

children in 1965. The majority of Headstart children are in public schools; some are not. I do think it is an educationally related program and one that the leadership in our town has come from our staff and there is no question about that. Most of the programs are outside the public schools, renting facilities here, there, and elsewhere. There are a lot of things that determine where they are going to be. But I think we would be much more comfortable with funding through HEW than we are with funding through Economic Opportunity programs, although we have no difficulty with the CAP program at the local level.

Nevertheless we have another set of guidelines, we have another set of offices to go through in Chicago. We have another set of people who have ideas about how things should be done. Despite the fact that the Congress of the United States may enact, the fact that there will be as much money spent next year on Headstart as last year, we find out that this means that while we will spend as much under the new OEO guidelines, only half as many children will be involved because of new guidelines that they have developed someplace. I think it would be simpler, it would be more comfortable for us if they were in educational operation rather than OEO.

Dr. DAVIAR. I agree completely with that. I feel it is an educational problem. The educational institutions are the ones accustomed to dealing with the teaching of children.

Mr. Ford. Let me interrupt you for a minute. How much tradition did you have prior to the Headstart program in dealing with a parent as an aid the way Headstart does?

Dr. DAVIAR. Rather a substantial amount.

Mr. Ford. You have a tradition down through the kindergarten level that deals with the child?

Dr. DAVIAR. In our own city we have had experience with a nursery school operation in which we were definitely involving the parents. We consider parent education to be a part of it. So we had experience prior to this in dealing with the parent not only as a helper.

To answer the other question, I would have no reluctance if any legal barricade that exist can be hurdled, of seeing HEW support Headstart programs not only in other facilities but under other control. It does not bother me. But I think we would be working under a single set of guidelines helped by those people whose orientation is primarily educational.

We have some difficulty in working through the CAP agency.

Mr. Ford. One other complaint we have heard in this regard from time to time is the comparison drawn between what you pay a kindergarten teacher and what the Headstart teacher is paid and when the total cost of the program is divided out on a per-head basis and it comes out two or three times the amount of money you are spending on general education.

Has this complaint been heard in your city?

Dr. WHITTEY. Yes, it is one of the complaints. It is a more expensive program. I think there is no argument about that at all. You are providing an entirely different staffing level than you are for the rest of the school. That is where the money is.

There have been some questions raised. Basically everyone is pretty well pleased with this program. It is one of our better programs as