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"What is done to children, they will do to society."
-Karl Menninger

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FROM THE CHAIR

Jeylan Mortimer

I would first like to thank Don Hernandez for all of his efforts on behalf of the Section during the past two years, as well as since its founding. He ably served as the first Editor of CHILDNEWS; he organized an excellent program at the 1996 Annual Meeting, as Chair-Elect and Program Chair; and he will be serving as Chair of the Student Paper Award Committee during this coming year (see related announcement). Don has also been exceedingly helpful in orienting me to my own tasks as Chair. Peter Adler deserves thanks as Past Chair, and for his leadership in the student paper evaluation this year. Diana Papademas has provided tremendous service to the section as editor of CHILDNEWS. She has kept us all well informed about section events, and a wide range of resources of interest to our members. Our outgoing Secretary-Treasurer, Brett Brown; outgoing Council members, Donna Lee King, Annette Lareau and Arland Thornton; and the Nominations Committee chaired by Annette Lareau, including Susan Blank, Arland Thornton, and Sylvia Trnka, also deserve thanks for their good service to the Section. For their efforts in making the 1996 Section program such a great success, I would like to thank Gary Fine and Jane McLeod, for organizing sessions for the 1996 Annual Meeting. These sessions highlighted the social contexts in which children live and the ways in which they construct their own social worlds. Tim Owens did a superb job organizing the section roundtables. The WT Grant Foundation likewise deserves our gratitude for sponsoring a wonderful evening reception, which provided an opportunity for our membership to discuss the Foundation's

programs with Dale Blyth, a Sociology of Children Section member and a Senior Program Associate at the Foundation. Let me take this occasion to also welcome our new section Chair-Elect, Sandra Hofferth, who has put together an excellent program for next year's meeting in San Francisco. Terry Arendell, Joel Best, and Barrie Thorne have been elected new Council members, who will start their terms at the 1998 Annual Meeting; Sandra Danziger will be the in-coming Secretary-Treasurer.

Dan Martin has agreed to serve as our new newsletter editor. Please remember to send announcements to him -- of your new books and articles, research projects, and anything else that would be of interest to the section membership. Let's maintain the newsletter as a most lively forum for section communications.

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"Sociologists in our Section should be in the vanguard of new initiatives to increase the visibility, and understanding, of children as well as to inform new policy initiatives."

Recent changes in the ASA's administration of sections raise important issues for us. First, ASA is preparing a bylaws template for sections which will be ready early in 1998. Sandra Hofferth and I are proposing by-laws changes which will be discussed in the Council and Business Meetings at the 1998 Annual Meetings, and will be voted on by Section members in the Spring of 1999. Among the changes under consideration are: to increase the term for Council members and the Secretary-Treasurer from 2 to 3 years; to shift the Program Chair responsibility from the Chair-Elect to the Chair; and to align our by-laws with the ASA template. If you have reactions to any of these changes, please contact me or Sandra Hofferth. Second, because ASA is charging an additional \$2 for the "base rate" section membership, regular membership dues will increase accordingly. (Student dues are unchanged.) Finally, and most important for the Section, the number of members that will be needed to maintain a section has been increased from 200 to 300, starting 9/30/99. Because the membership of our section is hovering close to that mark now (327) at last count, (10/7/97), we need to put some concerted effort into encouraging our fellow sociologists to join. If we can reach 400, we will be allocated another session at the annual meeting (we now have 2 sessions). Brett Brown is working with me on ways to increase the membership. If you would like to volunteer to join us in this effort, your ideas and help are welcome! Please urge your colleagues and students to join the Section (see membership form in this edition), and be sure to renew your own Section memberships. In addition to the count, the ASA office will be looking for evidence of section vitality, manifest in its programs and activities, especially in its assessment of small sections.

