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Law Practice and Professional Associations:

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U.S. District Court (Eastern and Western districts of Arkansas)
U.S. Court of Appeals (8th Circuit)
U.S. Supreme Court, 1975
Children's Defense Fund, Cambridge, MA and Washington, D.C.,
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Counsel, Impeachment Inquiry Staff, Judiciary Committee, U.S.
House of Representatives, Washington, DC, 1974
Chair, American Bar Association Commission on Women in the
Profession, 1987-91
Chair, Legal Services Corporation, Washington, D.C., 1978-80,
Member, Board of Directors, 1977-81
Partner, Rose Law Firm, Little Rock, AR, 1977-92

Law Teaching:

Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Legal Aid Clinic,
University of Arkansas School of Law at Fayetteville, 1974-76
Assistant Professor of Law, University of Arkansas School of Law at
Little Rock, 1979-80

Publications:

"Children Under the Law," *Harvard Educational Review*, January,
1974

Hillary Rodham, *Book Note*, Children's Policies: Abandonment and Neglect, 86 Yale L.J. 1522 (1977) (reviewing Steiner: *The Children's Cause*) (1976)

"Handbook on Legal Rights for Arkansas Women," Carolyn Armbrust [et al.], a project of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, 1977; 1987 editions

"Children's Rights: A Legal Perspective," *Children's Rights*, Teachers College Press, New York, 1979

"Teacher Education: Of the People, By the People and For the People," *Beyond the Looking Glass: Papers from a National Symposium on Teacher Education Policies, Practices, and Research*, March 1985 and *Journal of Teacher Education*, January-February, 1985

"The Fight Over Orphanages," *Newsweek*, January, 1995

"The War on America's Children," *New York Newsday*, March 12, 1995

"Investing in Sisterhood," *The Washington Post*, May 14, 1995

Honors and Awards:

Honorary Doctor of Law

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1985

Arkansas College, Batesville, Arkansas, 1988

Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, 1992

University of Michigan, 1993

University of Pennsylvania, 1993

University of Sunderland, England, 1993

University of Illinois, 1994

University of Minnesota, 1995

San Francisco State University, 1995

Honorary Doctor of Public Service

The George Washington University, 1994

Who's Who in the World, 1995

Who's Who in America, 1995

Who's Who in American Law, 1994-95

Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America, 1993-94

Who's Who of American Women, 1993-94

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Honorary Life Member, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

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Arkansas Bar Association and Arkansas Bar Foundation Award,
1985

Arkansas Woman of the Year, 1983

Phi Delta Kappa Award for Outstanding Layman of the Year, 1984

Pulaski County Bar Association Lawyer Citizen Award, 1987

Gayle Pettus Pontz Award, Women's Law Student Association, Uni-
versity of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 1989

Director's Choice Award, National Women's Economic Alliance
Foundation, 1991

Outstanding Lawyer-Citizen Award, Arkansas Bar Association, 1992

Lewis Hine Award, National Lawyer and Child Labor Committee,
January 26, 1993

Albert Schweitzer Leadership Award, Hugh O'Brian Youth Founda-
tion, May 10, 1993

The Iris Cantor Humanitarian Award, July 19, 1993

1993 Charles Wilson Lee Citizen Service Award, Committee for Ed-
ucation Funding

1993 Awareness Achievement Award, National Breast Cancer
Awareness Month

Claude D. Pepper Award, The National Association for Home Care,
October 19, 1993

Distinguished Service Award, National Center for Health Educa-
tion, November 18, 1993

Healthcare Advocacy Award, National Symposium of Healthcare
Design, November 19, 1993

National Public Service Award 1993, The Bar Association of the Dis-
trict of Columbia, December 4, 1993

Fannie Lou Hamer Human Rights Award, Clergy and Laity Con-
cerned, December 16, 1993

Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award, San Diego Volunteer Law-
yer Program, 1994

Commitment to Life Award, AIDS Project Los Angeles, January 27,
1994

Distinguished Service Health Education & Prevention Award, Na-
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First Annual Eleanor Roosevelt Freedom Fighter Award, Alachua
County Democratic Executive Committee, March 21, 1994

Social Justice Award, United Auto Workers, March 22, 1994

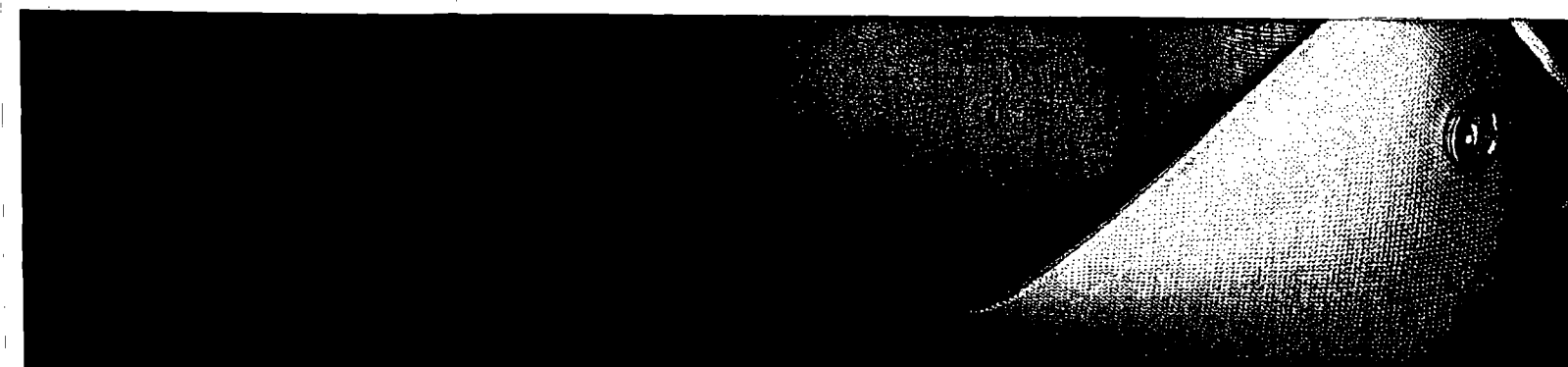
- Brandeis Award, School of Law, University of Louisville, April 1, 1994
- Benjamin E. Mays Award, A Better Chance, Inc., April 4, 1994
- Ernie Banks Positivism Trophy, Emil Verban Memorial Society, April 6, 1994
- Humanitarian Award, Alzheimer's Association, April 11, 1994
- Elie Wiesel Foundation Award, April 14, 1994
- International Broadcasting Award, Hollywood Radio and Television Society, April 26, 1994
- Ellen Browning Scripps Award, Scripps College, April 26, 1994
- Legislator of the Year Award, The American Physical Therapy Association, April 27, 1994
- HIPPY USA Award, May 6, 1994
- Women of the Year Award, Yad B'Yad Award, May 7, 1994
- C. Everett Koop Medal for Health Promotion and Awareness, American Diabetes Association, May 17, 1994
- Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award, San Diego Lawyer's Program, May 17, 1994
- Humanitarian Award, Chicago Chapter, Hadassah Medical Organization, May 26, 1994
- Coalition of Labor Union Women 20th Anniversary Award, May 20, 1994
- Women of Distinction Award, National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, June 2, 1994
- Mary Hatwood Futrell Award, National Education Association, June 14, 1994
- Women of Achievement Award, B'nai B'rith Women, June 15, 1994
- Claude Pepper Award, National Association for Home Care Board of Directors, June 19, 1994
- Women's Legal Defense Fund Award, June 23, 1994
- Shining Star Award, Starlight Foundation, August 2, 1994
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., August 12, 1994
- Children's Diabetes Foundation Brass Ring Award, October 28, 1994
- Women's Media Group Award, Women's Media Group, November 1, 1994
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Family Advocate of the Year Award, Greenfield & Murphy, November 4, 1994

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Woman of Distinction Award, Women's League for Conservative Ju-
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30th Anniversary of Women at Work Award in Public Policy, Na-
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Boehm Soaring Eagle Award for Excellence in Leadership, Na-
tional Women's Economic Alliance Foundation, December 12,
1994
National Woman's Law Center Award, 1994
Award for Excellence in Communication, Capital Speakers Club,
January 18, 1995
National Federation of Black Women Business Owners Black Wo-
men of Courage Award to Hillary Rodham Clinton, February 8,
1995
Greater Washington Urban League Award, March 8, 1995
Golden Acorn Award, Child Development Center, March 9, 1995
Servant of Justice Award, New York Legal Aid Society, March 23,
1995
Health Educator of the Year Award, The Ryan White Foundation,
April 8, 1995
Golden Image Award, Women at Work, April 9, 1995
1995 Outstanding Mother Award, National Mother's Day Commit-
tee, April 13, 1995
Eleanor Roosevelt Award, Citizen's Committee For Children of New
York, Inc., April 24, 1995
United Cerebral Palsy Humanitarian Award, 1995
World Health Award, American Association for World Health,
World Health Day, April 24, 1995
Brooklyn College, Presidential Medal, 1995

Memberships and Associations:

Member, Arkansas Bar Association
Member, Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association
Member, Arkansas Women Lawyers Association
Member, American Trial Lawyers Association
Member, Pulaski County Bar Association
Founder and President, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Fami-
lies, Founder, President and Member of Board of Directors,
1977-84
Chair, Arkansas Rural Health Committee, 1979-80



- Chair, Board of Directors, Children's Defense Fund, Washington, D.C., 1986-91, Member, Board of Directors, 1976-92
- Chair, Arkansas Education Standards Committee, 1983-84
- Yale Law School Executive Committee, New Haven, CT, 1983-88, Treasurer, 1987-88
- Member, Southern Governors Association Task Force on Infant Mortality, 1984-85
- Member, Commission on Quality Education, Southern Regional Education Board, 1984-1992
- Member, Youth and America's Future: The William T. Grant Foundation Commission on Work, Family, and Citizenship, 1986-88
- Board of Directors, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 1986-92
- Board of Directors, Child Care Action Campaign, New York, NY, 1986-92
- Board of Directors, Southern Development Bancorporation, 1986-92
- Chair, Board of Directors, New World Foundation, New York, 1987-88, Member Board of Directors, 1983-88
- Board of Directors, Co-Chair for Implementation, Commission on Skills of the American Workforce, National Center for Education and the Economy, 1987-92
- Board of Directors, "I Have a Dream" Foundation, 1988-89
- Board of Directors, Arkansas Children's Hospital, 1988-92
- Board of Directors, New Futures for Little Rock Youth, 1988-92
- Member, HIPPY USA Advisory Board, 1988-92
- Board of Directors, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, 1988-93
- Charter Member, Business Leadership Council, Wellesley College, 1989
- Board of Directors, Children's Television Workshop, 1989-92
- Board of Directors, TCBY Enterprises, Inc., 1989-92
- Board of Directors, National Alliance of Business Center for Excellence in Education, 1990-91
- Board of Directors, Public/Private Ventures, 1990-92
- Arkansas Business and Education Alliance, 1991-92
- President, Board of Directors, Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund Program, 1990-92
- Chair, National Board of the Claudia Company, 1991-93
- Honorary President of the Girl Scouts of America, 1993-present

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Member, Visiting Committee, University of Chicago Law School,
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THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION AND THE FIRST LADY ON AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

JULY 13, 2000

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 - Education:* Individuals with Disabilities Act funding and enforcement
 - Health Care:* Family and medical leave, earnings caps, blocked the block-granting of Medicaid
 - Access:* Telecommunications, assistive technology, transportation, housing
 - Equality:* U.S. Supreme Court decisions; resources for ADA, Fair Housing Act, and IDEA; most diverse Administration in history
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 - Children with emotional and behavioral conditions*
 - Health care and jobs for Americans with disabilities*
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SUMMARY OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

Note: items in bold indicate initiatives and accomplishments that DIRECTLY affect children.

ECONOMIC INITIATIVES (FY2001 BUDGET)

- Support establishing an Office of Disability Policy, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (ODPET) within DoL (p. 2)
- Within DoL create the National Disability Business Development Board, a federally chartered corporation to facilitate employment and business ownership for Americans with Disabilities (p. 3)
- \$1,000 tax credit for work-related expenses for persons with disabilities (p. 3)
- Provide individuals with disabilities who return to work life-time access to Medicare (p. 3-4)
- \$2.4 billion in Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants (a \$60.8 million increase) (p. 4)

ECONOMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 provides better health care options for people with disabilities who work (p. 4)
- July 1999 SSA increased the monthly earnings cap affecting benefits from \$500 to \$700 for beneficiaries who work (p. 4-5)
- October 1999 action plan to federal agencies for hiring persons with disabilities (p. 5)
- October 27, 1999 sponsored the first-ever "Disability Mentoring Day: Career Development for the 21st Century." This year, it will be on October 25. (p. 5)
- June 1999 signed executive order ensuring individuals with psychiatric disabilities are given the same hiring opportunities as persons with significant physical disabilities or mental retardation. (p. 5-6)
- June 1999 called for parity for mental health and substance abuse coverage in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Programs by 2001. (p. 6)
- Workforce Investment Act of 1998 included the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998, which improve worker training and placement options for people with disabilities. (p. 6)
- March 1998 signed executive order establishing the Presidential Taskforce on Employment of Adults with Disabilities. Reports to the President periodically with policy recommendations to increase and aid employment for persons with disabilities. (p. 7)
- Inter-agency demonstration projects to expand job opportunities for persons with disabilities. (p. 7-8)
- **Extra Welfare to Work funds for long-term recipients, which includes persons with disabilities (p. 8)**

ACCESS INITIATIVES (FY2001 BUDGET)

- **\$100 million for disability and technology research (\$13.5 million increase). Includes \$5 million for an Educational Technology Initiative; \$3.4 million for an employment initiative; \$5.1 million for a Community Independence initiative; and \$15 million for alternative loan financing programs. (p. 13)**
- **\$58 million for Centers for Independent Living (20.8 percent increase) (p. 13)**

ACCESS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **"ADA for the Information Age" July 1999 FCC adopted rules requiring telecommunications equipment and services be accessible to persons with disabilities (p. 13-14)**
- **Assistive Technology Act of 1998, which re-authorized State Assistive Technology Centers (p. 14)**
- **Changes to the Rehabilitation Act to strengthen obligations of federal agencies to provide accessible information technology to their employees and customers (p. 14)**
- **1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century on surface transportation (p. 14)**
- **Final regulations implementing the ADA provisions for public transportation accessibility (p. 14-15)**
- **\$75 million for Access to Jobs initiative, which facilitates transportation to jobs (p. 15)**
- **1998 HUD statements, publications, and directives to increase housing options for persons with disabilities (p. 15)**
- **\$40 million in Section 8 housing funding for people with disabilities (p. 15)**

EQUALITY INITIATIVES (FY2001 BUDGET)

- **\$2.6 million increase in DoJ Civil Rights Division to enforce ADA (p. 15-16)**

EQUALITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Supported and provided guidance to federal agencies on the June 1999 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, which ruled that unjustifiable institutionalization of a persons with a disability who, with proper support, can live in the community is discrimination. (p. 16)**
- **Increased resources for enforcing ADA, the Fair Housing Act, and IDEA (p. 16-17)**
- **Supports U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Bragdon v. Abbott*, which reinforces protections under ADA to persons with HIV/AIDS (p. 17)**
- **FY1999 \$40 million to HUD Fair Housing programs (\$10 million increase) (p. 17)**
- **July 1998 announcement that the FDR Memorial will include a statue that depicts FDR in his wheelchair (p. 17-18)**
- **Appointed most diverse Administration in History (p. 18)**

SUMMARY OF THE FIRST LADY'S WORK ON BEHALF OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

Note: in reverse chronological order

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| March 20, 2000 | Remarks at the Launch of a New Public-Private Effort to Improve the Diagnosis and Treatment of Children with Emotional and Behavioral Conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Thanks to Tipper Gore➤ Psychotropic drugs➤ Prescription drugs for children➤ NIMH fact sheet for parents➤ ED information kit for parents and teachers on ADHD➤ American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines on diagnosing and treating children with emotional and behavioral problems➤ NIMH \$5 million to study ADHD and Rilalin in preschoolers➤ FDA look at appropriate dosage levels for psychotropic drugs➤ Office of the Surgeon General Fall national conference on the treatment of children with behavioral and mental disorders |
| July 28, 1999 | "Talking It Over" Column on Americans with Disabilities, health care, and employment <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Unemployment and employment of persons with disabilities➤ National Taskforce on Employment of Adults with Disabilities➤ President's urging to Congress to pass Medicare and Medicaid health care options for persons with disabilities who work |
| June 7, 1999 | Remarks at the White House Conference on Mental Health <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The science of mental health➤ Announced the NIMH announcement of the launch of two clinical trials for effective treatments for those with mental illness (\$61 million) |
| January 28, 1999 | Remarks at the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Elizabeth Glaser, 10th Anniversary of Foundation➤ Children with AIDS, mother to child transmission➤ Clinton Administration initiatives: for minority communities, for a vaccine, global efforts.➤ Announced \$40 million grant to support medical schools in training doctors who work specifically with children➤ Announced awards to 4 scientists |

**THE CLINTON
ADMINISTRATION'S
INITIATIVES AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR
AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES**

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Increasing Opportunities for Americans With Disabilities

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PRESIDENT CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT GORE:

Supporting Americans with Disabilities

"If we want to keep our economy growing with continued low inflation and low unemployment, we must draw on the untapped potential of our people.... Americans with disabilities who want to work shouldn't have to wait one more day."

-- President Bill Clinton

October 16, 1999

HISTORIC ECONOMIC GROWTH:

Moving From Record Deficits to Record Surplus. In 1992, the deficit was \$290 billion, a record dollar high. In 2000, we have a projected budget surplus of \$167 billion -- the largest dollar surplus on record (even after adjusting for inflation) and the largest as a share of our economy since 1951. This is the first time we have had three surpluses in a row in more than a half century.

Saving Social Security. President Clinton and Vice President Gore have coupled fiscal discipline with a commitment to preserve and protect Social Security. President Clinton fought for and signed bipartisan legislation to eliminate the confusing and out-dated retirement earnings test in order to encourage work and earnings for older Americans. Under the Clinton-Gore Administration, the life of the Social Security trust fund has been extended to 2034. President Clinton has proposed extending the program's solvency to at least 2054 by paying down the national debt and dedicating the interest savings to Social Security. The President has also pushed for measures to strengthen Social Security's benefits to reduce poverty among elderly women.

Nearly 22 Million New Jobs. 21.6 million new

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leadership of an Assistant Secretary, ODPET's mission would be to dramatically increase the employment rate of people with disabilities by implementing a sustained, coordinated, and aggressive strategy to eliminate barriers and create meaningful employment opportunities for people with disabilities. This office would initially subsume the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (PCEPD) in an effort to reduce duplication and enhance coordination of Federal employment programs for people with disabilities. The office would work within DOL to ensure that all programs address the need to increase participation of people with disabilities in DOL training programs, with a targeted emphasis on those serving youth during FY 2001.

National Disability Business Development Board. Creation of ODPET would also establish the National Disability Business Development Board, a federally chartered corporation. The Board will be made up of America's business leaders, organized labor, rehabilitation and service providers, and disability-related organizations currently advising the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. The board would: work to improve the access of individuals with disabilities to financial institutions and commercial and business enterprises; provide incentives to, and collaborate with, the public and private sectors to ensure the necessary levels of resources/investments in employment initiatives for individuals with disabilities; and leverage funds for public awareness about disability and employment.

Tax Credit for Work-Related Expenses. In his FY 2001 budget, President Clinton renews his proposal for a \$1,000 tax credit for work-related expenses for people with disabilities. This tax credit was proposed last year but not supported by Congress. The credit would help workers with significant disabilities cover the formal and informal costs that are associated with employment, such as specialized transportation and technology. Like the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act, it would help ensure that people with disabilities have the tools they need to return to work by recognizing the extra costs associated with working.

Extending Medicare Access for People with Disabilities Who Work. The President and Vice President's FY 2001 budget builds on achievements enacted in the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act to ensure that individuals with disabilities have full opportunity to participate in

affecting their benefits. These guidelines are used to determine whether the work activities of a person with impairments, other than blindness, demonstrate that he or she is able to perform substantial gainful activity (SGA).

Directing Federal Agencies to Implement Plan for Hiring People with Disabilities. Since the beginning of the Clinton-Gore Administration, the American economy has added nearly 21 million new jobs, and unemployment is at the lowest level in three decades. Yet nearly 75 percent of individuals with significant disabilities are unemployed. Last year, Vice President Gore asked the Office of Personnel Management to develop a model plan to bring more adults with disabilities into the Federal workforce. On October 16, 1999, President Clinton released that action plan and directed the Federal government to implement it immediately. The plan, *Accessing Opportunity: The Plan for Employment of People with Disabilities in the Federal Government*, along with a companion Employment Guide, provides detailed resources for federal employees as they recruit, hire, train and promote people with disabilities. Under this plan, the Federal government -- the nation's largest employer with almost 1.8 million workers -- will do more to: recruit people with disabilities for positions at all levels of government; provide opportunities for students with disabilities; ensure career opportunities for people with disabilities; collect and maintain data to monitor success of people with disabilities in the federal workforce; and provide reasonable accommodations for applicants and employees with disabilities.

