

Mr. SHRIVER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee. I am happy to be here again this morning and to start the presentation of our agency with respect to Headstart. On my left is Jule Sugarman, who has been the Associate Director of Headstart since Headstart started.

**STATEMENT OF JULE SUGARMAN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,  
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Mr. SUGARMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. Today I would like to talk about three general topics—first, the status of Headstart after 28 months of operation; second, what we have learned about the value of Headstart through our evaluation systems and finally, two new complimentary programs: The Centers for Children and Parents, and Followthrough.

The Headstart programs are presently being conducted under sections 204 and 205 of the Economic Opportunity Act and the fund authorized under section 211(1)(a). Under the new legislation, Headstart and its complementary programs, Followthrough and the Centers for Children and Parents will be conducted as community action special emphasis programs under section 222. The new language in the new act provides essentially the same authority as exists in the present act.

Last year this committee and Congress as a whole recommended that OEO spend \$352 million for the Headstart program. OEO has followed that recommendation and during the course of this fiscal year we expect to spend approximately \$119 million for summer Headstart programs, serving approximately 520,000 children, and \$211 million for full year Headstart programs which will serve approximately 193,000 children.

I might note parenthetically that we see an increasing trend of interest on the part of local communities in longer term Headstart programs for children of younger age and for longer periods of the day.

There have been a number of communities which have been interested in and we have permitted them to shift funds from summer programs into full-year programs. Also a number of communities have lengthened the time of the program from a part-day program to a full-day program in order that they may meet some of the day-care needs in that community.

In addition to the money which is spent on direct operating grants we have spent approximately \$16 million for training and technical assistance and we have provided training this year to over 45,000 people who are employed on the local staffs of community action agencies and other Headstart grantees.

There is also now a corps of approximately 500 experts who are available to help local communities in improving their programs and I think that this has been one of the most salutary features of the whole program.

We also are spending approximately \$6 million for evaluation and research of which approximately \$1½ million will be devoted to evaluations and the remainder to research and various kinds of demonstration programs.