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BLACK WOMEN LEADERS SEAL PACT — In a symbolic joining of hands, black women leaders of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) and the Women's Bureau in the U.S. Department of Labor committed their organizations to a joint effort to boost the employment potential of teenage mothers, high school dropouts and other young women with labor market disadvantages. Gwendolyn Calvert Baker (left), executive director of the national board of the YWCA; Gwendora McIlwain Putnam

(center), president of the board, and Women's Bureau Director Lenora Cole Alexander (right) met recently in Washington to discuss the one-year federally funded YWCA job project. Model programs developed at two test sites, Boston and Miami, will provide personal counseling, remedial classroom instruction, job skills training and support services such as referrals for help with child care, housing, food procurement, medical services and mental health consultation to 40 low-income women 16 to 21 years of age.