

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON
VISIT TO TRIANGLE CHRISTIAN FAMILY PRESERVATION NETWORK
LOS ANGELES, CA
DECEMBER 2, 1994

TALKING POINTS.

- It's a privilege to be here to celebrate not only the importance of family -- but to celebrate a program that is working so well to preserve families. The networks operating here and elsewhere in L.A. County are life-savers -- and family-savers ~~at~~ a time when many parents are struggling against great odds to keep their families together.
- A generation ago, we didn't have to worry about our children being safe in school. We didn't have to think about being attacked inside of our cars in the middle of the street. Jobs were more secure and people had extended family, neighbors and other supportive ~~groups~~ institutions to turn to in times of need.
- Today, in a rapidly changing world, there is a rise in individual and collective anxiety caused by rapid economic and social transformation. Raising children is no longer just about love. Keeping a job is not just about working hard. And schools can't limit themselves to teaching the basics anymore. It has become increasingly difficult for families, ~~and~~ schools and communities to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children to grow and develop into responsible, healthy adults.
- But we, as a society, must rise to the challenge of our present circumstances. And that's why I am so pleased to be here today to see that the Triangle Christian Family Preservation Network, LA County, and everyone involved with this Community Plan has done just that. Instead of succumbing to cynicism, apathy, and hopelessness, the family preservation approach has restored optimism and a spirit of community to meet the challenges of families in this area.
- *All of you here today have played an important role in keeping*
~~They have helped keep~~ families together (1.3% growth in foster care placements in communities with family preservation service networks compared to 26.2% growth in communities without the networks), ~~they~~ ^{you} have saved the government money (\$14.9 million in federal, state and county dollars), ~~And~~ ^{you} most importantly, ~~they~~ ^{you} have proven that our country's social problems can be solved with innovative, cooperative action.
- This network of services shows that empowering people with the tools and information they need to improve their own lives is the best way to motivate personal responsibility. And it proves we do not have to be defeated in our quest to ensure that each child is given the opportunity to reach their God-given potential.

- Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "If a soul is left in darkness sins will be committed. The guilty one is not he who commits the sin but he who causes the darkness."
- I know each of you is working hard toward bringing light into the lives of your children, our nation's most precious resource. And I know that it has been a struggle. But, I salute you for your courage and stand by you in this most important endeavor.

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② The networks operating here + elsewhere in L.A. County are life-savers -- and family-savers at a time when many parents are struggling against great odds to keep their families together.

Today, in a rapidly changing world, ^{we see} there is a rise in individual and collective anxiety caused by rapid economic and social transformation. Things that used to be simple and intuitive are no longer a matter of common sense. Raising children is no longer just about love. Keeping a job is not about working hard. And schools can't limit themselves to teaching the basics anymore. It has become increasingly difficult for families and schools and communities to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children to grow and develop into responsible, healthy adults.

But we, as a society must rise to the challenge of our present. And that's why I am so pleased to be here today to see that the Triangle Christian Family Preservation Network, LA County, and everyone involved with this Community Plan has done just that. Instead of ^{circumstances} ~~the cynicism~~ and the growing antagonisms ^{we see} around the nation, the family preservation approach has reintroduced the best of what optimism and teamwork can accomplish. ^{helped} restored optimism and a spirit of community to ^{meet the} ~~the~~ challenges of families in this area.

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① Talking Pt3.

FINAL

mtg w/ families : children who are served
this is the way to attack social ~~problems~~ problems

one place to mt. all needs

personal responsibility

empower people w/ tools

they need boost, little help

great to turn to a place like this

all of us have to exercise personal resp.

use resources available to us to be more self fulfilled

family preservation
children are the priority
cost reduction

stresses in life
unlike others
complex stressful time

we didn't have crack cocaine,
we didn't have car jackings,
our children didn't
cogage in social activities,
had extended families
had neighborhoods

20 yrs. ago,
we didn't wouldn't
have imagined that
car jacking - passing
out condoms in
h.s.

coffee
Smart food
vitamins
~~protein~~

weapons - metal
detector

enormous
pressure in
families

schools;
communities

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