Aside from these organizational pressures and constraints to increase section size, as well as to enhance section "dynamism," I do believe that a strong presence in the Association, promoting research on children, is essential

given recent changes in the U.S. economy and in welfare policies that place children at ever greater risk. The growing disparity in the income distribution of our society has led to increasing rates of child poverty. In the United States, children are more likely than any other age group to be poor. The new workfare initiatives are likely to diminish the adult supervision available to many poor children. Among the nations in the world, U.S. children are also especially prone to homicide, suicide, and especially, firearms-related deaths. Curiously, sociologists have not given very much attention to children. Our section is very new, and relatively small. Interest on the part of social scientists in children is growing, as evidenced most recently by the founding of a new journal, Youth Studies, and by the Panel on Child Labor convened by the National Academy of Sciences, which will issue its report next year. Sociologists in our Section should be in the vanguard of new initiatives to increase the visibility, and understanding, of children as well as to inform new policy initiatives. As Don Hernandez so aptly put it (CHILDNEWS, Fall 1996), research by our section members "may serve as a guiding light in moving sociological understanding forward.." as the new welfare reforms are implemented, and as families, and their children, face the challenges posed by recent social and economic change.

From The Editor Daniel D Martin

I am excited and honored to be working with the officers and membership of the Sociology of Children Section of the ASA. I am indebted to Diana Papademas for making the transition of editorship a CHILDNEWS FAIL 1997

smooth and painless process and for the suggestions that she has provided. Jevlan Mortimer has been of inestimable support in the transition. I was easily drawn into assuming the duties and responsibilities of the position, knowing that Jeylan's vision for the section represents a call to sociologists for active engagement in public discourse and policy matters. For those of us who have worked with "inner city" or "street" children before or during our arrival on the academic scene, it is apparent that it is prophetic, and at times contentious, sociological voices which help change children's

Having previously worked for five years in an inner-city children's home, I eagerly stepped away from its overwhelming stresses to embrace the welcome pile of responsibilities attendant, first, on graduate studies and then professional life. Recently, I stepped back into the trenches as a researcher, initiating my present study on the family and community effects of street shootings -- a project directed at neighborhood and community organizing. Over the last three years, the project incubated as I received reports about some of the children I knew on the streets of Portland, Oregon, who had been shot or are now serving time in prison. It has been a woeful, personal reminder of the need for sociologists to engage in what C. Wright Mills referred

to as "matters of debated policy." The growth of the Sociology of Children section could not be more timely in informing this debate.

I look forward to helping promote the growing vitality of our section. Please send any items of interest to the section membership to: martindd@ muohio.edu. These may include, though are not limited to, announcements of new books, articles, research projects, web sites, reports, student and paper competitions, and conferences, as well as pedagological tools in teaching courses on children.

A Conference Brief

Don Hernandez

The Section program for the 1997 annual ASA meetings, held August 9-13 in Toronto, was quite successful. Two regular sessions were sponsored by the section for the program. Jane D. Mcleod organized the first session on social contexts of childhood, and Gary Alan Fine organized the second session on children and adolescents as personal agents and interpreters of social life. Both sessions were stimulating and well-attended. The section also sponsored a session of refereed and informal roundtables organized by Timothy J. Owens which included a total of 11 tables, each with 2-4 papers and a discussant. Most of the tables were filled to capacity.

This year the section organized its first reception, and was successful in obtaining \$1,000 to fund the reception with co-sponsorship by the W.T. Grant Foundation. We plan to make this an annual affair. It provided both the opportunity for collegial exchange and for section members and others to become familiar with research funding procedures and opportunities offered by the Grant Foundation.

The section also made its first student paper award this year to Laurie Scarborough Voss, for a paper titled "Teaching, Disputing, and Playing: Cross-Gender Interactions and Space Utilization among First and Third Graders". This high quality of the paper is reflected in the fact that it already has been published in a prestigious journal, Gender and Society.

CONFERENCES American Sociological Association 1988 Annual Meetings

The 93rd Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association will be held Friday through Tuesday, August 21-25, 1998, in San Francisco, California, at the San Francisco Hilton and Towers and the Parc Fifty Five Hotel. A wide variety of sessions will be offered in accordance to the theme selected by President Jill Quadagno, "Inequality and Social Policy: A Challenge for Sociology." Details about 1998 program sessions, the session schedule, and hotel accommodations will be published in the Preliminary Program in late May. Copies will be sent to all members of the Association registered for the 1998 calendar year. All members who receive a dues renewal notice this fall are encouraged to renew their memberships before December 31. Those who delay renewal until the spring will experience a delay in the receipt of their program materials. January 10, 1998 is the deadline for papers to be submitted to organizers.