Sponsoring "Disability Mentoring Day: Career Development for the 21st Century." On October 27, 1999, the White House sponsored the first-ever mentoring day for people with disabilities. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and Departments of Labor, Justice, Education, Transportation, and Defense also participated in the mentoring program, which was modeled after other "shadow" days. It also coincided with a reception hosted by OPM to celebrate the release of the *Plan and Employment Guide*. This year, the mentoring day will take place on Wednesday, October 25th. The White House encourages people from all across the country to participate in their local communities.

Expanding Hiring Opportunities for People with Psychiatric Disabilities. In January 1999, Tipper Gore announced that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) would explore measures to eliminate the stricter standards that are currently

Increasing Employment of Adults with Disabilities. President Clinton signed an Executive Order in March 1998 establishing the Presidential Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities. The Task Force is charged with creating a coordinated and aggressive national policy to move individuals with disabilities into gainful employment at a rate approaching that of the general adult population. The Task Force, chaired by the Secretary of Labor, continues its efforts to promote employment opportunities, and many of its recommendations have already been accepted and implemented by the President. The Task Force is analyzing the barriers to employment faced by people with disabilities and will report its findings with policy recommendations to the President on a periodic basis until its final report is presented on July 26, 2002.

Working on Innovative Strategies to Improve Employment of Adults with Disabilities. The Clinton-Gore Administration continues to develop innovative strategies to employ Americans with disabilities. The Social Security Administration (SSA), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Department of Labor (DOL), and the Department of Education (DoED) are all participating in inter-agency demonstration projects to expand job opportunities for persons with disabilities. For instance, DoED has awarded six systems-change grants to establish models of improved cooperation and coordination between State Vocational Rehabilitation programs, public employment/employment training programs, and other related programs. The grants will help reduce barriers to employment and increase the capacity of States' overall employment system to serve individuals with disabilities. The focus of these systems change projects is increasing the employment rate of individuals with disabilities who are currently receiving support through public programs.

In addition, SSA is working under cooperative agreements with 12 states to develop innovative projects to assist adults with disabilities to reenter the workforce. This activity, the State Partnership Initiative, is designed to help states develop innovative and integrated statewide programs of services and supports for their residents with disabilities that will increase job opportunities and decrease dependence on benefits, including Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income. Moreover, the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities (PCEPD) has worked to coordinate a

28.4 percent) over FY 2000. This will provide funding for 28 existing awards to States as well as new awards to an estimated 15 States and territories. The State Improvement program would expand efforts to reform and improve State systems for providing educational, early intervention, and transitional services to improve results for children with disabilities.

Parent Training. The Administration's FY 2001 budget for the Parent Training and Information Centers program is \$26 million, a \$7.5 million increase, or 40.3 percent, above last year's level. The increase would be used to expand the size of the awards to existing State Parent Training and Information Centers, establish four new centers for a total of 103 across the country, and provide additional technical assistance to centers. Three of the new centers would be community centers operated by local parent organizations and focus on meeting the needs of underserved parents and families of children with disabilities.

Reading and Behavior. The President's FY 2001 budget includes a request for a \$10 million Primary Education Intervention initiative. This initiative will support projects that demonstrate effective interventions coupled with early identification to improve results for children with disabilities. The initiative would target children with significant problems in learning to read, and those exhibiting behaviors that have been found to lead to significant discipline problems or emotional disturbance as they get older. Research shows that early intervention is particularly effective for improving educational results for children, and these funds will allow more students to benefit from timely identification and service delivery.

State Technical Assistance Awards. Helping States comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is critically important, and the President's FY 2001 budget includes an \$8 million request for State Technical Assistance Awards that will help address this need. These technical assistance awards will be instrumental in improving State monitoring and complaint resolution systems, and to correct deficiencies found through State and Federal monitoring of the implementation of IDEA.

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Supporting Quality Education for Children with Disabilities. In 1997, the President enacted a stronger Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), reaffirming our national commitment to

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need long-term services and supports the choice of remaining in their homes and communities. It costs \$140 million over 5 years, \$370 million over 10 years.

Expanding Coverage to Uninsured Americans.

In his FY 2001 budget, President Clinton has proposed a 10-year, \$110 billion initiative that would dramatically improve the affordability of and access to health insurance. The proposal would expand coverage to at least 5 million uninsured Americans and expand access to millions more. If enacted, these policies would be the largest expansion of coverage since Medicare was created in 1965.

Advocating a Strong Patients' Bill of Rights. The President and Vice President have called for passage of the bipartisan Patients' Bill of Rights Act, to ensure that all Americans have essential protections, including: guaranteed access to needed health care specialists; access to emergency room services when and where needs arise; continuity of care protections to assure coverage if a patient's health care provider is dropped; access to a timely internal and independent external appeals process with a medical necessity standard; assurance that doctors and patients can openly discuss treatment options; and an enforcement mechanism that ensures recourse for patients who have been harmed as a result of health plan actions.

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Extending Enforceable Patient Protections for Millions of Americans. Leading by example, the President directed all federal agencies to ensure that their employees and beneficiaries have the benefits and rights guaranteed under the proposed Patients' Bill of Rights. Eighty-five million Americans covered by federal health plans have the security of knowing they will have fair access to health care thanks to the President's work.

Providing Access to Health Care Services for Uninsured Workers. In 1999, the President proposed and won \$25 million in funding for a program to coordinate systems of care, increase the number of services delivered, and establish an accountability system to assure adequate patient care for uninsured and low-income individuals. This year, the President has proposed funding this initiative at \$125 million, representing a substantial down payment on the President's plan to invest \$1 billion over 5 years.

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Assistive Technology Initiatives. The Administration's FY 2001 budget includes \$100 million (a \$13.5 million increase) for disability and technology research at the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). NIDRR will launch a comprehensive technology initiative which includes: \$5 million for an Educational Technology Initiative to provide technical assistance and training to elementary and secondary schools; \$3.4 million for a multi-pronged Employment initiative to carry out research, training, and technical assistance to enhance the ability of individuals with disabilities to access and use information and communication technology; and \$5.1 million for a Community Independence initiative on how information and assistive technology can be used to enhance community integration and participation by individuals with disabilities. The Administration's request also includes \$15 million to support grants that establish or maintain alternative loan financing programs. Most people with disabilities do not have the private financial resources to purchase the assistive technology they need. If approved, this increase would significantly enhance opportunities for individuals with disabilities to take advantage of assistive technology.

Centers for Independent Living. The Administration's FY 2001 includes \$58 million for Centers for Independent Living (CILs) -- a 20.8 percent increase over last year's funding level. This increase would make it possible to accomplish an increase in the stability of existing CILs and open new CILs in unserved and underserved areas. The request could provide sufficient funding to establish a \$200,000 federal funding floor. In addition, a \$10 million increase for CILs could expand the network of centers by funding up to 56 new centers in 23 States.

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Ensuring that the Telecommunications Revolution Benefits All. In July 1999, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted rules on Section 225 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which requires that telecommunications equipment and services be accessible to individuals with disabilities, if readily achievable. This provision is known as the ADA for the Information Age. These regulations, which have been supported by the telecommunications industry, will ensure people with disabilities have access to a broad range of products and services -- such as telephones, cell

accessibility that provides a definition of what constitutes discriminatory action. The regulation requires large, fixed-route operators to achieve 50 percent of full fleet accessibility by October 2006 and 100 percent by October 2012. The Department has strengthened the regulations by including provisions making OTRB operators individually and collectively accountable for providing accessible service.

Access to Jobs Initiative. The President's Access to Jobs initiative helps communities design innovative transportation solutions, such as van services, to help former welfare recipients and other low-income workers get to work. Funding for this initiative has increased to \$75 million in FY 2000 and will be \$100 million in FY 2001 as a result of guaranteed funding in TEA-21. This innovative program emphasizes providing people with disabilities the transportation access required to achieve education, work, and family goals.

Increasing Housing Options. The Clinton-Gore Administration took a number of significant actions in 1998 that advanced housing policy for people with disabilities. First, HUD issued a statement supporting the view that institutional living does not constitute real housing for people with disabilities. On April 28, 1998, Fannie Mae announced the publication of "A Home of Your Own Guide," the first manual specifically created to provide step-by-step home buying guidance for people with disabilities. In February, HUD Secretary Cuomo issued a directive encouraging communities to use community development block grant funds for home modifications for people with disabilities. Also, in HUD's recent Notices of Funding Availability, the agency included bonus points for developers when they seek to build structures that include "visitability" by people with disabilities.

Increasing Section 8 Funding in HUD Appropriations. President Clinton supported the inclusion of \$40 million in Section 8 funding for people with disabilities, in part to offset the displacement likely to occur as a result of "elderly-only" designation of public housing formerly occupied by people with disabilities.

PROMOTING EQUALITY FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS:

I. 2000 Legislative Priorities and FY 2001 Budget Initiatives

Increased Funding for Civil Rights Enforcement. The Clinton-Gore Administration's

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and public areas across the nation. Under the Clinton-Gore Administration, the number of positions allocated for ADA enforcement at the Department of Justice (DOJ) has increased by 105 percent. The Administration's FY 2001 budget proposal includes funding for another 29 new positions for ADA enforcement -- a 35 percent increase over FY 2000 funding. DOJ has entered into hundreds of settlement agreements involving access to civic life (city halls and municipal services), 911 emergency services, hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters, and other public accommodations. The Department's litigation activity has established important legal precedents including ADA coverage (such as zoning and prisons), architect liability, line of sight over standing spectators, effective communication, and unnecessary inquiries by professional licensing entities. Implementation of the ADA's "most integrated setting" requirement has been an important element of DOJ's Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act investigations and agreements (involving MRDD institutions, psychiatric hospitals, and public nursing homes).

Working to Stop Discrimination Against People With AIDS. President Clinton supports the Supreme Court's decision in *Bragdon v. Abbott*, which reinforces the protections offered by the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) for Americans living with HIV and AIDS. The President directed the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to vigorously prosecute those who discriminate against people with AIDS, leading to actions against health care providers and facilities that violate the ADA.

Working for Fair Housing. In response to the increase in reported cases of serious fair housing violations, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) committed to doubling the number of its civil rights enforcement actions by the year 2000. In addition, the President proposed and won a major expansion of HUD's Fair Housing programs. The FY 1999 budget expanded HUD's Fair Housing programs to \$40 million -- a \$10 million increase over FY 1998 funding. That 33 percent increase included \$7.5 million for a new audit-based enforcement initiative proposed by the Administration.

Adding a New Statue to the FDR Memorial. On May 2, 1997, President Clinton dedicated the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial to honor the thirty-second President of the United States. On July 2, 1998, Vice President Gore announced that

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Launch of New Public-Private Effort to Improve the Diagnosis and Treatment of Children with Emotional and Behavioral Conditions

Remarks by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Indian Treaty Room
Roosevelt Room
March 20, 2000

Thank you all for joining us here this morning. I want to thank Secretary Shalala for her leadership, and I'm also pleased she refuses to sit still. Because whenever our children's health is at stake, she's out there working very hard to make sure we all pay attention.

Also, I'm pleased to be joined not only by Secretary Shalala, but by Surgeon General David Satcher, and FDA Director Jane Henney, and NIMH Commissioner Dr. Steve Hyman, and Dr. Judith Heumann, and representatives from many of the groups who are on the frontlines working on behalf of all of our children, particularly children with behavioral and emotional challenges.

We just came from a meeting where we talked about what more we can do to ensure that children with emotional and behavioral problems get the diagnosis and treatment they need, and when they need it. Today's meeting and the announcements around it are important steps, but they are certainly not the last step we need to take in ensuring that all of our children get the health and support and treatment that they deserve.

You know, when a child comes to us who is hurt or sick, there is nothing more terrifying for any of us, especially parents, when we don't know how to make it better. If they have a broken arm, we want to fix it; if they have a deadly disease, we want to do everything we possibly can to cure it. And it's no different if the problem they bring to us lies in

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starting from scratch. We have already taken critical steps over the past few years to ensure that drugs are being tested and labeled specifically for children. Some of you may remember that was a long, drawn out struggle, that we were finally able to make progress and we were able to make an announcement at the White House last year. In so doing, we have learned that finding the right prescription for a child is not always just a matter of decreasing the dosage.

You know, I think it's important that all of us adults recognize that children are not just miniature adults; that their systems, their developmental needs, are different from that of an adult. We also learned quite a bit from the first ever Surgeon General's report on mental illness, which came out in December. It grew out of the White House Conference on Mental Illness, led by Tipper Gore. It taught us that the stigma of mental illness is worse for children; that too many health care professionals lack training in the area of children's mental, emotional and behavioral needs; and that we have a long way to go to increase awareness about children's mental health.

So clearly, we must do more. We know that the questions being raised are very difficult and they cannot be answered overnight. And they certainly won't be answered by the government, or health care professionals or educators or parents acting alone. Every single person with a stake in our children's health has an important role to play.

So I'm very pleased today to announce some of the immediate steps we are taking to make sure that children with mental illness, with behavioral and emotional problems, get the right care at the right time.

As our meeting made clear, we already know a lot about the proper diagnosis and treatment of emotional and behavioral problems in children. But that critical information has not reached many of the people who need it most—many of the parents, many of the teachers, many of the school nurses, many of the school social workers, many of the family physicians, many of the pediatricians—so there are a few things we are going to try to do to change that.

Today, the NIMH is releasing a new, easy to understand fact sheet that parents can use to make the right decisions about their children's treatment for these conditions. The Education Department will soon release an information kit to help parents and teachers better care for children with ADHD.

herself. So it's often difficult to find out what kind of conditions in the child's life led to—if there is a cause and effect—the kind of behavior that is being observed. So I know firsthand—from 30 years of work on my own behalf, and watching experts who are really on the frontlines of this—that this is a very big challenge we are taking on today.

But I am also concerned that we are seeing increasing numbers of children who are both being diagnosed with certain disorders and whose behaviors are crying out for helpful intervention. We spoke earlier today in our meeting about the increasing number of very young children in foster care. The fastest growing group of children being put into foster care are children under 5. They come into foster care because of abuse or neglect and they therefore have more than the kinds of problems that one would expect in the population at large. We talked about the increasing numbers of children who are in the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems. We are not doing what we need to do to help intervene and treat those children, just as we are not providing adequate medical and mental health services in our adult prisons. These are problems that affect all of society, not just the individual with the specific problem or that individual's family or those teachers and others that come into contact with that young person. This has ramifications for all of us.

All we need to do is look back a few weeks and think about the 6-year-old that brought the gun to school to kill the other 6-year-old. That is a problem that did not just occur the morning the child picked that gun up off of the bed in that terrible condition in which he was living. So all of us have a stake in the research, the diagnosis and the treatment. And I would also add that we need some other people at the table, and we're going to try to do that through Dr. Satcher's efforts and the efforts of the associations represented here. We need to be sure that the insurance industry, the HMO industry, the pharmaceutical industry—as well as decision-makers at all levels of government—are also at the table. We do have a lot of information about what works, but we need more. And that's what this meeting and these announcements are about. But we should at least be trying to implement what we do know works while we look for more answers, and follow up on the efforts that will be underway.

You know, when a child is sad or misbehaving, it is never easy for even the most well-intentioned, best-meaning parent to figure out what is happening. Anyone who has ever had a child who is

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HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

July 28, 1999

No one should be forced to choose between health care and a job, but that is exactly what happens to millions of people with disabilities in this country every day.

Joann Elliot worked as a food-service worker at St. Elizabeth's Hospital here in Washington for 20 years. She loved her job, but in 1991, a massive stroke left her paralyzed on her left side. Now, she needs a wheelchair to get around and help with bathing, dressing and completing other day-to-day activities.

Because she had to give up her job, Joann receives Social Security Disability Insurance, Medicare and Medicaid to cover her personal-care assistant, prescriptions, special equipment, therapy and some transportation. But she wants to go back to work. "I don't like staying at home," she explains. "I want to get out and be productive."

Here's the problem: If Joann finds a job -- even a low-paying one -- she'll lose her Medicaid benefits -- the very health care coverage that she needs to be able to go to work. Karen Moore, who is a wheelchair user, was thrilled when she found a job as a dispatcher for the River Cities, S.D., Transit System. When she began working full-time, Karen found that she needed less medical care, made new friends and was able to reduce her SSDI benefits.

But like Joann, she also found herself in a Catch-22. She depends on an attendant to get ready for work every day, but lost coverage for that care once she went to work. "I believe in contributing for these services," she says, "but the current arrangement makes it impossible for me to continue working."

After David Robar sustained a spinal-cord injury in

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overwhelming bipartisan vote of 99-0, the Senate passed a bill. But the full House has yet to act.

In many ways, work helps build our self-respect as well as our nation's economy. But although our nation is enjoying its lowest unemployment in a generation, too many Americans with disabilities cannot participate because of the barriers that still stand.

Ignoring the potential of these citizens is not only a missed opportunity for them, it is a missed opportunity for the entire country. Let's celebrate the anniversary of the ADA by opening the doors of opportunity for millions of Americans even wider, so that no American has to choose between going to work and paying medical bills ever again.

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Hospital, and very interested in the intersection of mental illness and the law and in the development of children and other issues that we were only then just beginning to address. And we didn't have a lot of evidence to back up what we needed to know or how we should proceed with the treatment of a lot of the problems that we saw.

Well, today we know a lot more. And it is really our obligation and responsibility, therefore, to begin to act on that scientific knowledge. And I'm very pleased to be talking with a distinguished group of panelists about the science of mental health and mental illness.

We're happy to have with us Dr. Steven Hyman. He is a distinguished scientist who directs the National Institute of Mental Health, one of the institutes of the National Institutes of Health. And I want to start with Doctor Hyman.

Dr. Hyman, you have been dealing with some very difficult diseases that affect millions of people. We've already heard several mentioned—clinical depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia. What progress have we made in learning about these diseases in the last few years so that we understand them more scientifically, and, therefore, have a better idea of what to do about them?

DR. HYMAN: Well, Mrs. Clinton, the first thing that we've recognized is that the numbers are indeed enormous. More than 19 million Americans suffer from depression. More than 2 million children. More than 2 million Americans have schizophrenia. And the World Bank and the World Health Organization have recognized that depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide, including the United States.

We have also learned some very important facts about these illnesses, and if I can just encapsulate them briefly, it's that these are real illnesses of a real organ—the brain. Just like coronary artery disease is a disease of a real organ—the heart. We can make diagnoses, and these diseases are treatable.

In addition, we've learned that these diseases should be treated just like general medical disorders. If you have heart disease you would get not only medication, but also rehabilitation, dietary counseling, stress reduction. So it is with a mental illness. We've heard a lot already today about medication, but people need to get their medication in the context of appropriate psychotherapies and other psycho-social treatments. (Applause.)

MRS. CLINTON: So how then has these scientific discoveries changed the way that we as a society deal with mental illness? And following up on what you

desensitizes the person, you can see new spots of activity—they're shown in green—and they represent activation of our prefrontal cortex, a modern part of the brain—which is actually able to suppress some of the fear circuitry.

Now, I don't want to over-sell this, but ultimately we're going to understand how these treatments work in the brain.

And then, finally, I just want to show you a picture that is somewhat alarming, but what we see here on the left, someone with—a healthy person with a normal brain, and then on the right someone who has had severe depression for a long time. What you see outlined in red at the bottom is that a key structure acquired from memory—actually gets smaller, it deteriorates if depression is not treated.

Now, this is not so hopeless as it seems because we believe that with treatment these changes can be reversed. But I'm showing you these pictures again to remind us that these are real diseases of a real organ—the brain—that we can make diagnoses and that these should be treated just like general medical illnesses. (Applause.)

MRS. CLINTON: You know, this is very exciting to all of us, because I think we can, in our own memories, think of diseases that have gone through a process of first being just mysterious; and then myths and stigmas associated with them; and then finally, science being brought to bear, and then the better they're understood, the more diagnosable and treatable they become.

That's why I'm also very pleased that in July, under your leadership, the NIMH will launch a \$7.3 million landmark study to determine the nature of mental illness and treatments. This will be a study that will help us guide strategies and policies for the next century by collecting information on mental illness, including the prevalence and duration of it, as well as the types of treatments that are most commonly used.

NIMH will announce the launch of two new clinical trials, investing a total of \$61 million, to build effective treatments for those affected by mental illness. So we're taking this information and we're not just leaving it in a laboratory. We are attempting to use it to implement better policies and better treatment modalities.

And I would just underscore something that was said, and that is that as we learn more, through the human genome project, we have to be even more careful to guard against discrimination against both physical and

MRS. CLINTON: I think that's so right. I remember when Betty Ford went public with her breast cancer. And to the best of my memory, that was the first time anyone in a position like that had, and what a difference that made.

Let me ask you, do children have particular needs, though, when it comes to mental illness, so that we can't just talk about mental illness generally; we do need to talk specifically about children's needs.

DR. KOPLEWICZ: Right. Well, as we all know, kids are not little adults, their brains are different. But child psychiatry has really lagged behind in many ways. I mean, there are three major problems—one is access. It is really a problem because there are 6,000 child and adolescent psychiatrists in the whole country. Pediatricians get very little training about mental health. And in many states across the United States Medicaid does not pay, forcing parents or forcing school officials or school teachers, so that treating a child is much more complex.

The next issue is research—not only basic epidemiology, treatment, prevention—in many ways we lag behind. And while the funding has increased dramatically in the last six years, it's still out of whack when you consider the impact and how common these child psychiatric illnesses are in society. So compared to childhood cancer, we really are not dedicating nearly enough funds for the research of child mental health.

