to children that work with CASAs.
149		Story about specific situation involving children in an at-risk situation.
167	Lisa Gaino	Staff person at the CASA program
192		Discusses how CASA connects agencies and bring agencies to the aid of children.
215		Discusses how the CASA caseworkers go about providing their services
238		CASA mobilizes the community, 905 CASAs in the state of Oregon
269	Gaino	Means of raising funds for these programs
293	Rep. Schrader	Comment about caseworker system as it relates to CASA volunteers.
310	Gaino	Provides distinction between caseworkers and CASA volunteers.
327	Chair VanLeeuwen	Discusses responsibilities of CASA volunteers
356	Vice-Chair Piercy	Discussion of caseworkers as they relate to CASA volunteers.
379	Vice-Chair Piercy	Process of evaluation for CASA workers
409	Rep. Luke	Comment/question about CASA versus citizens review board.

415	Gaino	A citizen's review board is charged with reviewing every child that comes into foster care. A CASA is assigned to every child that comes into court on a dependency case.
TAPE 2, B		
<u>KID'S CENTERS AND CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS</u>		
035	Sue Shepardson	Member of the Kids Center board, discusses the concept of the child advocacy centers.
077		Focusing on what is in the best interest of children to overcome obstacles.
105		People in the community contributing their time and energy building the Kids Center.
126	Shepardson	Discusses and presents the different rooms that are in the Center and the purposes they serve.
145	Susan Robinson	Coordinator of the Kids Center
144		Story of Sally who was abused by her stepfather.
185		Continuing story about Sally and her steps through the Kids Center
225		How the Kids Center operates in terms of funding
253	Ray Broderick	Serves on the Lane County Commission on Children and Families
299-335		Video from Child Advocacy Center
370		Story about a young girl who Ray met when he was a police officer. Provides written testimony(EXHIBIT C)
393	Broderick	How the system and society for children has changed over the past 30 years.
TAPE 3,A		
039	Broderick	(EXHIBIT C) Information about the program that he envisions to identify children at risk of serious abuse.
045		Creating a matrix that would allow you to look at a child's record as soon as they come into the system. This would identify children who are at risk.
074		Child's right to live and be healthy supersedes the familial rights.
091	Rep. Luke	Story about family and video that SCF has shown at previous meetings.
104	Rep. Schrader	Question about safeguards to establish veracity of children's reports.
112	Broderick	

		Take only referrals from police officers, social and case workers.
121		Interviews with children are a main source for information and investigative research.
148	Chair VanLeeuwen	Adjourns meeting at 3:05pm

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A -Healthy Start, Written Materials, Sue Cameron, 4pp.

B-Relief Nurseries, Written Materials, Jean Phelps, 63pp.

C -Child Advocacy Center, Written Testimony, Ray Broderick, 8pp.