ASA Sociology of Children Section 1998 Program

There are two paper sessions and roundtables scheduled for the 1998 meeting. The session titles and the organizers include the following:

Session 1: Perspectives on Childhood: Theory and Practice.

Organizer: April Brayfield,
Address: Department of Sociology
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Session 2: Family Contexts of Children and Adolescents.
Organizer: Duane Alwin

Address: Department of

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University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382

E-mail: dfa@umich.edu
Session 3: Sociology of
Children Roundtables
Organizer: Karin A. Martin

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E-mail: kamartin@umich.edu. Sociology of Children Section Student Paper Competition

The ASA Sociology of Children section announces its annual student paper competion. The deadline for submission of student papers is June 1, 1998. Faculty and students are invited to nominate student papers. To qualify, the paper must be composed by someone who was a student at the time at the time the paper was written. The paper must have made a "public appearance" in 1997 or 1998. That is, a paper is eligible for the award if it:

(a) was submitted as a partial requirement for a class or seminar held in the years in question; (b) was presented at a professional meeting in those years; or (c) was accepted for publication or appeared in print in those years. Students may send in their own papers. Individuals may also nominate particularly outstanding papers and they have read in published

form or that were read at professional meetings. Send three copies of the paper to:

Donald Hernandez

National Research Council Board on Children, Youth and Families. Harris Building, Room 156 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW

Washington, D. C. 20418

Nominations for ASA Sociology of Children Section Positions

The Nominations committee is now preparing for the Spring 1988 elections for Chair-elect and council positions. The Nominations Committee chair is David Kinney, members are Martha Power, Tim Owens, Sue Wright, Spencer Cahill, and Neil Bennett. Please direct nominations to:

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The Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems 1998

The Annual Meeting offers workshops for training symposia, panels, discussion groups and presentations by prominent social scientists. The Society has chosen to meet just before and overlapping with the American Sociological Association. The two day overlap of the meetings allows those who wish to participate in both meetings an opportunity to save travel funds. Members of SSSP receive discounted room rates, discounted airfare, and discounted rental car rates. The meetings will be held August 20-22, 1998, at the Hotel Nikko in San Francisco, California. The conference theme is "Social Change: Breaking and Entering the Establishment." Papers should be of appropriate length for a 15-20 minute presentation are due to session organizers no later than January 30, 1998. Ideas for paper sessions, performances, panels, workshops, film and video screening or other events related to the theme should be sent to Michele Smith Koontz no later than January

30, 1998. For further information on Annual Meeting Registration write to: Michele Smith Koontz, SSSP Administrative Office P.O. Box 814, Douglasville, GA 30133-0814; Work: (770) 947-1378; Fax (770) 947-1379; or send a e-mail inquiry to:

MKOONTZ@UTKUX.UTCC.UTK.EDU . You may also wish to visit the SSSP web site at:

http://funnelweb.utcc.utk.edu/~sssp. Preliminary programs will be mailed to all current SSSP members no later than May 1, 1998.

International Sociological Association 1988 Program

The ISA XIV World Congress of Sociology will be held in Montreal, July 26-August 1, 1998. Included in the conference are sessions of the Working Group on Sociology of Childhood. If you are interested in presenting a paper in one of the following sessions, please contact one of the coordinators whose names and addresses are available at the web site:

http://www.ucm.es/info/isa

For papers and contributions not fitting into any of these sessions, or papers to be presented in a tentatively planned joint session with the Research Committee on Family Research, please contact Jens Qvortrup (Sydjysk Universitetscenter, Niels Bohrs Vej 9, DK-6700 Esbjerg, Fax: 45-79-14 11 99. Jens may be reached by Email at jq@suc.suc.dk). The organizing theme of the Sociology of Childhood: Structure and/or Agency? and includes the following Sessions:

Session 1: Current Theoretical Debates Within the Sociology of Childhood

Session 2: Methodological Advance-

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ments Within the Sociology of Childhood (field work, statistics, social indicators).