And the last part again, of course, is that it's the stigma. The stigma is worse for kids. Let me remind you, teenagers are never volunteering to be customers for mental health services. So parents not only feel bad about themselves, many people are telling them they've done something wrong and then the kid doesn't want to go on top of that. So those things are much more difficult for children, adolescents, than for adults.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I think that part of what we we've got to do, though, is reflect how we can both identify and get help to children who need it, whether or not they want it or are willing to accept it. I think all of us have the tragedy at Littleton in mind, and we also know of the other school shootings; and in the ones that don't get as much publicity, there may have been signs, there may have been some way that we could have intervened and prevented.

So what can we do to intervene early, before mental illness causes a child to be violent to others or, as we see increasingly, to be a victim of suicide, which is a leading cause of death of young people?

I want to thank our three panelists and really not only thank them, but all of you who work on the issue of mental health and mental illness, and particularly the scientific research that we're learning so much more about. And, hopefully, this conference and the work that is being done because of it will get that word out to many, many Americans, and maybe they'll say, well, you know, I heard Dr. Hyman or I saw the pictures or I listened to the Congresswoman or whatever it might be. And for that, we're very grateful, and especially to you, Tipper. So, back to you. (Applause.)

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None of us would be here today—not Suzie, not Paul, not me, not Mary—none of us, were it not for the inspirational life and work of our friend Elizabeth Glaser. Her spirit animates this gathering, as it does any time we come together. No one fought harder—or more—to bring attention and resources to the issue of pediatric AIDS. No one who ever heard her speak or met her will ever forget that fabulous laugh and that very persistent effort that she put into making it clear to all she met that this was an issue that was not just confined to those who were suffering from the tragedy of HIV and AIDS—and particularly as it affected children—but for every human being. And that work that she started and that spirit that is still with us has brought hope to millions and millions of children and adults who suffer from this disease. She transformed literally the way this country responds to HIV and AIDS.

It was something that started very simply, sitting around a kitchen table with Suzie and Susan, and deciding to undertake what must, at that time, have seemed like an impossible task. But once again, one person and a small group of people have made a tremendous difference. And as Margaret Mead famously once said, “It is only a small group of people who ever make a difference in changing the direction of the world.”

So here we are to celebrate the 10th anniversary, a “decade of progress, a decade of promise,” and to go forward into this upcoming decade with the same level of commitment, motivation, and dedication. And there is no group that has done more than this foundation to make it possible for us to say that we are looking at a decade of promise.

Ten years ago, almost no one knew about AIDS, let alone that it could be transmitted from mother to child. There was ignorance; there was fear. And we have come a very long way indeed. We’ve come to the point where we can say that there is a pediatric AIDS research agenda and that we can point to the progress that all of us have seen made because of the dedication of scientists.

We can look back at the decade of breakthroughs that have dramatically reduced mother-to-child transmission and greatly improved the quality of life and life expectancy of infected children. There are also more drugs—once only available to adults—that are now benefiting children.

I want to underscore something Paul said and thank

medical education. This is something that has worried me for quite sometime. Some of you may know that graduate medical education—how we fund the training of our physicians, our research scientists, our hospitals, and our medical centers—is funded by Medicare. And what we have found over the last several years is that the funding for those who work with children and are being trained to work with children is grossly disproportionate to the need. I can't remember the exact figures, but something like over \$9,000 a year is spent out of Medicare to fund the training and work of physicians who work with adults, and about \$400 a year for those physicians working with children. We have worked for quite sometime to change that, and I am very proud that the President's budget will make a start on that.

There is no way we could talk about treating children with HIV or AIDS or any chronic or acute condition if we don't have the doctors and the trained staff ready and able to treat them throughout our country. So we need to do more to train doctors who care for our children and provide vital health services for the poorest, the sickest, and the most vulnerable among our children.

Too long children's hospitals have been trying to carry this responsibility without adequate resources. I ran into Senator Kennedy as I got off the elevator. Senator Kennedy and others have introduced a bipartisan piece of legislation to make permanent the funding of those who work for children's health and I hope, in addition to the grant, we will see a permanent solution to this problem.

But we have a lot of work ahead of us. Here, and around the world especially, new HIV infections are increasing, and women of color and young people are among the most vulnerable. Every hour of every day, two more American adolescents are infected with HIV. And around the world, 1,600 children are infected every single day.

As we all know, the ravages of pediatric AIDS are the most severe in the developing countries, where over 90 percent of new infections now occur. By the end of this year, 40 million people will be living with HIV or AIDS. And by the end of the next decade, AIDS will have orphaned over 40 million children.

Now when you're confronted with statistics like these, it is sometimes difficult not to feel overwhelmed. But the founders of this foundation and this effort, and Elizabeth herself, would not accept that as an excuse at all. The legacy that

the award.]

Next is Dr. Jule Overbaugh from Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. She is collaborating with other researchers to further reduce mother-child HIV transmission—particularly during breastfeeding. You know, we spent years persuading women in developing countries to breast feed. This was one of the great causes of the 1970's and early 80's, to persuade them that their breast milk was more effective for their children to build up their child's immune system, and not to be persuaded by advertisements promoting the use of formula when they didn't even have clean water that they could mix with the formula. But, of course, now we are trying to figure out what we do with that success, because the breast feeding, which is very important for many reasons, is one of the ways that HIV is transmitted. As part of the work that Dr. Overbaugh is doing, she is studying HIV-infected infants and mothers in Nairobi, Kenya. And I want to thank her also for helping to focus on the issue in Africa. Congratulations. [The First Lady presents the award.]

Dr. Paul Johnson from Harvard Medical School is researching new ways to help boost the immune system's response to HIV infection in children. And that is something else that we are so hopeful about, to learn more about what can be done to fend off HIV once it enters into a child's system, to prolong life and really do everything we can to diminish the impact of HIV and postpone or eliminate the development of AIDS. Thank you, Dr. Johnson for your important work. [The First Lady presents the award.]

You know, I feel, as I hand out these awards to these scientists, the way I felt when I first went to a doctor younger than myself. These four incredible scientists are so young, and for all of us we think of that as a very hopeful sign that the research that is going on is engaging the attention and the intelligence and expertise of our young scientists and researchers. And certainly by evidence of them today and the work that they are doing, we have every reason to be hopeful. So let me on behalf of the foundation thank all of you who have been part of this work, who have been involved in carving out this very unique contribution that the foundation is making to furthering scientific endeavor and to highlighting the work that these four scientists are doing.

It is a pleasure and an honor for me to be part of this presentation once again, and to do all that I can

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Not long ago, I had the opportunity to catch up with an old friend from Chicago. In the course of the conversation, he told me about his daughter, Lauren. Although Lauren was a happy, healthy baby at birth, she began to have seizures at the age of 7 months. Seventeen years later, the seizures continue, the cause has never been identified, and Lauren's development has been irrevocably delayed. She will never live independently and will require lifelong supervision and support. As her father spoke, I could see and hear the devastating impact Lauren's epilepsy has had, not only on her own life but also on her entire family.

When I heard Lauren's story, I was determined to learn more about this condition and bolster this administration's efforts to improve treatment and find a cure.

Nearly 200,000 Americans are diagnosed with epilepsy each year. Current treatments control symptoms in most of their cases. Yet the word epilepsy still provokes profound fear and misunderstanding.

Epilepsy is a chronic brain disorder characterized by spontaneous, recurrent seizures that range from brief lapses in attention to prolonged losses of consciousness with convulsions. It affects more than 2 million Americans -- one out of every 100. Of these, 300,000 are children. Head injuries, brain tumors, stroke, lead poisoning, genetic conditions and infectious illnesses can cause epilepsy. But in more than half of all cases -- like Lauren's -- no explanation is ever found.

According to a new report, "Epilepsy: A Report to the Nation," sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of America, anti-seizure drugs and other forms of

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who have been touched by epilepsy. Some share the pain of lives destroyed and promising futures extinguished. Others marvel at the seemingly miraculous -- when drugs, surgery or diet actually bring an end to the nightmare.

But the message is the same: More research dollars are critical if we are to devise innovative, safe and effective treatments or find a cure. No one has said it better than the parents of 12-year-old Philip Gattone, whose seizures ceased following a combination of successful surgery and drug therapy. They wrote:

"Today, Philip plays sports, participates in school activities and clubs, and loves learning. He has friends that care about him. He is our hero.

"There are so many children that need help. The fight for a cure is a daily battle, and it is real. It is a fight that must be won. Only research and new treatments will help these special families achieve their dreams of recovery from epilepsy."

For more information on epilepsy, visit the Epilepsy Foundation of America at www.efa.org.

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You know, often better than most Americans, how easy it is to be victimized by a health care system that discriminates against pre existing conditions, that does not offer adequate long term care choices such as personal assistance and other supports that people with mental retardation and their families need to rely on to fulfill their lives and to be productive citizens.

We are trying in our health care reform approach to deal with several of the problems that are most important to The Arc. We want to expand home and community based services to persons with mental retardation.

You know so well that we have to have the capacity to support people while they live in their homes or in alternative living arrangements, and that you know so well that it is the right thing to do both in terms of the human dimensions and in terms of the economics. For too long we have looked to institutionalized care and, as the wonderful introduction of Senator Chafee pointed out, we are beginning to understand the human and economic costs that that has made on our society. But we still have not recognized how much better it would be if we could provide more support for home and community based arrangements. The health care reform plan will move beyond even the legislation that was mentioned and will finally make it clear that regardless of income or age, individuals with severe disabilities should have the options to choose home based care or community based care.

Also, as part of the overall plan we are leaving in place programs that have provided health and assistance. In fact, really the theme of health care reform, as far as the President is concerned, is let's preserve what is right about the American system and fix what is wrong. So one of the features that we will be preserving is Intermediate Care Facilities/ Mental Retardation and the Medicaid home and community based waiver program. In fact, we would like to be able - assuming we can afford to do so - to increase the living allowances for residents of ICFMR from the \$30 to higher - maybe as high as \$100 a month, if we are able to do that.

You know, when the President in his speech held up that health security card - and I hope you saw that on television - he didn't hold it up and he didn't say you will only be able to get this if you are a certain age, or if you have never been sick, or if you do not have any mental retardation. He held it up and said: every

comprehensive, and that means it has to provide a comprehensive set of benefits.

It cannot discriminate against any American. It must be appropriate in the sense that it should build on what works. It should provide access to adequate quality affordable health care in appropriate settings, based upon choices that individuals make that are best for them and their families. It must, it must have equity, and if it is comprehensive and does not discriminate it should have equity; but, it needs to have safeguards built in so that all of us feel that we are not being taken advantage of or discriminated against. And it must have efficiency. Efficiency in the better delivery of health care services at a more cost effective level. This will be one of the great debates that we will be having as to how much efficiency we are able to achieve. But The Arc, for many of the programs that you are involved with, you have seen models that work. You know of more efficient ways of delivering health care services to people with mental retardation. That is true across our country. And, what we need is to build in incentives so that efficiency is rewarded and that those who are inefficient, who don't deliver high quality care at a cost efficient affordable rate, will learn how to do better because there will be incentives in the system for them to become more efficient. And we will need your voices and your experiences, speaking loudly to people all over America about how we can do the job better. I share the confidence and optimism that Senator Chafee just said in his introduction. I know, I know we are going to have health care reform in 1994. We are going to have it because it is the right thing to do. Because we know that to stay with the status quo is no longer an option and because so many people, including those in The Arc, have worked too long and too hard to try to make things better for us to give up now on what is an historic opportunity.

So, I came here today mostly to say thank you. Thank you, not only for the support you have given in the last months to this health care reform effort, but thank you for the support and the advocacy and the caring, and the example you have given this country for decades. Our time has finally arrived. If we work together we will see the fruits of your labor, and we will all be prouder to be Americans and to live in the country that gives us the best opportunities in the world if we are only willing to take the responsibility to make it so.

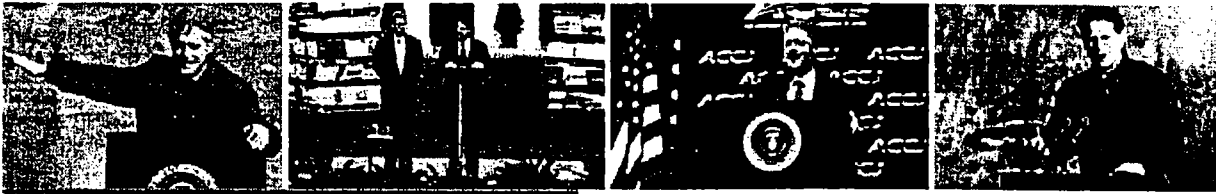
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SPIRIT OF THE ADA MONTH, 2000

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

The enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 10 years ago this month signaled a transformation in our Nation's public policies toward people with disabilities. America is now a dramatically different -- and better -- country because of the ADA.

In the last 10 years, we have worked hard to eliminate harmful stereotypes and have grown to understand disability as a natural part of the human experience. We are taking steps, such as renovating and constructing public accommodations to make them fully accessible, to ensure that people with disabilities are fully integrated into our communities and workplaces. And we have come to appreciate that people with disabilities are a key element -- and an untapped resource -- in sustaining our Nation's historic economic growth.

Throughout our Administration, Vice President Gore and I have worked hard to achieve the ADA's core goals -- equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. Our Administration has vigorously defended the ADA in court cases across the Nation; we are collaborating with State Medicaid directors to implement the Supreme Court's 1999 Olmstead decision, which prohibits unjustified isolation of institutionalized persons with disabilities; we helped ensure that 80 percent of America's public transit buses are now accessible; we are implementing the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act, which I proudly signed into law last December; we have worked closely with schools and colleges to improve the enrollment, retention, and graduation of students with disabilities; and my Task Force on Employment of Adults with Disabilities is developing far-reaching

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR. *T.M.*
KRIS M. BALDERSTON

SUBJECT: Summary of Cabinet Weekly Reports *LM3*
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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- **Taxes:** Three pieces of major tax legislation moved through Congress this week. On July 19, the House Ways and Means Committee approved, on a party-line vote, legislation to reduce the maximum proportion of Social Security benefits subject to the individual income tax. Specifically, the legislation repeals the 1993 Budget provision that increased the amount of Social Security benefits subject to taxation from 50 percent to 85 percent. The legislation would reduce the Medicare Trust Fund by \$310B over the next two decades, cut its solvency by five years, and would benefit less than 20 percent of Social Security beneficiaries. On July 19, the House approved, by a vote of 401-25, the Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act, which would, among other things, increase the IRA contribution limit, allow for catch-up contributions, increase the dollar limit on annual elective deferrals under section 401(k) plans and section 403(b) annuities, and weaken anti-discrimination rules. On July 20, the House approved, by a vote of 271-156, compromise marriage penalty legislation. On the same day, Secretary Summers sent a letter to Congressional leadership explaining that the compromise legislation is significantly more costly — \$281B over ten years — than previous marriage penalty legislation, and that your senior advisors would recommend that you veto it. On July 21, the Senate also approved the legislation, by a vote of 60-34, thus clearing it for transmission to you.
 - **Philippines:** On July 26, Secretary Summers will meet with the Philippine Finance Secretary, who is accompanying Philippine President Estrada on his trip to Washington. Secretary Summers will raise concerns about weak implementation of the IMF program for the Philippines, which is scheduled to resume July 26 after nearly a year's delay. Problems containing the budget deficit and passing energy sector reform legislation, as

on the currency. Secretary Summers will also urge Secretary Pardo to strengthen anti money-laundering laws, particularly regarding bank secrecy. The Philippines were recently named by the G-7 as a non-cooperative country in the fight against money laundering.

- **Community Reinvestment Act (CRA):** On July 17, the Federal Reserve Board released a study commissioned by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley financial modernization legislation on the performance and profitability of CRA lending (lending by banks and thrifts to lower-income borrowers and communities). Although some Members of Congress expected the survey to demonstrate that CRA lending is unprofitable and risky, it instead found that while some institutions experienced differences in profitability, on the whole, CRA lending was as profitable for lenders as other types of lending, and most institutions reported such loans as having credit losses the same as or less than other loans.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- **Fugitive Captured:** On July 9, a defendant on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List who had eluded capture for six years was arrested in Mexico. In 1994, the defendant and three others were charged with killing an undercover DEA agent. The three co-defendants were arrested immediately after the homicide, were convicted in state court, and are currently in prison.
- **Internet Safety Workshops:** The U.S. Attorney's Office in MD, in response to the potential dangers faced by children using the Internet, developed an Internet Safety Education program for parents, school administrators, and other interested parties. The program is currently offered to parent-teacher associations. Topics include parental safeguarding of home computers, the need for parents to become actively involved in children's usage of the Internet, and the reporting of computer crimes to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

- **Pacific Salmon:** DOI is working with CEQ toward the release next week of a draft biological opinion on salmon, bull trout, and other endangered fish species in the Columbia/Snake River systems in the northwest. The release of the draft biological opinions, together with a basin-wide restoration plan, will generate significant press interest because it will address, among other things, tough actions that need to be taken to restore depleted fishery stocks. The actions called for will focus heavily on improving salmon habitat on Federal and private lands and changes in hydropower operations by Federal agencies.

- **Johnston Island Cleanup:** Federal wildlife officials in HI are concerned that a proposed DOD cleanup of radioactive soil on Johnston Island may not protect the rich marine environment near the tiny outpost. The cleanup, part of the military departure from the island after decades of use, is needed to remove soil contaminated by three failed tests of nuclear missiles in 1962. Because of their design, none of the missiles involved in the failed tests created a nuclear blast, but their weapons-grade plutonium contaminated the island and nearby lagoon. Currently, there are about 45,000 metric tons of contaminated soil, some of it several times hotter than the level DOD proposes to leave behind. DOI proposes that all the material be removed to a dump on the mainland, which would cost about \$40M.
- **Water Drilling and Production Platform:** Exxon/Mobil Corporation recently announced the initiation of oil and gas production from the world's deepest-water drilling and production platform --the Hoover/Diana development in the Gulf of Mexico. The Hoover and Diana fields are located in 4,800 feet of water, 200 miles south of Houston and contain estimated recoverable hydrocarbons equivalent to more than 300 million barrels of oil.
- **Rainfall-Intensity Project:** The Rainfall-Intensity Database Project is one of four sub-projects included within the Regional Water Data Banks Project conducted by USGS. A team of Israeli, Jordanian, and Palestinian experts will be assembled under the general management of USGS to develop, document, and enter data into the rainfall database. The team will incorporate meteorology, hydrometry, hydrology, and geographic information systems data.
- **Gray Wolf Reclassification:** Robust wolf populations in the upper Great Lakes area and a successful wolf reintroduction program in the northern Rocky Mountains have prompted FWS to propose to reclassify the gray wolf from endangered to threatened in some parts of the country and remove the species from the Endangered Species list in other areas. While the move by FWS would affect the status of gray wolves throughout most of the U.S., Mexican gray wolves in the Southwest would remain endangered, as would red wolves in the Southeast.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- **VT Sheep Infection:** USDA continues to work to obtain approximately 400 sheep from three owners in VT as a result of finding transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) in the sheep. Imported from Belgium in 1996, the sheep may have consumed ruminant feed and have been, with their progeny, under quarantine since September 1998. Milk and cheese from the sheep, and some of their slaughtered offspring had been sold for human consumption prior to the quarantine. Since USDA's emergency order on July 14 to destroy the sheep with compensation at fair market value, one owner has voluntarily

complied. The other two owners have sought injunctive relief against USDA. VT's Public Health Commissioner has issued a statement recommending that consumers not eat cheese from these sheep, consistent with advice from the CDC. The VT delegation has issued a statement expressing sympathy for the owners but supporting USDA's actions.

- **Disaster Declaration:** On July 17, Secretary Glickman declared agricultural disaster areas in a number of counties in AZ, UT, NM, and CO because of drought. On July 13, Secretary Glickman had declared all of GA and large parts of FL and SC as agricultural disaster areas, also due to long-term drought. The declarations enable farmers in those areas to apply for low-interest USDA emergency loans, and will help eligible ranchers get water to livestock. USDA is also reviewing requests for haying or grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage in these states, and has made almost \$1.4M available in cost-share assistance to GA producers under the Emergency Conservation Program.
- **HACCP-Based Inspection Models Project (HIMP):** On July 17, USDA announced that, according to preliminary data, the HIMP program is leading to dramatic improvements in food safety. In participating plants, food safety defects in young chickens have dropped by at least 92 percent. For five categories that address conditions not posing a food-safety hazard, improvements were documented in four categories under the HIMP system. Reports in the *Washington Times* as well as an editorial in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* wrongly claimed that USDA was allowing cancer, tumors, and open sores to be classified as safe for human consumption. As the newly released data on improved food safety reflects, HIMP food safety standards are more stringent than in the past, not less.
- **Commodity Markets:** Slow farmer selling boosted wheat cash prices, but USDA's forecast of higher U.S. and global ending stocks sent futures lower. Corn cash prices were up slightly on slow farmer selling early in the week, but futures fell sharply following USDA's forecast of the second-largest corn crop ever. Soybean cash prices held firm in sympathy with corn, but futures dropped steadily in the face of improving weather in the Midwest. Rice cash prices were unchanged, but new-crop futures moved higher as USDA confirmed a smaller 2000 crop. Dryness in the MS Delta helped cotton prices rebound. Cattle prices move up slightly in light trade. Cash hog prices rose slightly on reports of spot shortages, but large inventories sent futures sharply lower. Broiler prices were almost unchanged. Stock liquidation led cheese prices lower. Butter prices dropped in volatile trading.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- **Mineta Confirmation:** On July 20, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Norman Mineta as Secretary of Commerce by voice vote.
- **Southeast Drought:** Critically dry conditions and high temperatures continue over the southeastern U.S. though recent showers have brought much-needed relief to parts of GA and FL. Water restrictions remain in effect in GA, but the worst of the drought is now in AL, which missed most of the recent rains and endured temperatures as high as 105 degrees during the past week. AL's corn crop condition is rated 53 percent poor to very poor, with the peanut crop at 72 percent poor to very poor. More long-term relief may be warranted for FL and eastern GA, where the August-to-October outlook calls for slightly enhanced odds for above-normal rainfall. DOC's National Weather Service office and River Forecast Center in Atlanta are providing weather, hydrological information, and forecasts to state and local governments.
- **Columbia River Dams:** The NOAA Fisheries Northwest Regional Administrator testified before a Senate Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee on July 19 to address the status of the draft Federal Columbia River Hydropower System Biological Opinion. The Subcommittee is interested in the Administration's salmon recovery strategy.
- **Marine Protected Areas:** DOC's National Ocean Service Sanctuary staff is actively involved in the working groups implementing your Executive Order on Marine Protected Areas. Sanctuary staff personnel are developing a website, definitions, and inventory, and are working toward developing the Marine Protected Area Center. The Sanctuary Program is also actively involved in the development of the plan for comprehensive management of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale Sanctuary.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

- **Steelworkers Union Arbitration:** Members of the United Steelworkers Union overwhelmingly approved a binding arbitration proposal that was tentatively reached by negotiators for the union and Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation on July 13. The parties have until July 28 to reach a negotiated settlement. This will end the 21-month-old strike and lockout affecting the company and almost 3,000 workers at five plants in OH, LA, and WA. The arbitrator, under the terms of the tentative agreement, would end the dispute by the end of September 2000. Key issues in any arbitrated solution will be the contracting-out of jobs and health care considerations.

