From Far and Wide

THE INTERAGENCY PANELS ON EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND ADOLESCENCE, long conducted by the Social Research Group of George Washington University under a federal contract, have recently lost that funding. These Panels have helped both government personnel and interested citizens to get a clear picture of the many, often overlapping and sometimes conflicting federal programs related to children. In a recent letter to the CCQ Editor, U.S. Assistant Secretary of HEW for Human Development Services Arabella Martinez explains that "it is not the Interagency Panels themselves that are in question, but the mechanism for providing them support," and indicates that other agencies may pick up part or all of the needed funding. Meanwhile the services of those coordinating groups, which were among the few of their kind and which may be especially important to those with a multidisciplinary concern for children, have been lost. CCQ will keep readers informed.

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF CHILD CARE WORKERS ASSOCIATIONS (NOCCWA) has been working with the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children to provide input from a child care work perspective as the Council develops its accreditation standards and processes for child care and other child welfare programs. Jeffrey Hantover of New York is the Director of the Council, which is located at the office of the Child Welfare League of America, 67 Irving Place, New York, N.Y. 10003.

THE NATIONAL YOUTHWORKER EDUCATION PROJECT (NYEP) announces the First Summer Seminar on Youthwork, to be held in St. Paul, Minnesota, August 26-31, 1979. The seminar is designed for personnel from youth-serving organizations who wish to increase their understanding about youth, develop greater insight and skill in their work with youth, improve the services provided by their organizations, expand their knowledge about other youth service organizations, learn about the effective use of inter-organizational collaboration, and generate new and innovative services and programs. Stipends are available for partial or full expenses through the assistance of the Lilly Endowment, Inc., and five undergraduate or graduate extension credits can be earned by seminar
participants. For further information and application materials: Professor Ruth Teeter, Director, NYEP, Center for Youth Development and Research, University of Minnesota, 48 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.

ANNUAL WORKSHOPS ON CHILD CARE are conducted by Parmadale-St. Anthony in Parma, Ohio. This year’s Second Annual Autumn Child Care Workshop was organized around the theme “Youth Violence” and included a keynote address, “The Violence Package and What Else Might Be in It,” by Fritz Redl. Four workshops dealing with various aspects of youth violence were offered as well. For further information about Parmadale workshops, contact Brian Lowery, Director of In-Service Training, Parmadale-St. Anthony’s, 6753 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134.

THE 1978 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF CHILD CARE WORKERS was held in San Antonio in November. In addition to general sessions and workshops, the conference provided an extensive book exhibit and sale through a local dealer who maintains a large selection of books in the child care field, an exhibit of material about TACCW and its history and activities, and special TACCW Conference T-shirts for purchase by those in attendance. Speakers from out of the state included Jerome Beker (Minnesota), Alan Keith-Lucas (North Carolina), and Vera Pina (Wisconsin), who is also a delegate to the National Organization (NOCCWA). A panel of TACCW presidents, past and present, discussed the history and prospects of the organization and the field in Texas.

A TWO-DAY, STATE-WIDE CONFERENCE ON “RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE IN COLORADO” was sponsored by a consortium of state child care agencies and programs including the Division of Mental Health, the Colorado Child Care Workers Association, and the Colorado Group Child Care Association. Special activities of the conference, which was held on October 9-10, included a display of educational and training material in child care, training sessions on child care topics, and discussion of issues in the field. Additional information is available from Jane Berdie, Training of Residential Alternatives for Children and Youth (TRACY) Project, Division of Mental Health, State of Colorado, 3520 W. Oxford Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80236.

THE 1979 CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION was scheduled for April 4-7 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. For information, write to the Conference Planning Committee, National Foster Parent Association, c/o Boston Children’s Services, 867 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (NAEYC) Annual Conference will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, in November 1979. Its theme is “Adults in the Life of a Child,” and information on the program, registration, etc., is available from NAEYC 1979 Conference, 1834 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.