Session 3: Time and Space as Concepts for Understanding Children's Lives (cultural and children's own understanding)

Session 4: Children's Arenas: Institutional Childhood and Children as Agents (work, school)

Session 5: Political Economy of Childhood (economy of childhood, distributive justice, division of labor in a generational perspective)

Session 6: Citizenship and Children's Rights (participation, agency)

Session 7: Cultures of Childhood and Children's Cultures.

Session 8: Public Images of Childhood

Jevlan Mortimer is organizing a session for the World Congress of Sociology in Montreal, sponsored by the Research Committee on Social Psychology (RC 42). The session is titled, "Transition to Adulthood in Comparative, Social Psychological Perspective." Send abstracts by December 15, 1997 to: Jeylan Mortimer Life Course Center, 1014 Social Sciences Building, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Children's Health Conference Call

For those of you interested in the latest developments on the new State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), the Children's Defense Fund has helped create a new forum. On November 5th, CDF in cooperation with the National Association of Child Advocates, Family Voices, the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, and Families USA sponsored a conference call to discuss the implementation of the new program. This call is part of an ongoing series of calls to address discrete topics on children's health under the new program.

"Children With Special Needs" was the topic that was specifically addressed during this call. If you would like to hear a recording of the call, it has been made available to advocates by phone for the next week at: (617) 528-0420. If you would like to obtain the schedule for future conference calls, suggest topics or issues, please send email to: cdfupdate @childrensdefense.org.

JOURNALS

There is a new, fully refereed journal on youth, *Journal of Youth Studies*. *JYS* is an international journal focusing on both theoretical and empirical issues in the areas of school and work; race, class and gender; political and social participation; identity and culture; and health; and globalization. For further information on the journal, subscriptions and the submission of manuscripts please visit the Carfax home page at: http://www.carfax.co.uk/yst-ad.htm or email the North American Associate Editor, Harvey Krahn at hkrahn@pop.srv.ualberta.ca

The current issue of *The Future of Children*, a publication of the *Center for the Future of Children*, features a special issue on "Children and Poverty," with articles: "Why so many children are poor," by Betson and Michael; "The Dynamics of Childhood Poverty, by Corcoran and Chaudry; "The Effects of Poverty on Children," by Brooks-Gunn and Duncan; "Child Popverty Can

be Reduced," by Plotnick"; "Programs that Mitigate the Effects of Poverty on Children," by Devaney, et al.; "Choosing among alternative programs for Children," by Currie; "Comprehensive community initiatives: Principles, practice and lessons liearned," by Stagner and Duran; and "Values Underpinning Poverty Programs for Children," by Heclo. Free journals and/or executive summaries can be ordered from the Circulation Department, Center for the Future of Children, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation 300 Second Street, Suite 102, Los Altos, CA 94022. These are also available on line at:

http://www.futureofchildren.org
New Books

Peer Power by Peter and Patti Adler explodes existing myths about children's friendships, power and popularity, and the gender chasm between elementary school boys and girls. Based on eight years of intensive participant observation in their own children's community, Peter and Patti Adler discuss the vital components of the lives of preadolescents: popularity, friendships, cliques, social status, social isolation, loyalty, bullying, boy-girl relationships, and after school activities. The Adlers explore some of the patterns that develop in this social space, noting both the differences in boys' and girls' gendered cultures and the overlap in many social dynamics, after school activities, role behavior, romantic inclinations, and social stratification. They describe how friendships shift and change, how people are drawn into groups and excluded from them, how clique leaders maintain their power and popularity, and how individuals' social experiences and feelings about

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themselves differ from the top of the pecking order to the bottom. In so doing, the Adlers focus their attention on the peer culture of the children themselves and the way this culture extracts and modifies elements from adult culture. Patricia Adler is a professor of sociology at the University of Colorado. Peter Adler is a professor of sociology at the University of Denver. The Adlers have worked and written together for more than twenty-five years, producing ten books and more than fifty articles. Paper, \$17.00s, 0-8135-2460-1 Cloth, \$48.00ss, 0-8135-2459-8 To be published in February