- **Federally Employed Women (FEW) Event:** On July 17-21, FEW, Inc. will host its 31st Annual National Training Program in New Orleans, LA. FEW, Inc., the only national organization representing the needs and concerns of female Federal employees, represents more than one million civilian and military women employed by the Federal government. The event will host approximately 2,500 women, and is designed to meet the special needs and problems of women employees. DOL will use the event to raise awareness on the issue of Equal Pay under its Women's Bureau Initiative, "Equal Pay Matters." DOL will disseminate "Equal Pay Matters" packages at the conference.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- **1998 National Vital Statistics Report:** On July 24, the CDC will publish a report on final death data for 1998, which will include latest infant mortality, life expectancy, leading causes of death by age, race, and sex, and detailed data on firearm mortality. These data are based on death records provided by states through the National Vital Statistics Cooperative Program. Life expectancy at birth increased to a record high of 76.7 years in 1998, up from 76.5 in 1997, and the infant mortality rate remained unchanged in 1998 at 7.2 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. The infant mortality rates for black infants continued to be more than twice that of white infants. Firearm deaths for children and adolescents ages 19 and under dropped ten percent between 1997 and 1998, from 4,223 in 1997 to 3,792 in 1998.
- **Health Services for Minorities:** On July 19, HHS will announce the availability of up to \$1.6M to help improve local access to substance abuse prevention, addiction treatment, and mental health services by racial/ethnic minority communities. Grants will be awarded to four or five national or regional non-profit organizations to establish and work in formal partnership with local community-based organizations to improve access to high-quality, culturally relevant, gender-sensitive, and age-appropriate mental health and substance abuse services for ethnic/minority populations. Project results will provide information on the most effective ways in which collaboration between national and community-based organizations can help reduce disparities not only in access to services for substance abuse and mental illnesses, but also in rates of these health problems among selected populations.
- **Section 1115 Demonstration Projects:** By the end of July, HCFA will announce guidance to states on section 1115 demonstration projects in the State Children's Health Insurance Program, offering states new ways to advance the goal of providing health care coverage to low-income children.
- **Pharmaceutical Costs Conference:** On August 8-9, the HHS Conference on Pharmaceutical Costs and Pricing Practices will be held at Georgetown University. The conference will bring together 150 key stakeholders, researchers, and policymakers who

will together examine a range of issues including the factors influencing prescription drug costs and expenditures, the elements of drug pricing practices, the effects of changes in utilization patterns, and strategies for controlling costs while realizing the benefits of pharmaceutical advances. The conference follows up on a directive you issued on April 10.



- **ARKids Announcement:** On July 21, HCFA will notify AR that it cannot place children who are eligible for the basic Medicaid program in the state's Medicaid demonstration, ARKids First. The State's proposed change would remove important safeguards designed to assure that children receive the protections and benefits for which they are eligible.

- **1998 Hospital Closures:** By the end of July, HHS's Inspector General will release a final report on hospital closures. The 1998 report continues HHS's analysis on the extent and effects of hospital closures. Forty-three hospitals closed in 1998, 0.9 percent of all hospitals. Five more hospitals closed in 1998 than closed in 1997, however, the additional closings were offset by fourteen hospitals that opened or reopened in 1998, eleven more than in 1997. Most of the hospitals that closed were small and had low occupancy rates. Although residents of some communities had to travel greater distances for hospital care, most had emergency and inpatient medical care available within ten miles of a closed hospital. After closure, 47 percent of the hospitals were being used for other health-related services, such as 24-hour urgent care clinics and long-term care facilities.



- **West Nile Virus (WNV) Activity:** In May 2000, CDC issued guidelines to direct national surveillance, prevention, and control efforts and provided funds to support mosquito-control efforts in 19 state and local health departments where WNV transmission had occurred or where transmission would probably occur based on known bird migration patterns. CDC's July 21 *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* presents the findings of surveillance activities.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- **U.S.-China Housing Initiative:** From July 24-28, HUD will host a delegation of 14 Chinese housing finance specialists who will study mortgage securitization in the U.S. The group will conduct a study tour as part of a U.S.-China mortgage securitization pilot project designed by HUD and the MOC under the U.S.-China Housing Initiative. The Chinese delegation will meet with experts from the FHA, Ginnie Mae, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, and private corporations to study the design and operation of the U.S. secondary mortgage market.



• **Teacher Next Door:** Secretary Cuomo has announced the arrival of HUD's Teacher Next Door initiative in the NY cities of Amsterdam, Cohoes, and Buffalo, and elsewhere around the nation to enable public and private school teachers to buy HUD-owned homes for half price in economically distressed neighborhoods. The NY communities became eligible for the initiative when additional revitalization areas were designated in NY earlier this month. HUD's current inventory of Teacher Next Door homes in NY is made up of 765 single-family houses, townhouses, and condominiums. Many cities in NY have homes that can be purchased under this initiative. The same group of homes are available for sale to police officers at half price under HUD's companion Officer Next Door initiative.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- **Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART) PSAs:** On July 28, Secretary Slater, CART officials, and representatives of Target Stores and Ford Racing will participate in a CART/DOT press conference at the Chicago Grand Prix in Cicero, IL. DOT and CART entered into a partnership with other transportation partners at the 1999 National Transportation Safety Conference. The event will announce the third year of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) partnership with CART, and will recognize Target and Ford Racing for their safety activities. NHTSA has collaborated with Ford Racing to produce four television spots promoting the Administration's Buckle-Up America Initiative and vehicle safety efforts. These English and Spanish spots feature drivers Michael Andretti and Adrian Fernandez.
- **Atlanta's Rapid Transit Grant:** On July 25, Secretary Slater will announce \$44M in Federal Transit Administration funding for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA). These funds will be used to continue the extension of MARTA's service area, and will help with the purchase of 56 new rail cars that will be needed to operate the expanded system.
- **Rural Transportation Website:** During the week of July 24, DOT and USDA will announce the launch of a joint Internet website, *Rural and Agricultural Transportation: Data and Information Resources*. The website provides direct access through more than 600 links to agricultural and rural transportation information and data on freight, passenger travel and tourism, safety, economic and community development, the environment, and energy usage. Specialized features include links to information about transportation on public and tribal lands.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- **Tritium Extraction Facility:** On July 27, at DOE's Savannah River Site in Aiken, GA, Secretary Richardson will attend the groundbreaking of the Commercial Light Water Reactor (CLWR) Project's new Tritium Extraction Facility (TEF). The TEF, a \$401M facility, will extract tritium from burnable absorber rods that have been irradiated in the Tennessee Valley Authority's Watts Bar and Sequoyah reactors. TEF is a crucial part of the CLWR Project and will replace the existing extraction facility that has been in service since 1957. Its mission was completed in August 1999 with the extraction of the last heavy water targets.
-  **Rebuild Long Island Partnership:** On July 27, Rebuild America, the Long Island Power Authority, the NY Energy Research & Development Authority, and other partnership organizations will officially announce the launch of the Rebuild Long Island Partnership and several projects to improve building energy efficiency. The launch will be held at the future home of the New Cassel Technical Learning Center, a 30,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility which will offer residents of an economically depressed neighborhood classes in computer repair, networking, light programming, and software training.
- **DOE-Russian Nonproliferation:** DOE's Task Force on Nonproliferation Programs with Russia, chaired by former Senator Howard Baker, will travel to Russia the week of July 22. The group will conduct a series of information gathering meetings in Moscow before dividing into four subgroups to gather information at key nonproliferation sites.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- **National Principals Forum:** On July 24-26, DOEd will initiate a practitioners group that will inform DOEd's planning, thinking, research agenda, and activities relating to principal and school leadership. Principals will give advice while concurrently providing leadership for change within states and local districts.
-  **International Education Week:** During a recent briefing on international education at State, Secretary Riley announced that the week of November 13 will be International Education Week. DOEd's objective is to encourage American students to become more aware of and knowledgeable about the cultures, languages, and governments of other nations. During this joint project with State, U.S. Ambassadors throughout the world will be invited to visit schools in their host countries during the same week. In addition, every foreign ambassador in America will be invited to visit a school or university.



- **Baby Boom Echo Report:** On August 21, Secretary Riley will release the fifth annual Baby Boom Echo Report on the impact of the baby boom echo, the 25 percent increase in the U.S. birthrate that began in the mid-1970s and reached its peak in 1990 with the birth of 4.1 million children. The report focuses on the pressures that this enrollment increase is placing on the nation's education system and the need for school construction in high growth areas. Representative Shelley Berkley will also participate.



- **Back to School Bus Tour:** On August 27-31, Secretary Riley will tour seven states in the Mississippi Delta: LA, AR, MS, TN, KY, MO, and IL. At each stop, Riley will highlight major education priorities, such as teacher recruitment and training, school construction and modernization, class-size reduction, after-school programs, preparing for college, turning around low-performing schools, using the community as a learning resource, involving parents, and developing early childhood skills.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

- **VA Clinic Addition:** On July 24, VA will dedicate a new \$47M clinical addition at the Wilkes-Barre, PA, VA Medical Center. The addition will provide over 250,000 outpatient visits per year to veterans in a 19-county area.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

- **Atlanta's Air Quality Plan:** On July 18, a Federal appeals court issued a stay of EPA's finding that the transportation component of GA's air quality plan for the Atlanta area is consistent with meeting the one-hour ozone standard. Though the court did not explain its reasoning, EPA remains confident that, upon review, the court will uphold the Agency's finding. The court has set an expedited review schedule, as the stay prevents Atlanta's most recent air quality plan from being used to determine whether the transportation plan conforms to the air quality goals. EPA believes it is important for Atlanta to have a plan to meet health-based air quality standards and a transportation plan that conforms to it as soon as possible.
- **Superfund Site Recycling:** On July 13, Administrator Browner announced 40 Superfund Redevelopment Grants of up to \$100,000 each, which will allow communities to develop plans to reuse highly contaminated Superfund sites once cleanup is complete. To date, 190 Superfund sites have been redeveloped, resulting in more than 14,000 permanent jobs and \$450M in annual income. In the last seven and half years more than three times as many Superfund sites have been cleaned up than in all previous administrations combined. A series of Administration reform efforts of the Superfund program have resulted in a reduction of cleanup costs by 20 percent and a decrease in the length of time required for cleanup by 20 percent.

- **Regulating Biotechnology:** Next week, EPA will publish a *Federal Register* notice announcing several key initiatives regulating biotechnology (Bt) products, including Bt corn and Bt cotton products. EPA is currently engaged in a comprehensive reassessment of existing Bt products. As part of the reassessment, EPA is establishing an extensive public process to increase the transparency of their decisions, including publication of our risk assessment to invite public and scientific comments. Since this process and the Administration-wide OSTP/CEQ review will take additional time, EPA will announce its intention to extend the registration of Bt corn and Bt cotton until September 30. If not extended, these registrations will expire in April and January of 2001, respectively.

U.S. MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

- **UNAMSIL/Sierra Leone:** At the urging of the British, Security Council members are expected to resume negotiations on a UK draft resolution to enlarge the UN Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) force from 13,000 to 16,500 troops. These negotiations are set to resume now that the 233 UN personnel detained by Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels in Kailahun have been released following the July 15-16 UNAMSIL rescue mission. Council members also are expected to begin discussion of a U.S. draft resolution to establish a Sierra Leone special court to try RUF leader Foday Sankoh and other rebels who allegedly committed war crimes and atrocities.
- **Children in Armed Conflict:** The Security Council will hold an Open Debate on "The Issue of Children in Armed Conflict" on July 26. Jamaican Foreign Minister Robertson will chair the Open Debate.
- **Ethiopia/Eritrea:** On July 31, the Security Council is expected to adopt a resolution authorizing the deployment of 100 military observers to key border areas between Ethiopia and Eritrea. It is intended to lay the groundwork for a larger operation while beginning to monitor the cessation of hostilities.
- **Secretary Glickman Visit:** As part of the ongoing U.S. effort to improve general relations with the other member states of the UN, Secretary Glickman was the featured speaker this week at a session of the Economic and Social Council. Secretary Glickman focused on food security and the role of technology, emphasizing the outstanding record of the U.S. in providing food aid and sharing agricultural technology with developing countries. He also hosted a private meeting for two dozen Ambassadors from Africa and other developing countries.

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

- **Estrada Meeting:** On July 27, Ambassador Barshefsky will participate in your meeting with President Estrada of the Philippines. She is likely to raise USTR's concern about "creeping protectionism" in Philippine trade policies, Philippine measures that restrict U.S. poultry exports, the lack of anti-CD piracy enforcement efforts by the Philippine government, and other intellectual property rights issues.

OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

- **UNDCP Meeting:** On July 27, Director McCaffrey will meet with the Executive Director of the United Nations Drug Control Program (UNDCP) to discuss a number of multilateral drug control issues, including the Colombian government's strategy for addressing its current national crisis (*Plan Colombia*), UNDCP alternative development projects in Bolivia and Peru, and the possible use of mycoherbicides (microorganisms designed to attack illegal drug crops) in Colombia.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- **Retirement Website:** On July 18 SBA and DOL launched a new website to assist small businesses develop retirement programs for employees. The website is a cooperative effort between SBA, DOL, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Merrill Lynch.
- **ADA Disability Workshop:** SBA, the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, and the IL Veteran Partnership Council will host a free one-day workshop on July 28 for people with disabilities at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The event is one of ten sites for this nationwide program to promote opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship to individuals with disabilities.
- **Microloan Program:** This fiscal year, 44 loans have been made to microloan intermediary lenders, of which 18 have been to new intermediary lenders. The total amount of loans approved to intermediary lenders this year is \$18.1M. Of which, \$5.8M has been to new organizations. In addition, more than \$12.4M in grants has been approved to intermediary lenders and non-lending technical assistance providers. This is an increase of \$1.2M over the last report. SBA anticipates that all FY2000 grants that are approved will be awarded on time.

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

- **DC Summer Jobs:** OPM continues to work closely with Federal agencies to meet this summer's goal of 1,000 hires. As of July 17, agencies had committed to hiring 894 students, and 703 had been hired. Fourteen agencies, including the Executive Office of the President, have met or exceeded their hiring goals.
- **Federal Employee Health Insurance:** At your direction, OPM is implementing a health insurance premium conversion plan for Federal employees who participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Premium conversion uses Federal tax rules to let employees deduct their share of health insurance premiums from their taxable income thereby reducing their taxes. Private-sector employees have been allowed to deduct health insurance premiums from their taxable incomes for many years. OPM has issued implementing regulations on the program, which will begin in October. The average employee will experience tax savings of about \$540 a year.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

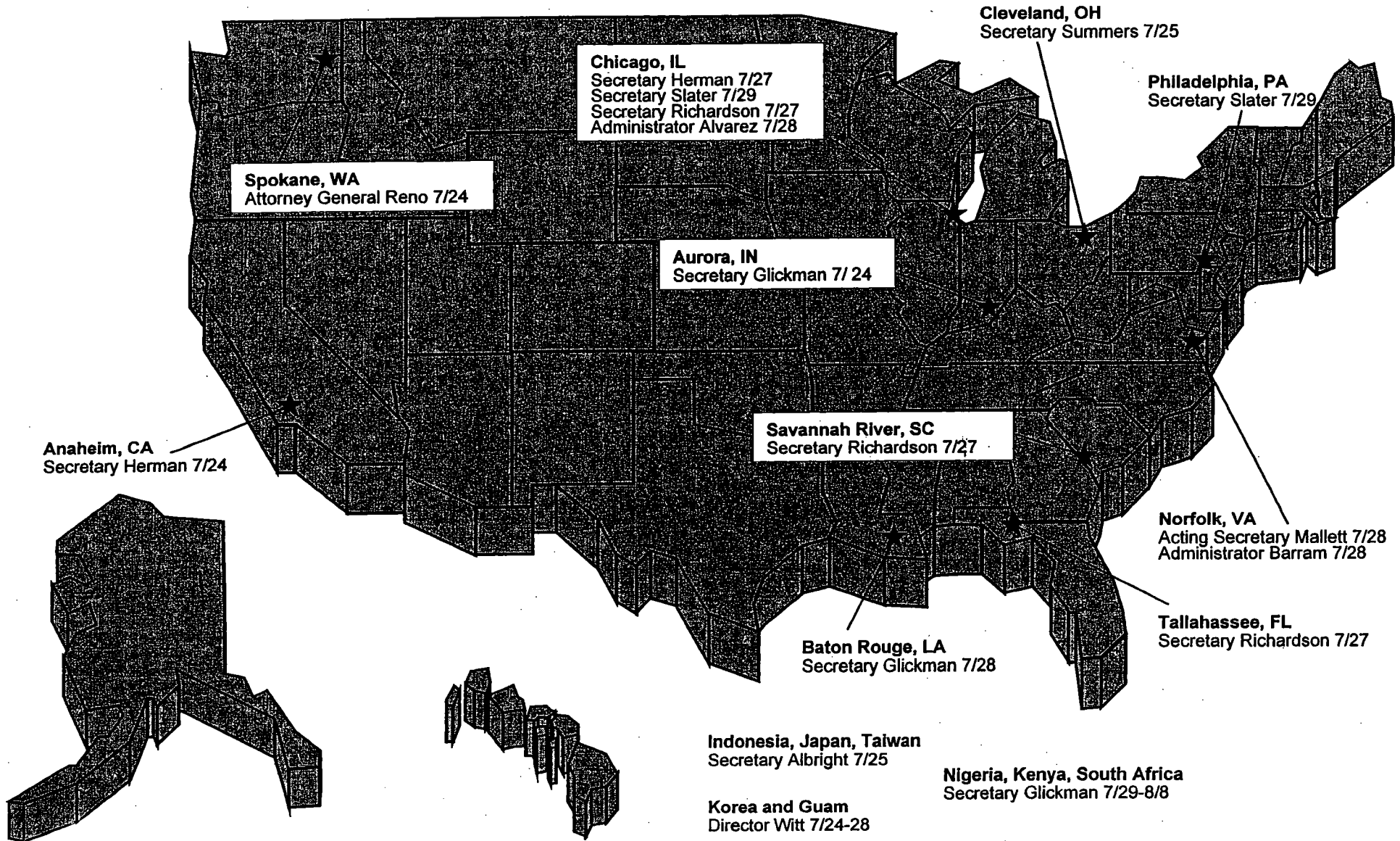
- **Government Information Kiosks:** GSA has teamed up with NPR's Hassle-Free Communities Initiative to improve public access to Internet-based government services. The agency has installed three new intergovernmental kiosks at the Federal Building in San Francisco, the Federal Building in Los Angeles, and at the Great Mall in Milpitas, CA. The kiosks provide touch-screen access to Federal, state, county, and city services listed by topic. GSA is working with shopping malls, large department stores, and Federal, state, and city officials to establish locations for additional kiosks.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

- **Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act (TWWIIA):** On July 24, Commissioner Apfel will swear in the 12-member TWWIIA of 1999 Advisory Panel. Sarah Mitchell, the Executive Director of New Jersey Protection and Advocacy, Inc., was appointed by you to chair the panel. The ceremony, in Arlington, VA, will be open to the public and broadcast on live webcast. Disability advocates, the public, and White House, Congressional, SSA, and HCFA staff are expected to attend. TWWIIA, signed into law in December 1999, increases beneficiary choice in obtaining vocational and employment services and provides increased health care coverage for workers with disabilities.
- **Social Security 65th Anniversary:** On August 5, SSA and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum are hosting an event on Library grounds in Hyde Park, NY. The event will mark the 65th Anniversary of the signing of the Social Security Act, which occurred on August 14, 1935. The program will include remarks by Commissioner Apfel, the grandson of President Franklin Roosevelt, and the Director of the Library.

