

## Priority Needs for Children in Oregon Highlight New Report

Portland—Priority needs for Oregon children highlight a 125-page, comprehensive report released last week by the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth.

It was enthusiastically commended as "good reading for Oregon's thinking citizens" by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Governor Hatfield, with whom a meeting of some 100 of the committee members and advisors was cancelled Thursday because of the snow, released a brief statement thanking them for their two years of work and study in preparation of the report. He said he hoped that their recommendations would receive careful study by all Oregon citizens with concern for the children and youth of the state.

Children and Youth and the making and possibly implementing of recommendations to the state of Oregon.

The report was edited by George Turnbull, dean emeritus of the school of journalism, University of Oregon.

The committee tackled such subjects as youth training and employment, family counseling, adoption safeguards, increases in venereal rates, younger marriages, day care centers, the Oregon Youth Council, fluoridation of drinking water, state financial support of public health units, juvenile courts, unwed mothers, recreation needs and hun-

dreds of other subjects concerned with what the report calls a "total environment" study.

The state committee is forwarding to county committees copies of the report. The report terms itself "a starting point" and points out that it hopes its discussions will implement county or community action on one, or more or many of the priorities.

**Second Approach**

Mrs. William Kletzer, chairman of the Governor's committee, pointed out that a second approach will be the recommendation of a few important changes in legislation. She also said that she hoped at least a nucleus of the Governor's committee could be maintained to function on a consultative basis for furthering the report's suggestions.

Some of the priorities for children and youth suggested in the report, but not particularly in order of importance:

1. The need for a comprehensive review and recodification of the Oregon laws relating to children.
2. Need to strengthen Oregon laws relating to adoption and to provide better protection for mothers and children and adoptive parents.
3. The need for state financial support of public health units and expansion of public health services.
4. The need to raise the standards of juvenile court programs in Oregon.
5. The need for Oregon to concern itself with the problem of youth employment, particularly the 42 out of every 100 graduating from high school who do not go on to college.
6. Additional professional family counseling services.
7. Provision for a state director of recreation and development of coordinated year-round programs to serve the recreational needs of all age groups.
8. More adequate facilities for day-care of children of working mothers.
9. Expansion of the Oregon Youth Council.
10. Fluoridation of water.

### Fairview Home Is Program Subject

A documentary film report on the Oregon Fairview Home will be featured at 11:30 o'clock this morning over KBES-TV, Medford.

The program is the seventh in the "In Our Care" series on Oregon institutions produced for the Oregon state board of control by Robert Richter and filmed by William Rush.

The film is the first of a two-part motion picture camera trip through the state institution for the mentally retarded.

While following a 15-year-old actual patient from time of entrance through diagnosis, treatment and training, the film shows those facilities at Fairview primarily designed for patients who will eventually leave the institution to return to their home and a job.

The second report on Fairview, to be shown next Sunday, will show facilities and programs mainly for the probably life time residents of the institution.

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"I am pleased that the Oregon committee is taking back to the White House conference on Children and Youth a report that reflects so well the areas of greatest concern and brings into focus specific and positive springboards of action."

"This committee by its excellent study is demonstrating that we cannot let our citizens of tomorrow down."

The report, an intensive review of the newest and the most pressing problems of concern in children's needs, together with the evaluation of most of the services available or unavailable to meet them, is the culmination of two years of study by a committee of 73 members appointed by the Governor.

They were joined by approximately 130 other specialists in fields of education, health, child welfare, recreation and juvenile protection in the actual compilation of the report, which drew also from the efforts of 32 county committees ranging anywhere from 10 to 30 members each.

The Governor's committee was charged with reviewing total environments and ferretting out all needs for Oregon's young people. The committee was charged also with making a report to the March Washington, D.C., meeting of the Golden Anniversary White House Conference on

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