

Again, there is nobody in Congress or in OEO who knows exactly what you need or how to standardize the regulations along these lines.

But my question to you is do you want an earmarked day care program to make sure it goes to day care or should we provide additional money for community action?

Would you prefer that that be expanded and therefore you could utilize versatile community action money for day care if you felt that was the greatest need?

Mr. HOLMES. In order to give each city its choice upon documentation I don't think I can come out and take it off the top of my head and say I want this. I think there has been some demonstrated evidence to prove this is the area where the city wants to gear itself.

I think there should be ability in flexibility with the local cap agencies for the board to resolve and say, "Well, this is where it goes."

Mr. QUITE. I gather what you are saying is that if we expand the versatile program you would use it for day care because this is needed more than anything else.

Mr. HOLMES. Some other city might say legal services or community action.

Mr. QUITE. If the Congress were unwilling to increase community action versatile money but was willing to give day care money earmarked, would you prefer to have earmarked day care money rather than none at all?

Mr. HOLMES. Definitely.

Mr. CARTER. I would like to still dwell on the board of directors. I know you understand but still I felt—

Mr. QUITE. I might say that OEO is going to hear from us on that.

Mr. CARTER. I talked to Mrs. Goldstein, the OEO director in the New England area. We were trying to get her to go along with us to get us representation. Also we are having problems as far as preprimary, especially in my council area, because we have preprimary in all different areas of the city except what I call the need council which we have discussed with the board of health and even with the director of preprimary.

There seems to be some conflict as far as the building. In order to have preprimary you have to have so much space. We also talked to Mrs. Goldstein from OEO. She said if you don't have certain facilities as long as the fire martial—we have to make allowance but in our city we don't get preprimary unless the whole city is qualified to have preprimary.

The only point that the council and the mothers in the petition—I would like to read what I have—it is very short. It says, "Operation of Pre-Primary."

They say, "What preprimary," "when, now". "Our children have been neglected in this area because of the inability of preprimary and health department to find a building suitable for preschool. The money is available. It has been for at least 2 years. Our children deserve an opportunity to become acquainted with the things that will give them a headstart in school." I have a few signatures of people who have signed. We have met with the health department. We have a meeting next week with the mayor. In certain areas, in all the areas none of the preprimary schools come up to the qualification of what OEO designates.