Rutgers University Press, orders: 800-446-9323

Materials Needed For Curriculum Guide

Sociology of Peace and War Section

For section members interested in the effects of war on children, submissions are invited for reflective essays, syllabi, course outlines, instructional assignments & materials, websites, electronic home pages, professional organizations, listserves, films, journal and any other resources on teaching the sociology of peace and war. These materials will be considered for the 2nd edition of The Sociology of Peace and War: A Curriculum Guide (ASA Teaching Resources Center, 1998). Send them by eb. 28, 1998 to: Morten

Ender, Dept. of Sociology, U of N. Dakota, PO Box 7136, Grand Forks ND 58202, e-mail: ender@prairie.nodak.edu if your submission is made before Dec. 15, 1997; or to Helen Raisz, Sociology, St. Joseph's College, W. Hartford, CT 06117, e-mail: hraisz@mercy.sjc.edu if your submission is made between Dec. 15, 97 and Feb. 28, 1998.

Juvenile Justice Survey

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) announces the availability of the "1995 National Youth Gang Survey." This 41-page Program Summary was written by John P. Moore, a Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR). In February 1995, OJJDP made a competitive award to IIR to establish the National Youth Gang Center (NYGC). NYGC was assigned to conduct periodic national surveys to obtain comprehensive data on youth gang problems. The National Youth Gang Survey was mailed to 4,120 police and sheriff's departments across the Nation. Of the 3,440 agencies that responded, 58 percent (2,007) reported youth gang activity in their jurisdictions in 1995. In evaluating their current youth gang situation, 90 percent of the agencies reporting a gang problem felt it was the same or getting worse. Thirty-seven percent of the agencies that reported no youth gang problems in 1995 rated the likelihood of future problems as either medium or high. Respondents reported a total of 23,388 youth gangs and 664,906 members, the largest numbers reported to date. Youth gangs were reported in all 50 States. The 10 States reporting the most gangs were (in order) California, Texas, Illinois, Colorado, Arizona, Florida, Missouri, Washington, Oregon, and Utah. The 10 States reporting the most gang members were (in order) California, Illinois, Texas, Ohio, Indiana, New Mexico, Arizona, Florida, Nevada, and Minnesota. "1995 National Youth Gang Survey" presents these and other findings from the survey. analyzing data by city, State, region, and population size. Resources: "1995 National Youth Gang Survey" (NCJ 164728) is available

free from the Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse (JJC) in a medium to suit your needs. Please use the document number when ordering. Hardcopies can be ordered by sending an e-mail request to askncjrs@ncjrs.org or by writing JJC at P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20849-6000. You may also call JJC at 800-638-8736 to speak with a publications specialist to request that the document be mailed to you. This Program Summary is also available under Publications at OJJDP's World Wide Web page or at the NCJRS World Wide Web Juvenile Justice page. For full-text publications, information on OJJDP or JJC, and other juvenile justice information, visit the following: OJJDP World Wide Web page at http://www.ncjrs.org/ojjhome.htm NCJRS World Wide Web page at http://www.ncjrs.org A brief summary of the survey's findings is presented in the OJJDP Fact Sheet, "Highlights of the 1995 National Youth Gang Survey" (FS-9763), which is also available free from JJC. Besides the options mentioned above, the Fact Sheet is available via JJC's fax-back service by calling JJC at

CALL FOR HELP Social Science Knowledge on Race, Racism, and Race Relations

800-638-8736 and choosing the

automated ordering option.

One of the central goals of the President Clinton's Initiative on Race, One America, is to "help educate the nation about the facts surrounding the issue of race." At the request of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the American Sociological Association is preparing a report on social science knowledge on race, racism, and race

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relations. The purpose of this project is to look broadly across relevant arenas of research, to explicate what we know, to dispel myths and misconceptions where they exist, and to identify research gaps.

To fit within the time frame established by the Clinton Administration (a final report in summer 1998), ASA is working with challenging deadlines. By the end of February, ASA will provide OSTP with a distilled analysis and preliminary results for distribution to the President's Advisory Board for this Initiative. By May, ASA will publish a non-technical monograph and disseminate it widely to policymakers, civic organizations, public interest groups, private foundations, and professional societies as well as to the media.