Cabinet Affairs Travel

Monday, July 24 - Sunday, July 30, 2000



cc:

The Vice President

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**Domestic Accomplishments
of
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton**

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States. The Convention will prevent this unfortunate situation from happening, since any ineligibilities should be uncovered before the adoption/guardianship occurs.

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Children & Families: Child Care

Objective:

To make child care better, safer and more affordable for America's working families.

Accomplishments:

White House Conference on Child Care

- Hosted Conference with POTUS- two panel discussion, luncheon and reception (10/23/97)
- Press Roundtable, morning shows with POTUS (10/22/97-10/23/97)
- Ramp-up speech at the University of Maryland (10/3/97)

President's FY 1999 Child Care Initiative

- White House announcement of child care budget proposals (1/7/98)
- Leadership role in policy development
- Leadership in securing in FY 1999 budget negotiations \$200 million for after school programs and \$180 million in child care quality
- Advocated to strengthen background checks on child care providers; President signed National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact to facilitate background checks (10/9/98)
- Pushed for improvements to federal child care; President signed executive memorandum (3/10/98)
- Op eds in women's magazines (i.e. *Parents*) and column (1/6/98)

Selected Appearances/ Campaigning to Promote Child Care Investments

- Participated in Families Agenda Roundtable, Duncan YMCA, Chicago (4/14/99)
- Child Care Announcement and Tour at *Just Us Kids* Child Development Center, DC (4/12/99)
- Speech in New York for *Parents Magazine* child care awards (9/23/98)
- Release of grants to promote after school programs through the 21st Century Learning Centers in Rose Garden ceremony (6/17/98)
- White House luncheon with Redbook magazine on child care (6/2/98)
- Capitol Hill announcement of House Democratic child care bill with sponsors (6/98)
- Child care roundtable with Rep. Tauscher (5/26/98)
- Rosie O'Donnell Show appearance on child care and meeting with leaders of Reiner child care campaign, New York, NY (5/11/98)
- White House meeting with Treasury Working Group on Child Care and Rose Garden event with POTUS to release working group report (4/23/98) *POTUS speech*
- Milwaukee Child Care Conference keynote address (3/27/98)

Question for the Record submitted to
Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs Mary A. Ryan
International Relations Committee
October 20, 1999

Question:

Delays caused by the Convention: Under this legislation, the Department will have to issue new certifications regarding international adoptions. Some parents are concerned that this will slow down the process just when their family is eager to return home. How do you see this working? Do you anticipate further delays?

Answer:

We do not foresee any delays in the adoption process caused by the new certifications the Department must issue. Under the Convention, a consular officer will review all the relevant information in each case and make a determination of eligibility **before** the adoption can go forward. In cases where no ineligibilities are found, the post will issue a "No Reason Found to Prohibit Visa Issuance" letter to the foreign Central Authority. Without this letter, the foreign Central Authority will not authorize an adoption. This will not be an additional step in the adoption process, but rather a reordering.

Currently, a consular officer must complete an I-604 investigation in every orphan case, at the time the I-600 Orphan Petition is filed overseas, regardless of whether the adoption has already taken place abroad or will take place in the US. The consular officer verifies that the parents have legally adopted or obtained legal custody of the child, focuses on the orphan status of the child, his/her medical condition, and any indications of fraud. If problems are uncovered, the visa cannot be issued until they are resolved. This can lead to considerable delays while further investigation takes place. In some cases the child will be found ineligible to receive a visa, leaving the adoptive parents legally responsible for a child they cannot bring into the United

- NS Hartford, CT Roundtable discussion on child care quality (1/28/98)
- NS Harlem, NY Virtual Y after school program visit and remarks (1/26/98)
- US White House announcement of Mott Foundation commitment to after school programs (1/26/98)
- NS Quantico Marine Base Child Care Center visit and roundtable (9/31/97)
- NS Florida Business Commission on Child Care discussion in Miami (9/30/97)
- NS Speech in DC to *Parents Magazine* child care awards (5/22/97)
- NS White House luncheon with *Working Women Magazine* and child care honorees (2/10/97)
- NS Column: Treasury Working Group on Child Care Report (4/22/98)

Future Focus:

- Roll out of Administration FY2001 child care initiative
- Focus on achieving discretionary budget increase for child care subsidies
- Take leadership role in advancing Administration proposal for dramatic expansion of afterschool programs

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Children & Families: Child Welfare and Adoption

Objective:

To move children more quickly from foster care to permanent homes and increase the number of adoptions.

Accomplishments:

Leadership in Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 and Adoption 2002 Initiative

- Received HHS National Progress Report on Adoption which demonstrated significant increases in the national adoption rate (9/24/99)
- Bill signing ceremony of Adoption and Safe Families Act (11/19/98)
- Leadership in enactment of Adoption and Safe Families Act incorporating key recommendations for Adoption 2002 report (including internal meetings and congressional outreach)
- Berkeley, CA speech on significance of Adoption and Safe Families Act (11/24/97)
- Leadership in development of HHS Adoption 2002 report- with legislative and administrative recommendations- as required by POTUS Executive Memorandum
- Adoption 2002 Report Presentation by HHS to the President at Valentine's Day event (2/14/97)
- Leadership in development of Executive Memorandum on improving foster care and adoption
- Executive Memorandum issued at Oval Office POTUS radio address with foster care families (12/14/96)
- Convened Foundation Leaders to discuss foster care issues (8/2/96)
- Columns on bill (11/20/97 & 11/18/97)

Leadership on Foster Care Independence Act of 1999

- Bill signing ceremony of Foster Care Independence Act (12/14/99)
- Leadership in development and enactment of Bill
- Event with Mrs. Gore announcing new support for Transitioning Foster Care Youth (1/29/99)
- Destination Future Conference speech on emancipation from foster care (9/11/98)
- Roundtable discussion with California Youth Connection members on emancipation from foster care (11/24/97)
- WH Event to Unveil FY2000 Budget Proposal

Adoption Promotion and Foster Care Improvement Campaign

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- 5 • Children's Action Network Adoption Event (12/20/99)
- Participated in the Jewish Child Care Association's 175th Anniversary Celebration, New York (4/19/99)
- Dave Thomas Adoption Law Symposium Video (2/5/99)
- 5 • White House event to mark Adoption Month (11/24/98)
- 5 • National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse award and speech (10/6/98)
- Speech at Kellogg Foundation Family for Kids Conference (6/25/97)
- National Council on Adoption Speech (4/16/97)
- Mother's Day Adoption Roundtable with adoptive mothers and children (5/10/96)
- National Adoption Month event at the White House (11/13/95)
- Sustained theme in books and various columns (9/29/99, 9/23/98, 2/10/98, 11/18/97, 6/24/97, 12/17/96, 5/14/96, 7/30/95)

Leadership on other key legislation

- Adoption Tax Credit and MEPA strengthening (1996)
- FMLA covering time off for adoption (1993)
- Multi-Ethnic Placement Act (1994)

Future Focus:

Develop a courts reform and support initiative

Continue to monitor Adoption and Safe Families and Foster Care Independence Act implementation



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Children & Families: Children's Television

Objective:

To improve the quality of Children's Television and give parents the tools to guide and monitor what children watch.

Accomplishments:

Leadership on Improving the Quality of Children's Television

- White House achieved voluntary commitment of industry of 3 hour/week quality children's television; FCC later issues rules on 3 hour/week (9/97)
- Launched Family Critical Viewing Project (2/97)
- Hosted White House Conference on Children's Television (7/29/96)
- Led V-Chip roundtable discussion with the President, VP and families (2/96)
- PBS Event at the White House (6/26/95)
- Participated in Children NOW Conference on TV violence via satellite (3/4/94)
- Sesame Street appearance (10/14/93)
- Columns: V-Chip (2/29/96), support of public TV/children's viewing habits (8/13/95)

Future Focus:

Consider ways to promote industry commitments to facilitate informed choice on the part of parents when choosing video games, television shows, etc. for their children

Monitor the development and introduction of the V-Chip

Promote the expansion of 3 hour/week rule and of quality children's educational programming

Monitor the Gore Commission recommendations and FCC rulemaking for Digital TV

THE WHITE HOUSE

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For Immediate Release

May 12, 2000

**PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMES DR. THOMAS L. GARTHWAITE AS UNDER
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS**

President Clinton today announced his intent to nominate Dr. Thomas L. Garthwaite as Under Secretary for Health for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Dr. Thomas L. Garthwaite, of Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, has served as Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Veterans Affairs since 1995. His prior appointments have included Chief of Staff and Associate Chief of Staff/Research at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He also served as the Associate Professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Garthwaite received his A.B. degree from Cornell University and his M.D. degree from Temple University. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and specializes in endocrinology.

The Under Secretary for Health serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Veterans Health Administration. This administration operates the national health care delivery system for eligible veterans; administers a program of education and training for health care personnel; directs a program of medical research; and provides contingency support for the Department of Defense and public health care services during times of war or national emergency. Over 3.5 million veterans are enrolled for care in the veterans health care system.

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Children & Families: Early Childhood & Development

Objective:

To promote children's health development in the earliest years of life and advocate for investments in effective early childhood programs and strategies.

Accomplishments:

White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning

- Received the Decade of the Brain Award from the Society for Neuroscience (3/18/98)
- Follow-up speech to Conference: Keynote address at Princeton Symposium on Early Childhood Education (4/25/97)
- § • Hosted Conference with President- two panel discussions, luncheon and reception (4/17/97)
- Press Roundtable and morning shows (4/16- 4/17/97)
- Ramp-up speech: Keynote at the Society for Research in Child Development (4/3/97)
- Columns: Care in Early Years (2/10/98), Conference (4/15/97)

Leadership in securing in FY 1999 budget \$10 million for Safe Start Initiative, announced at Conference (10/98)

Leadership in Head Start quality improvements, continued budget commitment and strong 1998 reauthorization

Prescription for Reading

- 10th Anniversary of ROR, Boston (6/4/99)
- § • New York City launch of PFR/ROR (12/1/98)
- Chicago launch of PFR/ROR and Release of PFR Partnership's Annual Report (4/98)
- Event celebrating "Read Across America" and culmination of campaign sponsored by publishers and health professionals to give coupons for free books to children (3/2/98)
- Baltimore City launch of PFR/Reach Out and Read (ROR) (6/10/97)
- Prescription for Reading Partnership (PFR) lunch at White House (4/16/97)
- § • Called for Prescription for Reading effort in speech at Georgetown University Medical Center (1/10/97)
- Column: Literacy (3/3/98)

Home Visitation/ HIPPY

- § • Toured HIPPY Program in Israel (12/13/98)
- § • National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse award and speech (10/6/98)

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

12:05	am (T)	THE PRESIDENT arrives Reflecting Pool
12:15	am (T)	THE PRESIDENT departs Reflecting Pool via motorcade en route The White House [drive time: 5 minutes]
12:20	am (T)	THE PRESIDENT arrives The White House
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- Roundtable discussion/ home visiting event (2/10/98)
- Proposed Early Learning Fund invests in home visitation (1998)
- HIPPY DC Commencement (5/15/97)
- Column: Home Visiting (2/10/98)

California Proposition 10

- Campaigned for CA ballot initiative to promote early childhood development with tobacco tax revenue (10/30/98)

Received NYU Child Study Center's first annual Child Advocacy Award (12/1/98)

Received *The For All Kids* Advocacy Award (12/1/98)

Future Focus:

Consolidate achievements of Prescription for Reading and hold final meeting with partners to urge next steps

Promote school readiness and early learning initiatives

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

8:00 pm- **HOST COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL**
8:15 pm **HOLD**
Private Residence
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore

8:20 pm- **PHOTO RECEIVING LINE**
8:45 pm **LIVING ROOM**
Private Residence
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
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Note: There will be approximately 70 guests in attendance (35 photographs).

8:50 pm- **DNC DINNER**
9:45 pm **DINING ROOM**
Private Residence
Remarks: Josh Gottheimer
Staff Contact: Minyon Moore
Event Coordinator: Heather Davis
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Note: There will be approximately 70 guests in attendance.

-- **The President** proceeds to seat.

-- Dinner is served.

-- Mayor Edward Rendell makes brief remarks and introduces Scott Richman.

-- Scott Richman makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.

-- **The President** makes remarks and departs.

9:50 pm (T) **THE PRESIDENT** departs Private Residence via motorcade en route Westchester County Airport
[drive time: 20 minutes]

10:10 pm (T) **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Westchester County Airport

10:25 pm (T) **THE PRESIDENT** departs Westchester County Airport via Air Force One en route Andrews Air Force Base
[flight time: 1 hour, 15 minutes **WITH INTERCHANGE**]

11:40 pm (T) **THE PRESIDENT** arrives Andrews Air Force Base

11:55 pm (T) **THE PRESIDENT** departs Andrews Air Force Base via Marine One en route Reflecting Pool
[flight time: 10 minutes]

May 16, 2000 (8:33 PM)

Children & Families: Family Leave

Objective:

To advance policies that provide families with family and medical leave opportunities.

Accomplishments:

Leadership in passage and implementation of 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act

- Act signed (2/5/93)
- Addressed issue in It Takes A Village
- Advocated for FMLA in various speeches and column

Leading advocate for the expansion of the FMLA

- Staff leadership in paid parental leave expansion proposals
- Columns: 5 year FMLA anniversary (8/4/98), FMLA and adoption (5/14/96)

Future Focus:

Promote FMLA expansion to businesses with 25 or more workers

Advocate for paid parental leave options within FY 2001 budget

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

12:55	pm-	MEET AND GREET WITH CADETS AND U.S. COAST GUARD				
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		Event Coordinator: Heather Davis				
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1:20	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Groton-New London Airport				
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2:25	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Westchester County Airport				
2:40	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Westchester County Airport via motorcade en route Down Time [drive time: 15 minutes]				
2:55	pm	THE PRESIDENT arrives Down Time				
3:00	pm-	DOWN TIME				
7:50	pm	THE PRESIDENT departs Down Time via motorcade en route Private Residence, Greenwich, Connecticut [drive time: 5 minutes]				
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May 16, 2000 (8:33 PM)

Children & Families: It Takes a Village

Objective:

To issue a national call for all sectors of society to take responsibility for our children.

Accomplishments:

- Winter/Spring Book Tour- 1996
- Translated into 12 languages including Spanish, French, German, Chinese and Hebrew
- Hardcover edition was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 19 weeks, three weeks in the #1 position
- Paperback edition was on the bestseller list for 9 weeks
- Close to \$1 million in charitable contributions to date
- Over \$500,000 has gone directly to children's hospitals

Future Focus:

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

11:05 am-
12:50 pm

**U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY'S 119th COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES AND ACTIVITIES**

NITCHMAN FIELD (RAIN SITE: LEAMY HALL)

Remarks: Paul Orzulak

Staff Contact: Joseph Simmons, Terry Edmonds, Thurgood Marshall, Jr.

Event Coordinator: Heather Davis

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Note: There will be 183 graduating Cadets and approximately 4,000-5,000 guests in attendance.

- Processional.
- On-stage announcement of Rear Admiral Douglas Teeson.
- On-stage announcement of Admiral James Loy.
- On-stage announcement of Secretary Rodney Slater.
- On-stage announcement of Second Class Cadet escorts.
- Off-stage announcement of **the President**.
- 21-gun Salute.
- Captain William Dillon delivers the Invocation.
- Rear Admiral Douglas Teeson, Superintendent, makes welcoming remarks and introduces Cadet Christopher Burrus.
- Cadet Christopher Burrus delivers Cadet Commencement Speech.
- Rear Admiral Douglas Teeson introduces Secretary Rodney Slater.
- Secretary Rodney Slater makes brief remarks and introduces **the President**.
- **The President** makes remarks.
- Musical Selection.
- Presentation of Candidates.
- Rear Admiral Douglas Teeson confers Degrees.
- Administration of Oath of Office to four International Cadets.
- Admiral James Loy and Rear Admiral Douglas Teeson administer Oath of Office to U.S. Cadets.
- Rear Admiral Douglas Teeson presents Degrees and **the President** presents Commissions.
- Fly-over.
- Gift presentation by Ensign Mark Smith.
- U.S. Coast Guard Alma Mater and National Anthems are played.
- Commander Luis Garcia delivers Benediction.
- MACE is retired.
- Cap Throw.
- **The President** departs stage at prompting of Rear Admiral Douglas Teeson.
- Recessional.

May 16, 2000 (8:33 PM)

Children & Families: Military Families/Quality of Life

Objective:

To support a higher quality of life for men and women who serve our country.

Accomplishments:

- Visits to Military Bases in Germany, Portugal, Italy and Hawaii
- Video on Quality of Life Conference
- Quantico Marine Base Child Care Center visit and roundtable discussion (9/31/97)
- DOD Essay Contest Group Photo (6/17/96)
- Various columns: (12/23/97, 3/26/96, 2/17/95, 12/16/95)

Future Focus:

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

**SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT
FOR
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2000
*Final Schedule***

9:00	am	THE PRESIDENT departs Private Residence via motorcade en route Westchester County Airport, White Plains, New York [drive time: 20 minutes]
9:20	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Westchester County Airport
9:35	am	THE PRESIDENT departs Westchester County Airport via Air Force One en route Groton-New London Airport, New London, Connecticut [flight time: approx 50 minutes WITH INTERCHANGE]
10:25	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Groton-New London Airport Greeters: Secretary Rodney Slater Beverly Orzulak Richard Orzulak Catherine Young, Airport Manager Michael Harrison, General Manager, Holiday Inn Jasmine Parekh, Director of Sales, Holiday Inn Susan Peterson Bruce Peterson James Peterson
10:40	am	THE PRESIDENT departs Groton-New London Airport via motorcade en route Nitchman Field [drive time: 10 minutes]
10:50	am	THE PRESIDENT arrives Nitchman Field Greeters: Admiral James Loy, Commandant of the Coast Guard Kay Loy Deputy Secretary Mort Downey Rear Admiral Douglas Teeson Phyllis Teeson
10:55	am-	POLICE AND DRIVER PHOTOGRAPHS
11:00	am	BACKSTAGE Nitchman Field

Note: The President will also be greeted by 8 Second Class Cadet Escorts at this time.

May 16, 2000 (8:33 PM)

Education: Charter Schools and Public School Choice

Objective:

To promote public charter schools to provide choice and innovation in the public school system and to fight against private school vouchers.

Accomplishments:

Promotion of charter school movement

- Remarks to the Yale Child Study Center Symposium/ School Development Programs 30th Anniversary (4/30/98)
- Visit to Vaughn Charter School, Los Angeles (9/96)
- Column: Charter Schools and Vouchers (5/20/98)

Promotion of DC charter schools

- Leadership role on securing adequate funds for DC's charter schools (8/98)
- DC Charter School Conference in the Indian Treaty Room (8/4/98)
- Meeting with Arlene Ackerman on DC schools/ charter schools (6/23/98)

Future Focus:

Monitor the progress of charter schools nationally, promoting attention to quality assurances

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Education: Public School Reform

Objective:

To strengthen quality public education for our nation's children.

Accomplishments:

Promotion of general school reform

- Recipient of NEA Friend of Education Award (7/5/99)
- Recipient of Albert Shanker Award for Distinguished Service (4/22/99)
- Delivered inaugural address at Jill and Ken Iscol Childhood and Future Lecture Series, Teachers College, Columbia University (4/19/99)
- Qualified Teachers in Every Classroom Event with POTUS (1/21/99)
- Event with POTUS announcing initiatives to end social promotion (1/7/99)
- Visit to Chicago school (2/18/97)
- Speech to College Boards, Chicago (2/18/97)
- Little Rock speech (2/97)
- Columns: Education of Teachers (4/21/99), Reform (6/17/97)

Promotion of school modernization and class size agenda

- School modernization event in DC, as part of National School Modernization Day, and announcement of school reform grants (9/8/98)
- Numerous events on school modernization and class size, including school modernization/class size event in Colorado (Fall, 98)
- Column: School Reform- highlighting Chicago (5/27/98)

Future Focus:

Continue involvement in Reauthorization of Education and Secondary Education Act to strengthen support for public education and oppose vouchers as an alternative

Continue promotion of school modernization and reduced class size initiatives

Promote efforts to improve teacher quality at federal, state, and local level

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Family Economic Security: Bankruptcy

Objective:

To ensure that bankruptcy reform is responsible- demanding responsibility of creditors as well as debtors- and to monitor proposals for their impact on child support and alimony collection; also to help develop consumer literacy and protection proposals.

Accomplishments:

Leadership role in 1998 bankruptcy reform legislative debate

- Significant Congressional outreach, including personal letters accompanying columns to key Members of Congress
- Column on Senate bankruptcy reform bill highlighted Administration position on need for balanced reform and played a key role in conference negotiations (10/1/98)
- Conference bill unacceptable and defeated (10/98)
- POTUS radio address reinforced HRC column (5/9/98)
- Column on House bankruptcy reform bill sounded alarm on its negative impact on child support collection (5/6/98)
- Key internal meetings and discussions

Participated in Financial Privacy and Consumer Protection Event w/POTUS (5/4/99)

Future Focus:

Continue to monitor bankruptcy reform debate

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Family Economic Security: Fighting Poverty

Objective:

To work to lift America's families out of poverty.

Accomplishments:

- Amplified POTUS announcement of census data indicating a fall in national poverty rate (9/24/98)
- Pushed for EITC refundability (1993)

Future Focus:

Support FY2001 budget initiatives designed to alleviate poverty (food stamps, refundable tax credit)

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Family Economic Security: Legal Services

Objective:

To promote equal access to justice under the law by supporting the Legal Services Corporation, making available legal resources for low-income people.

