

children to get a few measly dollars to just exist on. This is why the women are saying, give our men the jobs, let us stay home and take care of our children.

For example, if we were to take—let us take a round figure—400 mothers and say, OK, here we are, where are the jobs—there would be no jobs for these 400 mothers, there would be no place for these women to leave their children. We do not have enough day care facilities.

Operation Living Room in New York is one of the biggest farces that they could ever come up with. They are paying welfare mothers a measly sum to take care of other welfare children while they put these other mothers to work, and they have to sit in their living room. If they get out during the day with the children, fine; if they do not, fine. This is the way the department looks at it. But it is being said that this is one of the best things they could have come up with. Operation Living Room is no good for us in New York City. It does not take care of our children. This is only a small token of children that the department has decided to put in the living rooms of other recipients while they find jobs for these other mothers to go to work.

Operation Living Room is one of the worst situations that we have to replace day care.

We have asked that since you cannot build a day care center, why not take a building and have it remodeled in such a way that it will give a mother a chance to participate in the day care services that are going on in their community, that they will have a voice in how the day care center is run. But this is one of the things we have always been turned down on.

We cannot afford to build day care centers; we cannot afford to remodel buildings. There is no money in the budget for day care services.

One of the things we do know is that if the Government can find money to do all sorts of stupid job training programs, they can find money to put up day care services.

The day care services that we use in New York City range from \$25 a week up. This is for middle-income people. In order for your children to get in, you have to go through so much redtape with the department of welfare; they have to know everything that is going on in your family. Then they charge a measly \$2 a week and that is only on a scale basis, because you are a welfare recipient. There are only a few children that they take of welfare recipients.

Take, for example, in the area I live in, which is supposed to be minimum income. You have to fight tooth and nail to use the facilities that we have in the area because for welfare recipients, the minute they find out you are on welfare, they will tell you there is no opening.

We have done research and found out that there are openings, but they will prefer to take a working mother who can afford to pay \$25 a week; therefore, they will turn you down in order to get that flat cash.

The job training programs—this is under the heading of the incentive to work. There are lots of ideas that could come out of this hearing today on just what type of job training programs we would like to see. One of the things is that we have found out that our job training programs in New York—and I am quite sure this could speak for a number of places around the country—the job training programs are no good, for the reason that there are no jobs at the end of training. We have