In order to accomplish this challenging task in a brief time period, ASA needs your help! Our strategy is to cast the widest possible net across the social and behavioral sciences in mapping the domain of race relations and what is known about the causes and consequences of racism in society. We have set up a special electronic mail box race.project@asanet.org solely for this purpose. Specifically, we need you to identify:

**Key research areas, studies, concepts, and findings in the social and behavioral sciences hat add to our knowledge of ace, racism, and race relations

Please include relevant research that is crucial to educating Americans about the issue of race.

- **Suggestions for mapping social science knowledge on race, including ideas about the conceptual framework or germane arenas of research.
- **Suggestions for key indicators (with appropriate citations) of racism and racial relations including measures of prejudice, tolerance, and costs.
- **Summaries and citations of social science findings of the relation between race and (1) economic opportunity, (2) housing, (3) education, (4) crime, or justice -- that will engender a constructive dialogue about race.
- **Suggested names of social scientists with expertise in specific domains of research relating to race, racism, and race relations. If resources permit, we would like to convene a small research synthesis conference.

Please respond as soon as possible to this "call." If possible, send your response by fax (202-785-0146) or e-mail (race.project@asanet.org). Additionally, please copy and share this call with appropriate colleagues. For more information on this project and updates on this call, refer to ASA's home page (http://www.asanet.org/). For more information on the White House initiative, see... http://www.whitehouse.gov/Initiatives/ This project is an initiative of ASA's Sydney S. Spivack Program in applied Social Research and Social Policy; American Sociological Association; 1722 N Street, NW; Washington, DC 20036-2981; 202-833-3410, Ext. 317.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT IRVING B. HARRIS FELLOWSHIP IN CHILD POLICY

The Irving B. Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago is seeking candidates for a one-year A.M. program providing expertise in early childhood develop-

ment and skill in policy research and analysis. Full tuition and \$10,000 stipend awarded, no research requirements. Fellowship period is one academic year beginning September 1998. Applicants must hold degree in childhood development or related field. Apply by January 15. Contact Nancy O'Connor, Dean of Students, 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637, (773) 834-0136

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REPORTS ON CHILDREN Children's Defense Fund Notice on Gun Violence and Children...

WASHINGTON STATE HANDGUN SAFETY INITIATIVE DEFEATED

The Safetyfirst Initiative, the Handgun Safety Act, was defeated on November 4th in an overwhelming vote of nearly 70% to 30%. The Initiative would have required child safety locks for all new handguns and a gun safety license for all gun owners (similar to driver licenses).

In the intensive effort to block passage of the Handgun Safety Act, opponents spent more than \$2 million and sent in Charlton Heston and other celebrities to campaign against the Safetyfirst Initiative. The Initiative was also hurt by its association with two other controversial initiatives on the ballot -- one to ban employment discrimination against gays and lesbians and another to legalize marijuana, LSD and heroin for medical purposes. Many voters apparently voted "no" on all the initiatives. This is a major defeat for national efforts to pass common-sense gun regulation. Washington state advocates should be applauded for their courageous and tireless efforts to save the lives of the 75 children killed each year in their

state, and encouraged to continue working to keep all children safe from the tragedy of gun injury and death.

Children Now

http://www.childrennow.org

Child Welfare League of America http://www.handsnet.org/

handsnet2/cwla/ **Children-Related WEBSITES**

American Academy of Pediatrics, Advocacy Page...

http://www.aap.ortg/advocacy/

advohome.htm

American Sociological

Association http://www.asanet.org

Children's Defense Fund http://www.childrensdefense.org Coalition for America's Children

http://www.usakids.org

Families USA

http://epn.org/families/html

Idea Central: Welfare and Families http://epn.org/idea/welfare.html

Society for the Study of Social Problems

http://funnelweb.utcc.utk.edu/

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	1998 Sociology of children Section Membership Form (Please note that you must be a current ASA member to join)
	I am already a member of the ASA and wish to join the Sociology of Children section for 1998. Enclosed is my check (payable to ASA, Re: Children Section) for \$12. Students pay \$6.
	I want to join the ASA and The Children Section. Please send me a 1998 application.
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