Accomplishments:

- Attended National Association for Public Interest Law Dinner (10/29/99)
- Participated in the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Legal Services Corporation with POTUS (7/27/99)
- Remarks to ABA Conference (8/2/96)
- Remarks to NY Legal Aid Society (3/23/95)
- White House event to celebrate 20th anniversary of LSC (9/29/94)
- Fought to save LSC from budget cuts every year
- Columns: LSC 25th Anniversary (8/11/99) & Value of Legal Aid (4/23/96)

Future Focus:

Continue leadership and support for full funding of President's LSC budget requests

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Message Sent To:

Family Economic Security: Microenterprise

Objective:

To promote expansion of microenterprise in the United States to assist low-income people, especially women, to secure loans.

Accomplishments:

- 1998 Microenterprise Awards with POTUS (2/5/99)
- Announcement of PRIME Act with Senator Kennedy (6/98)
- Keynoted at AEO Conference (4/98)
- Delivered keynote address at Microenterprise summit in DC (2/3/97)
- Visited Connie Evans self employment project (2/3/97)
- President's Microenterprise Awards with POTUS and Secretary Rubin at the White House (1/30/97)
- Did WH Press Roundtable (1/97)
- Helped establish Microenterprise Awards in US (8/95) and announced the awards with Secretary Rubin via video to the Association for Enterprise Opportunity Conference in RI (5/96)
- Visited Mi Casa Resource Center for Women in Denver, Colorado (7/26/95)
- Column: Microcredit (2/4/97)

Future Focus:

Continue to highlight domestic microenterprise projects, particularly those in DC

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Family Economic Security: Minimum Wage

Objective:

To promote an increase in the minimum wage for America's workers to ensure that working families do not raise their children in poverty.

Accomplishments:

Leading advocate for the 1999 proposed increase

- Released report on importance of minimum wage to women with Sen. Kennedy (9/28/99)
- Continued exhortation

Leading advocate for the 1998 proposed increase

- Column calling for minimum wage increase (10/14/98)
- Continued exhortation

Leadership role in the achievement of the 1996 minimum wage increase

Future Focus:

Continue to promote minimum wage increase

Family Economic Security: Social Security & Women's Retirement Security

Objective:

To strengthen women's retirement security and monitor social security reform proposals for their impact on women.

Accomplishments:

- Social Security Event with POTUS (2/17/99)
- Social Security Satellite Conference (1/23/99)
- Met on Social Security Reforms with Women Advocates (1/21/99)
- Amplification of Release of Women's Retirement Security Report in NY and NJ (10/27/98)
- Columns (2/17/99 & 1/20/99)

Future Focus:

Participate in ongoing efforts to strengthen social security
Develop strategy to promote and strengthen women's retirement security

The legislative proposal would also help to make some product recalls more effective by allowing the CPSC to choose an alternative remedy if the Commission finds that the remedy chosen by the manufacturer is not in the public interest. Under current law, a company with a defective product that is being recalled has the right to select the remedy to be offered to the public. The proposal would continue to permit the company to select the remedy in a product recall. However, under the amendment, the Commission may determine (after an opportunity for a hearing) that the remedy selected by the company is not in the public interest. The Commission may then order the company to carry out an alternative program that is in the public interest.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission helps to keep America's children and families safe. This legislative proposal would help the Commission be even more effective in protecting the public from dangerous products. I urge the Congress to give this legislation prompt and favorable consideration.

Family Economic Security: Welfare Reform

Objective:

To monitor the implementation of welfare reform and highlight effective strategies to move people from welfare to work.

Accomplishments:

- See also Microenterprise initiative
- Columns: Welfare to Work (8/25/99), Welfare Reform (6/3/98)

Future Focus:

Continue to highlight programs that promote the economic empowerment of women and move people from welfare to work

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

I am pleased to transmit today for immediate consideration and prompt enactment the "Consumer Product Safety Commission Enhanced Enforcement Act of 2000." This legislative proposal would increase the civil and criminal penalties that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) could impose upon manufacturers, distributors and retailers of consumer products who do not inform the Commission when the company has reason to believe it has sold a product that does not meet federal safety standards or could otherwise create a substantial product hazard. The proposal would also improve product recalls by enabling the Commission to choose an alternative remedy in a recall if the Commission finds that the remedy selected by the manufacturer is not in the public interest.

Under current consumer product safety laws, manufacturers, distributors and retailers of consumer products are required to inform the CPSC whenever they have information that one of their products: (1) fails to comply with a CPSC product safety standard; (2) contains a defect that could create a substantial product hazard, or (3) creates an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death. After a company reports this information to the CPSC, the Commission staff initiates an investigation in cooperation with the firm. If the staff concludes that the product presents a substantial product hazard and that a recall is in the public interest, the staff works with the company to conduct a product safety recall. Of course, the sooner the Commission hears about a dangerous product, the sooner the agency can act to remove the product from store shelves and inform consumers about how to eliminate the hazard. That is why it is critical that companies inform the Commission as soon as they are aware that one of their products may present a serious hazard to the public.

Unfortunately, in about half the cases involving the most significant hazards – where the product can cause death or serious injury – companies do not report to the Commission. In those cases, the agency must get the information from other sources, including its own investigators, consumers, or tragically, from hospital emergency room reports or death certificates. Sometimes years can pass before the staff learns of the product hazard, even though the company has known all along. During that time, deaths and injuries continue to occur. Once the staff becomes aware of the hazard without the cooperation of the firm, many companies continue to be recalcitrant, and the staff must conduct its own independent investigation. This often includes finding and investigating product incidents and conducting extensive laboratory testing. This process can take a very long time, which means that the most dangerous products continue to stay on store shelves and in consumers' homes longer, placing children and families at continuing risk.

CPSC can assess civil and criminal penalties against companies who fail to report a dangerous product. In fact, in 1999 the agency assessed ten times the amount of civil penalties as it did ten years ago. But, too many companies still do not report, especially in cases involving serious harm.

This legislative proposal would enhance CPSC's civil and criminal enforcement authority. This would provide an added incentive for companies to comply with the law so that we can get dangerous products out of stores and consumers' homes faster.

Health: AIDS

Objective:

To continue to support to Administration's goals to prevent and cure AIDS, and to maintain particular focus on AIDS among women and children.

Accomplishments:

Leadership on Pediatric AIDS

- Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Scientists' Awards Ceremony (1/28/99)
- Leadership role in issuing regulations on testing and labeling of drugs for pediatric use (8/97), final rules published (11/27/98)
- "Commitment to Children" Award from Pediatric AIDS Foundation (12/1/97)
- Pediatric AIDS Foundation "Kids for Kids" event (1/96)
- Launch of Pediatric AIDS Foundation's PSA campaign at White House (5/22/95)
- Strong voice in encouraging all pregnant women to get tested and treated for HIV to reduce prenatal AIDS transmission, leading to dramatic declines in rates of transmission and reduction in number of pediatric AIDS cases

Keynote to World AIDS Day Symposium (12/1/99)

Convened meeting to explore strategies to better address international AIDS crisis (9/7/99)

Discussion on HIV and Women at Whitman-Walker Clinic with Madam Chirac (2/1/96)

Address to AIDS Conference (12/6/95)

Promoted increase in funding for AIDS research, prevention, housing and treatment

Columns: (9/8/99, 3/4/97, 2/17/96)

Future Focus:

Continue of focus on prevention and treatment of AIDS among minorities and others who are not currently being reached by effective prevention and drug therapies

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
TALKING POINTS FOR KING HUSSEIN FOUNDATION EVENT
May 12, 2000

- Welcome to the White House [Acknowledgements?]
- We are here today to honor Queen Noor and the King Hussein Foundation.
- The King Hussein Foundation is an organization inspired by the vision and leadership that King Hussein brought to his country, and to the people of all nations.
- The President once described King Hussein as “a humble man and a king; a leader whose nobility came not from his title, but his character; a man who believed that we are all God’s children, bound to live together in mutual respect and tolerance.”
- It is this vision that shapes the King Hussein Foundation, a living legacy of the life he led and the pioneering leadership he demonstrated. King Hussein knew the importance of establishing peaceful relations with Jordan’s neighbors, but he also knew that peace can only be achieved in conjunction with the promotion of democracy and the strengthening Jordan’s people. Whether its focus is fostering education, strengthening public health, conserving the environment, or supporting programs that strengthen the democratic process the King Hussein Foundation – under the strong leadership of my dear friend Queen Noor – will work to fulfill the promise of the Jordanian people.

Health: Children's Health

Objective:

To continue to be a strong advocate for children's health issues, including expanding health insurance coverage, protecting Medicaid, and ensuring support for children's hospitals.

Accomplishments:

Support for children's hospitals

- Delivered Hickman Lecture, Arkansas Children's Hospital (10/9/98)
- Dedication of Hillary Rodham Clinton Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (3/3/98)
- Circle of Care dinner for children's hospitals at White House (9/27/95)
- Proceeds from ITAV to children's hospitals
- Column: Medicaid and Children's Hospitals (8/5/97); Children's Hospitals Education & Research Act (12/1/99)

Children's Health Initiative

- Signing of the Children's Hospitals Education & Research Act authorizing funds for children's hospitals
- Participated in CHIP outreach event with POTUS (2/23/99)
- Met with children's hospitals to announce FY2000 proposal to cover children's health specialists' education under Medicare (1/28/99)
- Meeting with corporate sponsors and non-profit organizations to generate support for CHIP media campaign (7/10/98)
- Participated in signing of Balanced Budget Act of 1997, including new Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (8/5/97)
- Published op ed in *The New York Times* on implementation of CHIP (8/5/97)
- National Governor's Association Speech (6/97)
- Advocated for children's health insurance in numerous speeches, book, and columns (2/24/98, 8/5/97, 5/20/97)

Leadership on role in protecting Medicaid from cuts and block grants (1996)

Future Focus:

Continue to lead intensified outreach effort on CHIP and Medicaid enrollment

Continue to monitor implementation of CHIP

Work on ensuring adequate funding for teaching and children's hospitals

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Health: Disease Prevention and Research

Objective:

To focus attention on diseases affecting many Americans and support an aggressive research agenda.

Accomplishments:

- Dedicated Rush Epilepsy Center in Chicago (1/13/99)
- Attended CURE Dinner (1/13/99)
- Spearheaded effort for Presidential proclamation for "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week" (9/14/98)
- Advocated for increased research budgets, leading to historic FY 1999 increase
- *Good Housekeeping* and *Today Show* event announcing commitments to raise awareness about colon cancer (9/10/98)
- Advocated for and won increased research funding specified for epilepsy research (6/98)
- Advocated for Medicare preventive benefits, including annual mammograms and screenings of colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, and osteoporosis (passed as part of Balanced Budget Act of 1997)
- Columns: Epilepsy (1/13/99), Christopher Reeve- Paralysis Research (2/11/96)

Future Focus:

Continue efforts to raise awareness about cancer prevention

Continue to support increased research budgets for National Institutes of Health and Department of Defense

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Health: Food Safety

Objective:

To ensure that Americans eat the safest possible food through research, education, and surveillance activities.

Accomplishments:

- Food Safety Conference at Georgetown (6/13/98)
- Column (7/1/97)

Future Focus:

Play leadership role through President's Council on Food Safety (created 8/98)

Health: Gulf War Illness

Objective:

To respond to the health concerns of Gulf War Veterans.

Accomplishments:

- Special Committee report release and Committee completion (10/97)
- Formal presentation of Committee final report to the President (1/7/97) and announcement of continuation of the Committee
- Testimony to the first meeting of Committee (8/14/95)
- Instrumental in establishing the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses, including memorandum to the President (2/10/95)
- Internal and interagency meetings and discussions (1994-95)/ Report to President on Gulf War health issues
- Visits to VA and DOD hospitals, listening to veterans concerns (1994)
- Column: Special Committee Report (1/7/97)

Future Focus:

Question for the Record submitted to
Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs Mary A. Ryan
International Relations Committee
October 20, 1999

Question:

Secretary Ryan, the new fee collection provisions in the bill, I know you have experience with the use of fees for consular services. There will be a lag between initiating the new office and collecting the fees. Will appropriated funds be used to do that? Do you have an estimate of start-up costs and what is included in that cost assessment? Do you have an estimate of the amount that will be collected in fees during the first year?

Answer:

The Administration planned that the proposed fee would only take effect when the Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention entered into force. Nevertheless, the services would begin immediately after the implementing legislation was passed. Therefore, the State Department will be faced with additional costs before we begin to collect the new fee. We will need to seek additional appropriated funds for expenses associated with start-up costs.

The proposed fee would go toward the costs of additional personnel; the development and implementation of a computerized case tracking system; new public outreach programs; preparation of new information materials; the drafting and promulgation of regulations; and the operation of new Central Authority functions required by the Convention. There may be additional services as well. Once we have a clearer idea of the scope of the program and the Department's role and that of HHS, we will be able to provide more accurate projections based on full cost recovery.

Health: Health Care Reform

Objective:

To continue to advocate for universal health coverage.

Accomplishments:

Leadership in national health reform

- Chaired President's Task Force on Health Care Reform (1993-94)
- Testified before 5 House and Senate committees (10/93)
- Numerous events & speeches across country

Continued efforts to take steps to reform health system

- Prescription Drug Event on the Hill (11/9/99)
- Event on Medicare and Women with POTUS (7/27/99)
- Participated in the White House Mental Health Conference (6/7/99)
- Keynote and Public Service Award Recipient at John F. English Symposium on Health Care, Hofstra University (4/20/99)
- Participated in opening of new medical center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago (4/14/99)
- Long-Term Care Event with POTUS (1/4/99)
- Promoted Administration's Patients' Bill of Rights proposal (1998)
- Keynote Address at Commonwealth Fund's First International Symposium on Health Policy (10/21/98)
- Participated in Gore Family Conference on Health Care, with particular focus on prevention (6/22/98)
- Harvard Medical School Commencement speech (6/5/98)
- Speech to American Nurse Association (6/19/97)
- Supported the bill to extend hospital stays for mastectomy patients at White House event (2/12/97), in speeches, and at other events
- Advocated for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Kennedy-Kassebaum) in speeches, column (2/11/96), meetings and events; Legislation passed 8/96
- Supported bill to extend hospital stays for new mothers in speeches, books, columns (10/1/95), meetings and events; Legislation passed (9/96)
- Fought for nurse education training and reimbursement (1993-94)
- Columns: ADA (7/28/99), Mental Health Conference (6/9/99), Long-Term Care (1/6/99)

Future Focus:

Continue to take steps to reform the health care system, including:

- Health insurance coverage expansion, including CHIP for parents
- Support passage of Patients' Bill of Rights
- Support new tax credit for long-term care
- Support prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries
- Increase efforts to eliminate racial disparities in health care
- Support genetic discrimination legislation

Continue to advocate for increasing health insurance coverage for the uninsured, including Medicare (55-65) and Medicaid buy in options

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Question:

Fraud: Some adoptive families have raised the question of whether changes to the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Convention will limit the ability of the U.S. to investigate fraud in adoptions. Under the Convention and the legislation, will U.S. officials still be able to investigate whether there is fraud in adoptions, or would you completely depend on the Central Authority of the foreign country saying the adoption was proper?

Answer:

While the implementing legislation creates a category of adoptee not subject to the orphan definition of INA Section 101(b)(1)(F), the operation of the Convention will not limit the ability of U.S. consular officers to investigate fraud in adoption cases. In all Hague adoption cases, prior to the U.S. issuance of the "No Reason Found to Prohibit Visa Issuance" letter to the foreign Central Authority, a consular officer will review all the relevant information relating to a potential adoptee. If this review were to uncover evidence of fraud, a further investigation would be conducted. Depending on the outcome of the investigation, the "No Reason" letter would or would not be issued.

Health: Immunizations

Objective:

To increase immunization rates among preschool children.

Accomplishments:

Promoted Vaccines for Children (VFC) program

- Participated in announcement by President of highest immunization rate ever-- 75% among children under 2-- and of year 2000 goals (4/10/96)
- Launched Childhood Immunization Initiative (2/12/93) and secured passage of Vaccines for Children (VFC) program (1993)
- Visits to model immunization programs around the country
- Column: Immunization (7/22/97)

Worked on regulations to ensure that children in federally funded child care settings are properly immunized

Strengthened connection of immunization programs to WIC

Future Focus:

Continue to protect immunization funding and VFC program

Health: Physical Fitness and Nutrition

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Objective:

To promote physical fitness and good nutrition.

Accomplishments:

- Launched Shape-Up America event at the White House (11/95)
- Video to American Dietetic Association Conference
- Leadership role in full funding of WIC

Future Focus:

Health: Tobacco

Objective:

To ensure passage of comprehensive tobacco legislation.

Accomplishments:

Support for comprehensive, national tobacco legislation

- Advocated for reform through speeches
- Meeting with tobacco advocates/ winners of Gleitsman Award, including Congressman Henry Waxman and Dr. C. Everett Koop (6/9/98)
- Column on Republican defeat of tobacco bill (6/24/98)
- Columns on smoking (7/29/97, 7/16/96)

Campaigned for California's tobacco tax ballot initiative

Future Focus:

Health: Women's Health

Objective:

To continue to champion women's health issues.

Accomplishments:

Led Medicare Mammography campaign

- Medicare Mammography Campaign PSA (9/23/99 & 10/2/97)
- Participated in annual Medicare Mammography Campaign launch (1996-98)
- Launch of Medicare Mammography Campaign (5/1/95)
- Meetings with private sector partners

Leadership in promoting research and awareness

- Oberstar Lecture (1/28/99)
- Release of report on breast cancer advancements/ new announcements on research and prevention (10/21/98)
- Helped to safeguard existing DOD investment in breast cancer research and imaging technology
- Dedication of breast cancer awareness stamp (7/29/98)
- Taped PSA for Take Time to Care Campaign to raise women's awareness of the importance of using medicine wisely (3/17/98)
- National Breast Cancer Coalition Event (3/4/98)
- Participated in Presidential radio address for Breast Cancer Awareness Month (10/97)
- Visit to CIA to observe benefits of applying intelligence technology to breast cancer detection (7/14/95)
- Highlighted importance of proposal for no co-pay in Medicare Mammography annual benefit (5/1/95)
- Various columns (7/29/98, 9/24/96, 12/30/95, 10/22/95)

Future Focus:

Continue to monitor research funding for women's health, including DOD breast cancer research program

Play active role in supporting legislation prohibiting genetic discrimination

Continue work on Medicare Mammography campaign

Push for passage of longer mastectomy hospital stays

Women: Abortion & Family Planning

Objective:

To continue the Administration's efforts to improve family planning and to make abortion safe, legal and rare.

Accomplishments:

Events highlighting family planning, and decreasing abortion and teen pregnancy rates

- Participated in 1999 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awards (4/28/99)
- Atlanta Teen Pregnancy Video Address (2/5/99)
- NARAL 33rd Anniversary Celebration Speech (1/22/99)
- Meeting with media executives at *People Magazine* Teen Pregnancy Luncheon (12/1/98)
- Call to action meeting with family planning and abortion rights advocates (1/20/98)
- National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy event at White House (5/2/97)
- Column (1/29/97)

Leadership role in policy development

- Helped secure \$24 million increase in Title X for family planning
- Met with family planning advocates to announce FY2000 budget initiatives (1/22/99)
- Supported legislation to require Federal Employee Health Benefits Program to cover prescription contraceptives (1998)
- Pushed for budget increases for family planning (1993- present)

Future Focus:

Work with groups to change focus of abortion debate building on recent significant success in reducing teen pregnancy and abortion rates

Develop plan to improve safety for doctors and patients at clinics

Continue to advance budget increases for family planning services

Women: Domestic Violence

Objective:

To heighten awareness about domestic violence, work to prevent it, and effectively address it when it does occur.

Accomplishments:

- Roundtable on Domestic Violence with Schumer (9/23/98)
- Vital Voices speech on Domestic Violence and the rights of women (8/29/98)
- Release of report on effectiveness of VAWA in Ohio (7/27/98)
- Announcement of new initiative in Russia (7/16/98)
- Release of report on new, lower domestic violence numbers at The Children's Assessment Center (3/16/98)
- IDB Conference on domestic violence (10/20/97)
- Advocated for creation of Violence Against Women Office at Justice (1994)
- Columns on domestic violence (3/19/98, 10/6/96)

Future Focus:

Pursue legislation on VAWA II (up for Reauthorization in 1999) and support for DOJ VAWA office

Continue leadership on domestic violence, making the connection to women's rights

Women: Women's Rights

Objective:

To continue to advance women's rights.

Accomplishments:

- Hosted White House Reception w/POTUS in honor of "Portraits, Profiles and Progress, Celebrating Women of the 20th Century" (10/26/99)
- Attended [attempted] Space Shuttle Launch with first woman Shuttle Commander (7/19/99 & 7/20/99)
- Event with POTUS to celebrate the 1999 Women's World Cup Champion Soccer Team (7/19/99)
- Honorary Chair of President's Interagency Council on Women
- Spoke on economic issues at Women's Equality Summit, National Council of Women's Organizations (3/15/99)
- Seneca Falls Speech (7/16/98)
- Dinner with women historians (7/9/98)
- Event to celebrate 25th Anniversary of the Equal Pay Act (6/10/98)
- Event to celebrate 25th Anniversary of Title IX and release of Executive Memorandum (6/17/97)
- Columns: Women's Championship Soccer Team (7/14/99), Women's History Month (3/17/99), Girls and Science (7/8/97), American Woman in Space (10/8/96), Title IX (8/6/96), Feminine Roles (3/12/96), Challenges Facing Girls (2/27/96), 75th Anniversary of Suffrage (8/27/95)

Future Focus:

Continue strong public advocacy role on behalf of women in speeches, events and columns
Continue work on supporting single-sex education

Women: Working Women Count!

