

Mr. DELLENBACK. As you have testified earlier, the hours involved, volunteer versus paid, are about equal?

Mr. SUGARMAN. That is correct.

Mr. DELLENBACK. You made one comment earlier which seems to me to have profound longrun potential. You said something to the effect of your eventual goal being to deal with children from birth to 8 years of age? Did I listen to you correctly?

Mr. SUGARMAN. I said that I thought that this was an evolution in thinking that was taking place, that people interested in the development of children were beginning to think in that block. That does not necessarily mean the same kinds of programs for all children. In fact, I would see quite different kinds of programs, depending on the background of the particular children involved.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Do you mean literally to be reaching all children with one program or another from time of birth on?

Mr. SUGARMAN. I think not, Mr. Dellenback. I think there are very substantial numbers of children where no outside-of-the-home program is necessary. I also think it is important to note that this is not necessarily a Federal responsibility to assume the responsibility for all of these programs.

Mr. DELLENBACK. I am relieved and delighted to hear that.

Mr. SHRIVER. I might just underscore that, that all of those programs that we have initiated have been local programs and one of the major thrusts of Headstart is to increase the family's capacity to take care of its own children on the theory that the family has this responsibility in the first instance and it is only when the family is incapable of doing it that we or any other agency gets involved; so when he is talking about the theories of child-development experts, it is the scientist's approach as to what children actually need. When they can get it through their families, we are that much better off. There is no desire on his or anybody else's part to inject the Federal Government into that or any other program except where needed.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Do I read you correctly, Mr. Shriver, in your comment on Dr. Sugarman's remark, that when you talk about this need for dealing with children from time of birth until 7 or 8 or whatever year you have in mind, that you are commenting that this is what somebody else has said rather than this being the plan of OEO?

Mr. SHRIVER. That is correct; yes. We haven't made any such plan. Let me go back one step. I think that in families that have financial resources and the sense of parental responsibility, that the kind of planning which is done for children in those families is what child-development experts are saying should be done for all children. That is all. In a good family setting, the mother gets the kind of prenatal advice and assistance and postnatal care and so do the children get good attention of pediatricians; but the fact is that in thousands of families in the United States, the mothers get no pre- or post-natal care and the children get no pediatrician care, and doctors are saying that without that kind of assistance, those children cannot fulfill their innate qualities.