

3794 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

During the past two years CAP here has been loosely organized, but has initiated OEO funded Headstart programs and has been working on an Alcoholics Information Center. This year Juneau received no OEO funds for a summer Headstart and the community had more or less given up having the program at all. The local CAP however, with a lot of hard work and initiative found other sources of funds to finance a summer program for approximately forty children from economically and socially deprived families. There is a lot of enthusiasm and support in the community for the program and the parents of Headstart children are involved more personally this year as well as other members of the community. A lot of volunteer help at the beginning has helped to make the program a success so far and we have an excellent director and staff.

We feel this is the sort of thing CAPs are intended to accomplish. We are proud of our local organization for being able to spark this kind of support and participation from all segments of Juneau's society. As they progress with projects like this, they will undoubtedly gain stronger support from the community on other things.

Sincerely,

Mrs. WILLIAM DIEBELS, *President.*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MADISON,
Madison, Wis., June 13, 1967.

HON. CARL PERKINS,
Chairman, House Committee on Education and Labor, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PERKINS: The League of Women Voters of Madison urge your vigorous support of the Economic Opportunity Act Amendments as set forth in S. 1545 (H.R. 8311). We have studied the existing CAP in Madison for the past year and are convinced that these programs are worthy of continuation and support.

The Head Start program is making admirable progress with the children in Dane County. In addition, the involvement of the parents in the program has been most effective. The Parent Council has raised money to supplement the government grant. In addition, the curriculum of the Parent Education program has given the increasing awareness of their own needs for more education and for participation in the community. This stimulation has caused some of the parents to resume their education, others to form groups directed toward improvement of themselves or their community, to appear at legislative hearings and to register to vote for the first time.

The Dane County Neighborhood Youth Corps has been very successful. The youth are recommending the program to their peers and the employers are asking for twice as many youth as can be salaried under the present grant.

The Dane County Community Action Commission staff has done a commendable job in carrying out the present programs and designing new ones. One-half of the mission members are low-income people who have had an active part in formulating new proposals. Unfortunately, two proposals were not submitted because there was no funding available. Both proposals were drafted to fill real needs in this community which will not now be met.

All programs, operated or proposed, are responsive to demonstrated needs in this area which haven't been met by other agencies. We urge your continued support of these programs so that Dane County can offer new horizons to a segment of our society which had begun to lose hope.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C. H. DRAEGER,
President.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF REDDING, CONN.,
June 27, 1967.

HON. CARL PERKINS,
Chairman, House Committee on Education and Labor, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PERKINS: The League of Women Voters of Redding, Conn. wishes to inform you of our support of the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1967 (H.R. 8311).