Objective:

To continue to bring the concerns of working women to the forefront of policy development for the Administration.

Accomplishments:

- Participated in "Ask a Working Woman" Roundtable, Buffalo, NY (5/7/99)
- Participated in Equal Pay Announcement and Roundtable (4/7/99)
- *Working Mother Magazine* White House luncheon highlighting 1994 Roundtable participants (2/10/97)
- Women's Bureau South Lawn celebration (5/19/95)
- "Working Women Count!" Campaign event at White House with President (4/10/95)
- Release of survey results with Vice President (10/14/94)
- Roundtable discussion with working women in Atlanta, Santa Fe, Maryland and Pittsburgh (5/2, 5/26 and 9/12/94)
- Press Conference launch of "Working Women Count!" initiative (5/5/94)
- Columns: Working Women (2/11/97 & 8/6/95)

Future Focus:

Continue public events highlighting successful efforts

Work on improving pay equity

See "Children and Families" and "Economic Security" for additional actions

Youth: After- School Opportunities

Objective:

To promote effective programs that help children learn and keep them safe.

Accomplishments:

Events Highlighting After-School Programs

- Chicago Afterschool Event (1/13/99)
- White House Event to announce after school budget proposals (1/7/99)
- Visit to DC Learning and Tennis program (9/18/98)
- Visit to Chicago Lighthouse program, release of report on effective programs (4/24/98)
- Announcement of Mott Grant of \$50 million to after-school programs (1/26/98)
- Visit to Virtual Y Program In NYC (1/26/98)
- Columns: Girls and Sports (3/10/99), After-School (11/18/98), Activities for Youth (6/15/96)

Leadership in securing \$450 million in FY00 budget for after-school programs

Participated in HBO's Women in Sports Event in New York (3/4/99)

Leadership in securing \$200 million in FY99 budget for after-school programs

Future Focus:

Continue to press after-school programs as an effective way to address the time squeeze families are facing

Promote President's FY 2001 budget announcement of additional expansion

Youth: At Risk Youth

Objective:

To promote effective efforts to address the factors that are placing children and youth at risk of juvenile crime and delinquency.

Accomplishments:

Gun Violence, Youth Violence and Violence Prevention

- “From Violence to Dialogue” Conference, Tel Aviv (11/10/99)
- Violence PSA Event with POTUS (8/17/99)
- Participated in Youth Violence Event at Fisher Middle School, NJ (6/10/99)
- Participated in Good Morning America Discussion on Youth Violence (6/4/99)
- Called for an FTC/DOJ Study on Violence in the Media (6/1/99)
- Met with families of Columbine High School Victims, CO (5/20/99)
- Participated in White House Strategy Session on Children, Violence and Responsibility w/POTUS (5/10/99)
- Participated in Mother’s Day Event highlighting the importance of keeping kids safe from guns (5/8/99)
- Announced introduction of gun control legislation affecting children’s access to guns (4/27/99)
- School Violence Conference- hosted three panels and lunch (10/15/98)
- White House Dinner on At-Risk Youth (8/3/98)
- Boys and Girls Club event in NY City (4/14/98)
- Columns: Youth Violence (8/18/99), Guns, Kids and Youth Violence (5/12/99), Columbine (4/28/99), School Shootings (4/8/98)

Juvenile Justice

- Received award at NYC’s Police Athletic League’s Women of the Year luncheon (12/2/98)
- Leader in advocating for juvenile justice legislation that doesn’t harm children (Fall 1998)
- Column: Juvenile Justice Legislation (10/8/98)

Arts Education and At-Risk Youth

- Coming Up Taller Event (10/7/98)
- Visits programs for youth at risk at the Manchester Craftsman Guild in PA (6/7/96) and Gallery 37 in Chicago (8/27/96)
- Launched PCAH report *Coming Up Taller* on arts programs around the country geared toward at-risk youth (4/26/96)

- Columns: Activities for Youth (6/15/96), Art Education (5/21/96)

Hosted Children's Conferences to hear youth perspective on effective services for children

- Youth Talk: A City Listens to Children (6/14/96)
- Colorado Listens to Kids, Denver, CO (5/22/96)

Save the Children Mentoring Event (2/3/99)

Future Focus:

Continue to advance common sense gun control measures and other efforts to address the problem of children, guns and the underlying problem of violence among children
Continue leadership on WH Campaign to end youth violence

Youth: National Service

Objective:

To promote an ethic of service by highlighting successful service programs, particularly service involving children and youth, and to raise awareness of AmeriCorps and expand its base of support

Accomplishments:

Events highlighting National Service

- Hosted the 5th Anniversary of AmeriCorps and the AmeriCorps Anniversary Committee Luncheon at the White House (10/20/99)
- Participated in City Year's 10th Anniversary Celebration (6/4/99)
- AmeriCorps Alums Fundraiser (9/10/98)
- Jumpstart Rally at Mazique Head Start Center, DC (6/18/98)
- Reauthorization Rally on Capitol Hill (3/19/98)
- MLK Day of Service Literacy Fair at MCI Center (1/19/98)
- Rhode Island City Year event (6/9/97)
- Learn & Grow child care initiatives (1/7/98; 10/24/97)
- National Service Summit in Philadelphia (4/27/97- 4/29/97)
- DC School- Service Learning event at Cordoza High School (4/97)
- Senior Service event (6/17/96)
- New York AmeriCorps event (4/25/95)
- Columns: Fifth Anniversary of AmeriCorps (10/20/99), White House Volunteers (4/29/98), Service (1/13/98 & 3/17/98), Summit for America's Future (4/23/97), US Relief Workers Overseas (2/3/96)

Future Focus:

Advocate for the doubling of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps reserves

Other: District of Columbia Initiatives

Objective:

To apply energy and expertise to the national issues facing women, children and families in Washington DC, with social focus on education, economic opportunity and development, cultural initiatives and adoption.

Accomplishments:

Key Administration Voice on the District

Leadership on DC School and Children Initiatives

- Helped strengthen DC adoption system by hosting DC Adoption Day at the White House (11/24/98)
- DC Charter School Conference at the Indian Treaty Room (8/4/98)
- Meeting with Arlene Ackerman on DC schools/ charter schools (6/23/98)
- Speech at Living Arts Downtown to promote downtown revitalization with emphasis on cultural complex (5/98)
- Promotion of math and science education with Tom Hanks and Eileen O'Connor, NASA's first woman shuttle commander (3/5/98)
- Spoke at Banneker HS Commencement (6/13/97)
- Spoke at Washington Lawyer's Lunch to urge DC Lawyers to engage themselves in DC schools (6/10/97)
- Participated in youth violence prevention program at Jefferson JHS (5/16/97)
- Visited WIN after school program at J.O. Wilson Elementary School (5/97)
- HIPPI graduation to highlight progress and importance to low income parents (5/15/97)
- Wrote to DC Law Firms challenging them to assist in DC schools (Spring 97)
- Visited Cleveland Elementary School with POTUS re: literacy (Spring 97)
- Announced federal grants for district wide school renovation at Malcolm X Elementary (3/3/97)
- Meeting to discuss General Becton's strategic plan for DC schools (3/3/97)
- Launched DC Prescription for Reading program at Georgetown (2/97)
- Spoke at Alice Deal JHS (6/9/95)
- Spoke at Duke Ellington HS commencements (6/15/94)
- Pushed service learning schools- Cordozo High School
- Announced Connie Lee Grant for school renovation
- Championed Mother Teresa Home for Infants and Toddlers, participated in opening with Mother Teresa (1995), columns (7/30/95 & 9/9/97)
- Column (2/19/97)

Leader on Revitalization Efforts

- Music Museum Meeting (6/8/99)
- Keynote at Greater Washington Business Philanthropy Summit (3/5/99)
- Spoke at WIN and convened major stakeholders (Fall 1998)
- Meeting with Control Board (8/4/98)
- Speech to DC Cares Event, summit on business philanthropy, and announced federal support for Summer Stars, the DC Summer School program (4/7/98)
- Announcement of President's FY 99 budget with Secretaries Rubin and Slater and Director Raines (1/29/98)
- Highlighted FINCA's microcredit bank (2/3/97)
- Announced HUD Community Development Grant (2/19/96)
- Convened meeting with leaders of downtown redevelopment projects
- Arts summit on downtown revitalization
- Meeting with mayor elect and congressional leaders

Future Focus:

Continue support for Administration's proposal for DC's budget

Continue to build support for reforms of DC's public and public charter schools

Support efforts to create a Music Museum

Support efforts for downtown revitalization

Support of newly elected mayor and city officials

Other: Race Relations

Objective:

To help promote the President's vision of One America, by reaching out to all Americans and to support the President's Initiative on Race.

Accomplishments:

- Hate Crimes Event at North Valley Jewish Community Center, CA (11/5/99)
- Hosted White House Convening on Hispanic Children and Youth to examine challenges and opportunities facing young Hispanics (8/4/99)
- Celebrated Native American Women at Sacagawea Coin Unveiling (5/4/99)
- Southwest tour including several trips to Native American Reservations (5/99)
- Participated in Keepers of the Flame Dinner, UJA Federation of New York (4/20/99)
- Team Harmony Events (5/28/98, 12/9/98)
- Spoke at National Council of La Raza (7/20/98)
- Delivered Commencement Address at Ohio University with focus on the race initiative (6/97)
- First Lady represented on WH Race working group
- Columns: Rosa Parks (6/16/99), African Americans (3/18/97)

Future Focus:

Monitor the development/ release of Race Initiative final report

**Domestic Accomplishments
of
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton**

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Children & Families: Child Care

Objective:

To make child care better, safer and more affordable for America's working families.

Accomplishments:

White House Conference on Child Care

- Hosted Conference with POTUS- two panel discussion, luncheon and reception (10/23/97)
- Press Roundtable, morning shows with POTUS (10/22/97-10/23/97)
- Ramp-up speech at the University of Maryland (10/3/97)

President's FY 1999 Child Care Initiative

- White House announcement of child care budget proposals (1/7/98)
- Leadership role in policy development
- Leadership in securing in FY 1999 budget negotiations \$200 million for after school programs and \$180 million in child care quality
- Advocated to strengthen background checks on child care providers; President signed National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact to facilitate background checks
- Pushed for improvements to federal child care; President signed executive memorandum (3/10/98)
- Op eds in women's magazines (i.e. *Parents*) and column (1/6/98)

Selected Appearances/ Campaigning to Promote Child Care Investments

- Fight Crime Invest in Kids Event (4/28/00) ✓
- Participated in Families Agenda Roundtable, Duncan YMCA, Chicago (4/14/99) ✓
- Child Care Announcement and Tour at *Just Us Kids* Child Development Center, DC (4/12/99) ✓
- Speech in New York for *Parents Magazine* child care awards (9/23/98) ✓
- Release of grants to promote after school programs through the 21st Century Learning Centers in Rose Garden ceremony (6/17/98) ✓
- White House luncheon with Redbook magazine on child care (6/2/98) ✓
- Capitol Hill announcement of House Democratic child care bill with sponsors (6/98) ✓
- Child care roundtable with Rep. Tauscher (5/26/98) ✓
- Rosie O'Donnell Show appearance on child care and meeting with leaders of Reiner child care campaign, New York, NY (5/11/98) ✓
- White House meeting with Treasury Working Group on Child Care and Rose Garden event with POTUS to release working group report (4/23/98) ✓
- Milwaukee Child Care Conference keynote address (3/27/98) ✓

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- Hartford, CT Roundtable discussion on child care quality (1/28/98)
- Harlem, NY Virtual Y after school program visit and remarks (1/26/98)
- White House announcement of Mott Foundation commitment to after school programs (1/26/98)
- Quantico Marine Base Child Care Center visit and roundtable (9/31/97)
- Florida Business Commission on Child Care discussion in Miami (9/30/97)
- Speech in DC to *Parents Magazine* child care awards (5/22/97)
- White House luncheon with *Working Women Magazine* and child care honorees (2/10/97)
- Column: Affordable Child Care (2/2/00), Treasury Working Group on Child Care Report (4/22/98)

Future Focus:

- Roll out of Administration FY2001 child care initiative
- Focus on achieving discretionary budget increase for child care subsidies
- Take leadership role in advancing Administration proposal for dramatic expansion of afterschool programs

Children & Families: Early Childhood & Development

Objective:

To promote children's health development in the earliest years of life and advocate for investments in effective early childhood programs and strategies.

Accomplishments:

White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning

- Received the Decade of the Brain Award from the Society for Neuroscience (3/18/98)
- Follow-up speech to Conference: Keynote address at Princeton Symposium on Early Childhood Education (4/25/97)
- Hosted Conference with President- two panel discussions, luncheon and reception (4/17/97)
- Press Roundtable and morning shows (4/16- 4/17/97)
- Ramp-up speech: Keynote at the Society for Research in Child Development (4/3/97)
- Columns: Care in Early Years (2/10/98), Conference (4/15/97)

Leadership in securing in FY 1999 budget \$10 million for Safe Start Initiative, announced at Conference (10/98)

Leadership in Head Start quality improvements, continued budget commitment and strong 1998 reauthorization

Prescription for Reading

- 10th Anniversary of ROR, Boston (6/4/99)
- New York City launch of PFR/ROR (12/1/98)
- Chicago launch of PFR/ROR and Release of PFR Partnership's Annual Report (4/98)
- Event celebrating "Read Across America" and culmination of campaign sponsored by publishers and health professionals to give coupons for free books to children (3/2/98)
- Baltimore City launch of PFR/Reach Out and Read (ROR) (6/10/97)
- Prescription for Reading Partnership (PFR) lunch at White House (4/16/97)
- Called for Prescription for Reading effort in speech at Georgetown University Medical Center (1/10/97)
- Column: Literacy (3/3/98)

Home Visitation/ HIPPY

- Toured HIPPY Program in Israel (12/13/98)
- National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse award and speech (10/6/98)
- Roundtable discussion/ home visiting event (2/10/98)

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- Proposed Early Learning Fund invests in home visitation (1998)
- HIPPY DC Commencement (5/15/97)
- Column: Home Visiting (2/10/98)

California Proposition 10

- Campaigned for CA ballot initiative to promote early childhood development with tobacco tax revenue (10/30/98)

Received NYU Child Study Center's first annual Child Advocacy Award (12/1/98)

Received *The For All Kids* Advocacy Award (12/1/98)

Future Focus:

Consolidate achievements of Prescription for Reading and hold final meeting with partners to urge next steps

Promote school readiness and early learning initiatives

Children & Families: Family Leave

Objective:

To advance policies that provide families with family and medical leave opportunities.

Accomplishments:

Leadership in passage and implementation of 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act

- Act signed (2/5/93)
- Addressed issue in It Takes A Village
- Advocated for FMLA in various speeches and column

Leading advocate for the expansion of the FMLA

- Staff leadership in paid parental leave expansion proposals
- Columns: 5 year FMLA anniversary (8/4/98), FMLA and adoption (5/14/96)

Future Focus:

Promote FMLA expansion to businesses with 25 or more workers

Advocate for paid parental leave options within FY 2001 budget

Children & Families: Foster Care and Adoption

Objective:

To move children more quickly from foster care to permanent homes and increase the number of adoptions.

Accomplishments:

Leadership in Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 and Adoption 2002 Initiative

- Participated in the Orphan Foundation of America Gala Dinner (6/12/00)
- Received HHS National Progress Report on Adoption which demonstrated significant increases in the national adoption rate (9/24/99)
- Bill signing ceremony of Adoption and Safe Families Act (11/19/98)
- Leadership in enactment of Adoption and Safe Families Act incorporating key recommendations for Adoption 2002 report (including internal meetings and congressional outreach)
- Berkeley, CA speech on significance of Adoption and Safe Families Act (11/24/97)
- Leadership in development of HHS Adoption 2002 report- with legislative and administrative recommendations- as required by POTUS Executive Memorandum
- Adoption 2002 Report Presentation by HHS to the President at Valentine's Day event (2/14/97)
- Leadership in development of Executive Memorandum on improving foster care and adoption
- Executive Memorandum issued at Oval Office POTUS radio address with foster care families (12/14/96)
- Convened Foundation Leaders to discuss foster care issues (8/2/96)
- Columns on bill (11/20/97 & 11/18/97)

Leadership on Foster Care Independence Act of 1999

- Bill signing ceremony of Foster Care Independence Act (12/14/99)
- Leadership in development and enactment of Bill
- Event with Mrs. Gore announcing new support for Transitioning Foster Care Youth (1/29/99)
- Destination Future Conference speech on emancipation from foster care (9/11/98)
- Roundtable discussion with California Youth Connection members on emancipation from foster care (11/24/97)
- WH Event to Unveil FY2000 Budget Proposal

Adoption Promotion and Foster Care Improvement Campaign

- Appeared on Rosie O'Donnell's Television Special on Foster Care (5/8/00)

- Children's Action Network Adoption Event (12/20/99)
- Participated in the Jewish Child Care Association's 175th Anniversary Celebration, New York (4/19/99)
- Dave Thomas Adoption Law Symposium Video (2/5/99)
- White House event to mark Adoption Month (11/24/98)
- National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse award and speech (10/6/98)
- Speech at Kellogg Foundation Family for Kids Conference (6/25/97)
- National Council on Adoption Speech (4/16/97)
- Mother's Day Adoption Roundtable with adoptive mothers and children (5/10/96)
- National Adoption Month event at the White House (11/13/95)
- Sustained theme in books and various columns (9/29/99, 9/23/98, 2/10/98, 11/18/97, 6/24/97, 12/17/96, 5/14/96, 7/30/95)

Leadership on other key legislation

- Adoption Tax Credit and MEPA strengthening (1996)
- FMLA covering time off for adoption (1993)
- Multi-Ethnic Placement Act (1994)

Future Focus:

Develop a court reform and support initiative

Continue to monitor Adoption and Safe Families and Foster Care Independence Act implementation

Children & Families: It Takes a Village

Objective:

To issue a national call for all sectors of society to take responsibility for our children.

Accomplishments:

- Winter/Spring Book Tour- 1996
- Translated into 12 languages including Spanish, French, German, Chinese and Hebrew
- Hardcover edition was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 19 weeks, three weeks in the #1 position
- Paperback edition was on the bestseller list for 9 weeks
- Close to \$1 million in charitable contributions to date
- Over \$500,000 has gone directly to children's hospitals

Future Focus:

Children & Families: Military Families/Quality of Life

Objective:

To support a higher quality of life for men and women who serve our country.

Accomplishments:

- Visits to Military Bases in Germany, Portugal, Italy and Hawaii
- Video on Quality of Life Conference
- Quantico Marine Base Child Care Center visit and roundtable discussion (9/31/97)
- DOD Essay Contest Group Photo (6/17/96)
- Various columns: (12/23/97, 3/26/96, 12/16/95, 2/17/95)

Future Focus:

Education: Charter Schools and Public School Choice

Objective:

To promote public charter schools to provide choice and innovation in the public school system and to fight against private school vouchers.

Accomplishments:

Promotion of charter school movement

- Remarks to the Yale Child Study Center Symposium/ School Development Programs 30th Anniversary (4/30/98)
- Visit to Vaughn Charter School, Los Angeles (9/96)
- Column: Charter Schools and Vouchers (5/20/98)

Promotion of DC charter schools

- Leadership role on securing adequate funds for DC's charter schools (8/98)
- DC Charter School Conference in the Indian Treaty Room (8/4/98)
- Meeting with Arlene Ackerman on DC schools/ charter schools (6/23/98)

Future Focus:

Monitor the progress of charter schools nationally, promoting attention to quality assurances

Education: Public School Reform & Higher Education

Objective:

To strengthen quality public education for our nation's children and ensure affordable higher education for all Americans.

Accomplishments:

Promotion of general school reform

- Recipient of NEA Friend of Education Award (7/5/99)
- Recipient of Albert Shanker Award for Distinguished Service (4/22/99)
- Delivered inaugural address at Jill and Ken Iscol Childhood and Future Lecture Series, Teachers College, Columbia University (4/19/99)
- Qualified Teachers in Every Classroom Event with POTUS (1/21/99)
- Event with POTUS announcing initiatives to end social promotion (1/7/99)
- Visit to Chicago school (2/18/97)
- Speech to College Boards, Chicago (2/18/97)
- Little Rock Speech (2/97)
- Columns: Quality Education for Hispanic Youth (6/27/00), Recruiting and Retaining High Quality Teachers (3/1/00), Education of Teachers (4/21/99), Reform (6/17/97)

Promotion of school modernization and class size agenda

- School modernization event in DC, as part of National School Modernization Day, and announcement of school reform grants (9/8/98)
- Numerous events on school modernization and class size, including school modernization/class size event in Colorado (Fall, 98)
- Column: School Reform- highlighting Chicago (5/27/98)

Promotion of Affordable Higher Education

- Column: Column on College Affordability (1/26/00)

Future Focus:

Continue involvement in Reauthorization of Education and Secondary Education Act to strengthen support for public education and oppose vouchers as an alternative
Continue promotion of school modernization and reduced class size initiatives
Promote efforts to improve teacher quality at federal, state, and local level

Family Economic Security: Bankruptcy

Objective:

To ensure that bankruptcy reform is responsible- demanding responsibility of creditors as well as debtors- and to monitor proposals for their impact on child support and alimony collection; also to help develop consumer literacy and protection proposals.

Accomplishments:

Leadership role in 1998 bankruptcy reform legislative debate

- Significant Congressional outreach, including personal letters accompanying columns to key Members of Congress
- Column on Senate bankruptcy reform bill highlighted Administration position on need for balanced reform and played a key role in conference negotiations (10/1/98)
- Conference bill unacceptable and defeated (10/98)
- POTUS radio address reinforced HRC column (5/9/98)
- Column on House bankruptcy reform bill sounded alarm on its negative impact on child support collection (5/6/98)
- Key internal meetings and discussions

Participated in Financial Privacy and Consumer Protection Event w/POTUS (5/4/99)

Future Focus:

Continue to monitor bankruptcy reform debate

Family Economic Security: Fighting Poverty

Objective:

To work to lift America's families out of poverty.

Accomplishments:

- Amplified POTUS announcement of census data indicating a fall in national poverty rate (9/24/98)
- Pushed for EITC refundability (1993)
- Columns: Child Support/Fathers Working Initiative (3/15/00), Affordable Housing (1/12/00)

Future Focus:

Support FY2001 budget initiatives designed to alleviate poverty (food stamps, refundable tax credit)

Family Economic Security: Legal Services

Objective:

To promote equal access to justice under the law by supporting the Legal Services Corporation, making available legal resources for low-income people.

Accomplishments:

- Attended National Association for Public Interest Law Dinner (10/29/99)
- Participated in the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Legal Services Corporation with POTUS (7/27/99)
- Remarks to ABA Conference (8/2/96)
- Remarks to NY Legal Aid Society (3/23/95)
- White House event to celebrate 20th anniversary of LSC (9/29/94)
- Fought to save LSC from budget cuts every year
- Columns: LSC 25th Anniversary (8/11/99) & Value of Legal Aid (4/23/96)

Future Focus:

Continue leadership and support for full funding of President's LSC budget requests

Family Economic Security: Microenterprise

Objective:

To promote expansion of microenterprise in the United States to assist low-income people, especially women, to secure loans.

Accomplishments:

- 1998 Microenterprise Awards with POTUS (2/5/99)
- Announcement of PRIME Act with Senator Kennedy (6/98)
- Keynoted at AEO Conference (4/98)
- Delivered keynote address at Microenterprise summit in DC (2/3/97)
- Visited Connie Evans self employment project (2/3/97)
- President's Microenterprise Awards with POTUS and Secretary Rubin at the White House (1/30/97)
- Did WH Press Roundtable (1/97)
- Helped establish Microenterprise Awards in US (8/95) and announced the awards with Secretary Rubin via video to the Association for Enterprise Opportunity Conference in RI (5/96)
- Visited Mi Casa Resource Center for Women in Denver, Colorado (7/26/95)
- Column: Microcredit (2/4/97)

Future Focus:

Continue to highlight domestic microenterprise projects

Family Economic Security: Minimum Wage

Objective:

To promote an increase in the minimum wage for America's workers to ensure that working families do not raise their children in poverty.

Accomplishments:

Leading advocate for the 1999 proposed increase

- Released report on importance of minimum wage to women with Sen. Kennedy (9/28/99)
- Continued exhortation

Leading advocate for the 1998 proposed increase

- Column calling for minimum wage increase (10/14/98)
- Continued exhortation

Leadership role in the achievement of the 1996 minimum wage increase

Future Focus:

Continue to promote minimum wage increase

Family Economic Security: Welfare Reform

Objective:

To monitor the implementation of welfare reform and highlight effective strategies to move people from welfare to work.

Accomplishments:

- See also Microenterprise initiative
- Columns: Welfare to Work (8/25/99), Welfare Reform (6/3/98)

Future Focus:

Continue to highlight programs that promote the economic empowerment of women and move people from welfare to work

Family Economic Security: Women's Economic Security & Retirement

Objective:

To strengthen women's retirement security and monitor social security reform proposals for their impact on women.

Accomplishments:

- Social Security Event with POTUS (2/17/99)
- Social Security Satellite Conference (1/23/99)
- Met on Social Security Reforms with Women Advocates (1/21/99)
- Amplification of Release of Women's Retirement Security Report in NY and NJ (10/27/98)
- Columns (2/17/99 & 1/20/99)

Future Focus:

Participate in ongoing efforts to strengthen social security
Develop strategy to promote and strengthen women's retirement security

Health: AIDS

Objective:

To continue to support to Administration's goals to prevent and cure AIDS, and to maintain particular focus on AIDS among women and children.

Accomplishments:

Leadership on Pediatric AIDS

- Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Scientists' Awards Ceremony (1/28/99)
- Leadership role in issuing regulations on testing and labeling of drugs for pediatric use (8/97), final rules published (11/27/98)
- "Commitment to Children" Award from Pediatric AIDS Foundation (12/1/97)
- Pediatric AIDS Foundation "Kids for Kids" event (1/96)
- Launch of Pediatric AIDS Foundation's PSA campaign at White House (5/22/95)
- Strong voice in encouraging all pregnant women to get tested and treated for HIV to reduce prenatal AIDS transmission, leading to dramatic declines in rates of transmission and reduction in number of pediatric AIDS cases

Keynote to World AIDS Day Symposium (12/1/99)

Convened meeting to explore strategies to better address international AIDS crisis (9/7/99)

Discussion on HIV and Women at Whitman-Walker Clinic with Madam Chirac (2/1/96)

Address to AIDS Conference (12/6/95)

Promoted increase in funding for AIDS research, prevention, housing and treatment

Columns: (9/8/99, 3/4/97, 2/17/96)

Future Focus:

Continue of focus on prevention and treatment of AIDS among minorities and others who are not currently being reached by effective prevention and drug therapies

Health: Asthma and Environmental Health

Objective:

To raise awareness about dramatic increase in asthma among children, and to improve prevention and treatment.

Accomplishments:

Public events highlighting asthma problem

- Asthma Screening at Draper Elementary School in Washington D.C. (5/4/99)
- Asthma Budget Announcements with Secretary Shalala (1/28/99)
- Event with Senator Boxer on children's environmental health and asthma (5/26/98)
- Announcement of partnership among Sesame Street, NACCRRA, and American Lung Association and of new initiatives by EPA to fight asthma (5/21/98)
- Event launching New York City Asthma Initiative (12/11/97)
- Column: Asthma and the Environment (6/10/98)

Support for Administration investment in asthma prevention and treatment

Future Focus:

Support FY 2001 budget proposal that would dramatically increase funding for asthma prevention and research

Continue to push interagency efforts to coordinate asthma prevention and education and to look at other environmental health risks for children

Health: Children's Health

Objective:

To continue to be a strong advocate for children's health issues, including expanding health insurance coverage, protecting Medicaid, and ensuring support for children's hospitals.

Accomplishments:

Support for children's hospitals

- Delivered Hickman Lecture, Arkansas Children's Hospital (10/9/98)
- Dedication of Hillary Rodham Clinton Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (3/3/98)
- Circle of Care dinner for children's hospitals at White House (9/27/95)
- Proceeds from ITAV to children's hospitals
- Column: Children's Hospitals Education & Research Act (12/1/99), Medicaid and Children's Hospitals (8/5/97)

Children's Health Initiative

- Signing of the Children's Hospitals Education & Research Act authorizing funds for children's hospitals
- Participated in CHIP outreach event with POTUS (2/23/99)
- Met with children's hospitals to announce FY2000 proposal to cover children's health specialists' education under Medicare (1/28/99)
- Meeting with corporate sponsors and non-profit organizations to generate support for CHIP media campaign (7/10/98)
- Participated in signing of Balanced Budget Act of 1997, including new Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (8/5/97)
- Published op ed in *The New York Times* on implementation of CHIP (8/5/97)
- National Governor's Association Speech (6/97)
- Advocated for children's health insurance in numerous speeches, book, and columns (2/24/98, 8/5/97, 5/20/97)

Consumer Product Safety Event (5/12/00)

Meeting on the safe use of prescription drugs for children with behavioral and emotional problems (3/20/2000), follow up column (3/22/2000)

Leadership on role in protecting Medicaid from cuts and block grants (1996)

Future Focus:

Continue to lead intensified outreach effort on CHIP and Medicaid enrollment

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Continue to monitor implementation of CHIP

Work on ensuring adequate funding for teaching and children's hospitals

Health: Disease Prevention and Research

Objective:

To focus attention on diseases affecting many Americans and support an aggressive research agenda.

Accomplishments:

- Dedicated Rush Epilepsy Center in Chicago (1/13/99)
- Attended CURE Dinner (1/13/99)
- Spearheaded effort for Presidential proclamation for "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week" (9/14/98)
- Advocated for increased research budgets, leading to historic FY 1999 increase
- *Good Housekeeping* and *Today Show* event announcing commitments to raise awareness about colon cancer (9/10/98)
- Advocated for and won increased research funding specified for epilepsy research (6/98)
- Advocated for Medicare preventive benefits, including annual mammograms and screenings of colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, and osteoporosis (passed as part of Balanced Budget Act of 1997)
- Columns: Epilepsy (1/13/99), Christopher Reeve- Paralysis Research (2/11/96)

Future Focus:

Continue efforts to raise awareness about cancer prevention

Continue to support increased research budgets for National Institutes of Health and Department of Defense

Health: Food Safety

Objective:

To ensure that Americans eat the safest possible food through research, education, and surveillance activities.

Accomplishments:

- Food Safety Conference at Georgetown (6/13/98)
- Column (7/1/97)

Future Focus:

Play leadership role through President's Council on Food Safety (created 8/98)

Health: Gulf War Illness

Objective:

To respond to the health concerns of Gulf War Veterans.

Accomplishments:

- Special Committee report release and Committee completion (10/97)
- Formal presentation of Committee final report to the President (1/7/97) and announcement of continuation of the Committee
- Testimony to the first meeting of Committee (8/14/95)
- Instrumental in establishing the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses, including memorandum to the President (2/10/95)
- Internal and interagency meetings and discussions (1994-95)/ Report to President on Gulf War health issues
- Visits to VA and DOD hospitals, listening to veterans concerns (1994)
- Column: Special Committee Report (1/7/97)

Future Focus:

Health: Health Care Reform

Objective:

To continue to advocate for universal health coverage.

Accomplishments:

Leadership in national health reform

- Chaired President's Task Force on Health Care Reform (1993-94)
- Testified before 5 House and Senate committees (10/93)
- Numerous events & speeches across country

Continued efforts to take steps to reform health system

- Prescription Drug Event on the Hill (11/9/99)
- Event on Medicare and Women with POTUS (7/27/99)
- Participated in the White House Mental Health Conference (6/7/99)
- Keynote and Public Service Award Recipient at John F. English Symposium on Health Care, Hofstra University (4/20/99)
- Participated in opening of new medical center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago (4/14/99)
- Long-Term Care Event with POTUS (1/4/99)
- Promoted Administration's Patients' Bill of Rights proposal (1998)
- Keynote Address at Commonwealth Fund's First International Symposium on Health Policy (10/21/98)
- Participated in Gore Family Conference on Health Care, with particular focus on prevention (6/22/98)
- Harvard Medical School Commencement speech (6/5/98)
- Speech to American Nurse Association
- Supported the bill to extend hospital stays for mastectomy patients at White House event (2/12/97), in speeches, and at other events
- Advocated for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (Kennedy-Kassebaum) in speeches, column (2/11/96), meetings and events; Legislation passed 8/96
- Supported bill to extend hospital stays for new mothers in speeches, books, columns (10/1/95), meetings and events; Legislation passed (9/96)
- Fought for nurse education training and reimbursement (1993-94)
- Columns: Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors (7/12/00), Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (2/9/00), ADA (7/28/99), Mental Health Conference (6/9/99), Long-Term Care (1/6/99)

Future Focus:

Continue to take steps to reform the health care system, including:

- Health insurance coverage expansion, including CHIP for parents
- Support passage of Patients' Bill of Rights
- Support new tax credit for long-term care
- Support prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries
- Increase efforts to eliminate racial disparities in health care
- Support genetic discrimination legislation

Continue to advocate for increasing health insurance coverage for the uninsured, including Medicare (55-65) and Medicaid buy in options

Health: Immunizations

Objective:

To increase immunization rates among preschool children.

Accomplishments:

Promoted Vaccines for Children (VFC) program

- Participated in announcement by President of highest immunization rate ever-- 75% among children under 2-- and of year 2000 goals (4/10/96)
- Launched Childhood Immunization Initiative (2/12/93) and secured passage of Vaccines for Children (VFC) program (1993)
- Visits to model immunization programs around the country
- Column: Immunization (7/22/97)

Worked on regulations to ensure that children in federally funded child care settings are properly immunized

Strengthened connection of immunization programs to WIC

Future Focus:

Continue to protect immunization funding and VFC program

Health: Physical Fitness and Nutrition

Objective:

To promote physical fitness and good nutrition.

Accomplishments:

- Launched Shape-Up America event at the White House (11/95)
- Video to American Dietetic Association Conference
- Leadership role in full funding of WIC

Future Focus:

Health: Tobacco

Objective:

To ensure passage of comprehensive tobacco legislation.

Accomplishments:

Support for comprehensive, national tobacco legislation

- Advocated for reform through speeches
- Meeting with tobacco advocates/ winners of Gleitsman Award, including Congressman Henry Waxman and Dr. C. Everett Koop (6/9/98)
- Column on Republican defeat of tobacco bill (6/24/98)
- Columns: Teen Smoking (3/29/00), Smoking (7/29/97, 7/16/96)

Campaigned for California's tobacco tax ballot initiative

Future Focus:

Health: Women's Health

Objective:

To continue to champion women's health issues.

Accomplishments:

Led Medicare Mammography campaign

- Medicare Mammography Campaign PSA (9/23/99 & 10/2/97)
- Participated in annual Medicare Mammography Campaign launch (1996-98)
- Awarded a Government Leadership Award by the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month Board of Sponsors for "outstanding leadership in launching efforts to educate all women about mammography, especially women eligible for Medicare (10/2/95)
- Launch of Medicare Mammography Campaign (5/1/95)
- Meetings with private sector partners

Leadership in promoting research and awareness

- Named a National Breast Cancer Coalition Honoree (8/00)
- Received "Woman of Courage" Award from Cedars-Sinai Research for Women's Cancers and Saks Fifth for commitment to eradicating women's cancer, including breast and ovarian cancer (3/28/00)
- Awarded a Public Leadership Award from the National Breast Cancer Coalition (9/28/99)
- Oberstar Lecture (1/28/99)
- Release of report on breast cancer advancements/ new announcements on research and prevention (10/21/98)
- Helped to safeguard existing DOD investment in breast cancer research and imaging technology
- Dedication of breast cancer awareness stamp (7/29/98)
- Taped PSA for Take Time to Care Campaign to raise women's awareness of the importance of using medicine wisely (3/17/98)
- National Breast Cancer Coalition Event (3/4/98)
- Participated in Presidential radio address for Breast Cancer Awareness Month (10/97)
- Received SELF Magazine's Pink Ribbon Award for significant contributions to fighting breast cancer (10/20/97)
- Visit to CIA to observe benefits of applying intelligence technology to breast cancer detection (7/14/95)
- Highlighted importance of proposal for no co-pay in Medicare Mammography annual benefit (5/1/95)
- First recipient of the Iris Cantor Humanitarian Award recognizing contributions to women's health (7/16/93)

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- Various columns (7/29/98, 9/24/96, 12/30/95, 10/22/95)

Future Focus:

Continue to monitor research funding for women's health, including DOD breast cancer research program

Play active role in supporting legislation prohibiting genetic discrimination

Continue work on Medicare Mammography campaign

Push for passage of longer mastectomy hospital stays

Women: Abortion & Family Planning

Objective:

To continue the Administration's efforts to improve family planning and to make abortion safe, legal and rare.

Accomplishments:

Events highlighting family planning, and decreasing abortion and teen pregnancy rates

- Launched DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (2/23/2000)
- Participated in 1999 Teen Pregnancy Prevention Awards (4/28/99)
- Atlanta Teen Pregnancy Video Address (2/5/99)
- NARAL 33rd Anniversary Celebration Speech (1/22/99)
- Meeting with media executives at *People Magazine* Teen Pregnancy Luncheon (12/1/98)
- Call to action meeting with family planning and abortion rights advocates (1/20/98)
- National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy event at White House (5/2/97)
- Columns: Teen Pregnancy (2/23/00), Abortion (1/29/97)

Leadership role in policy development

- Helped secure \$24 million increase in Title X for family planning
- Met with family planning advocates to announce FY2000 budget initiatives (1/22/99)
- Supported legislation to require Federal Employee Health Benefits Program to cover prescription contraceptives (1998)
- Pushed for budget increases for family planning (1993- present)

Future Focus:

Work with groups to change focus of abortion debate building on recent significant success in reducing teen pregnancy and abortion rates

Develop plan to improve safety for doctors and patients at clinics

Continue to advance budget increases for family planning services

Women: Domestic Violence

Objective:

To heighten awareness about domestic violence, work to prevent it, and effectively address it when it does occur.

Accomplishments:

- Participated in VAWA Reauthorization Event (6/12/00)
- Roundtable on Domestic Violence with Schumer (9/23/98)
- Vital Voices speech on Domestic Violence and the rights of women (8/29/98)
- Release of report on effectiveness of VAWA in Ohio (7/27/98)
- Announcement of new initiative in Russia (7/16/98)
- Release of report on new, lower domestic violence numbers at The Children's Assessment Center (3/16/98)
- IDB Conference on domestic violence (10/20/97)
- Advocated for creation of Violence Against Women Office at Justice (1994)
- Columns on domestic violence (6/4/00, 3/19/98, 10/6/96)

Future Focus:

Pursue legislation on VAWA II (up for Reauthorization in 1999) and support for DOJ VAWA office

Continue leadership on domestic violence, making the connection to women's rights

Women: Women's Rights

Objective:

To continue to advance women's rights.

Accomplishments:

- Hosted White House Reception w/POTUS in honor of "Portraits, Profiles and Progress, Celebrating Women of the 20th Century" (10/26/99)
- Attended [attempted] Space Shuttle Launch with first woman Shuttle Commander (7/19/99 & 7/20/99)
- Event with POTUS to celebrate the 1999 Women's World Cup Champion Soccer Team (7/19/99)
- Honorary Chair of President's Interagency Council on Women
- Spoke on economic issues at Women's Equality Summit, National Council of Women's Organizations (3/15/99)
- Seneca Falls Speech (7/16/98)
- Dinner with women historians (7/9/98)
- Event to celebrate 25th Anniversary of the Equal Pay Act (6/10/98)
- Event to celebrate 25th Anniversary of Title IX and release of Executive Memorandum (6/17/97)
- Columns: Women's Championship Soccer Team (7/14/99), Women's History Month (3/17/99), Girls and Science (7/8/97), American Woman in Space (10/8/96), Title IX (8/6/96), Feminine Roles (3/12/96), Challenges Facing Girls (2/27/96), 75th Anniversary of Suffrage (8/27/95)

Future Focus:

Continue strong public advocacy role on behalf of women in speeches, events and columns
Continue work on supporting single-sex education

Women: Working Women/Women in Business

Objective:

To continue to bring the concerns of working women to the forefront of policy development for the Administration.

Accomplishments:

- Participated in the Women's Technology Cluster Roundtable, San Francisco, CA (3/29/2000)
- Participated in "Ask a Working Woman" Roundtable, Buffalo, NY (5/7/99)
- Participated in Equal Pay Announcement and Roundtable (4/7/99)
- *Working Mother Magazine* White House luncheon highlighting 1994 Roundtable participants (2/10/97)
- Women's Bureau South Lawn celebration (5/19/95)
- "Working Women Count!" Campaign event at White House with President (4/10/95)
- Release of survey results with Vice President (10/14/94)
- Roundtable discussion with working women in Atlanta, Santa Fe, Maryland and Pittsburgh (5/2, 5/26 and 9/12/94)
- Press Conference launch of "Working Women Count!" initiative (5/5/94)
- Columns: Women's Technology Roundtable (4/5/00), Working Women (2/11/97 & 8/6/95)

Future Focus:

Continue public events highlighting successful efforts

Work on improving pay equity

See "Children and Families" and "Economic Security" for additional actions

Youth: After- School Opportunities

Objective:

To promote effective programs that help children learn and keep them safe.

Accomplishments:

Events Highlighting After-School Programs

- Chicago Afterschool Event (1/13/99)
- White House Event to announce after school budget proposals (1/7/99)
- Visit to DC Learning and Tennis program (9/18/98)
- Visit to Chicago Lighthouse program, release of report on effective programs (4/24/98)
- Announcement of Mott Grant of \$50 million to after-school programs (1/26/98)
- Visit to Virtual Y Program In NYC (1/26/98)
- Columns: Girls and Sports (3/10/99), After-School (11/18/98), Activities for Youth (6/15/96)

Leadership in securing \$450 million in FY00 budget for after-school programs

Participated in HBO's Women in Sports Event in New York (3/4/99)

Leadership in securing \$200 million in FY99 budget for after-school programs

Future Focus:

Continue to press after-school programs as an effective way to address the time squeeze families are facing

Promote President's FY 2001 budget announcement of additional expansion