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Mothers today, who share a common concern for strengthening the home and family are invited to join the American Mothers, Inc., realizing that the strength of America lies in the integrity of each home.

We invite you to participate in the ongoing programs of education for the enrichment of Family Life, and we Welcome You.

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STATE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ADOLESCENT PROGRAM

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GOALS

To build relationships among mothers, within American Mothers, Inc., to support one another in the challenges of motherhood showing understanding and concern for each other. To encourage parents to become involved, together, in the role of parenting.

To encourage parents to find joy and fulfillment in parenting, realizing they are the key to the quality of our future society.

To provide worthwhile meetings that offer resource helps to enrich family life and increase parenting skills.

To encourage study groups to initiate projects that improve attitudes and conditions within the community for the betterment of the family.



WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER
TO PRESERVE THE NATION'S
GREATEST RESOURCE—THE FAMILY

AMERICAN MOTHERS, INC.



Adolescent



PROGRAM FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGE CHILDREN

Resource Helps for the Enrichment and Enjoyment of Family Life.

Our Purpose—

To Strengthen the Moral and Spiritual Foundations of the Family and the Home.

American Mothers, Inc. is recognized as the official sponsor of Mother's Day and is the organization that selects annually, the National Mother of the Year.

1. WHAT IS THE ADOLESCENT PROGRAM?

It is a program within American Mothers, Inc., designed for parents of Adolescents, to determine ways to increase parenting skills and strengthen family life.

2. WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER?

Membership in American Mothers, Inc. is open to all women. It is a nonprofit, interfaith, interracial, nonpolitical organization.

3. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ADOLESCENT PROGRAM?

We all know that parenting is not easy but it is the most challenging, rewarding, loving experience any adult is ever privileged to have. This program is designed to help parents approach parenting in a positive way, thus encouraging our children to become responsible, caring, contributing adults who are morally, spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally healthy.

4. HOW IS THIS ACCOMPLISHED?

Parenting is really no different than it ever was. Situations, current issues, lifestyles and stress may be different. Parents are encouraged to meet in study and discussion groups to increase their understanding of the adolescent and the issues that trouble them today, to help the parent become more comfortable about his own

feelings regarding those issues and to improve communication skills.

Discussion groups are most successful if formed within your church, neighborhood, or a group of friends with mutual concerns.

Membership in American Mothers, Inc. adds credence to your program and offers you the support and help of a National organization who shares your concerns.

The program is flexible and can be planned to fit the time and needs of each group.

Group activities, resource speakers and panel discussions, which may at times include your children, can give variety and enrichment to your meetings.

Guidelines will be furnished which will include suggested topics for discussion and suggested resource people.

FOR EXAMPLE:

Chemical dependency (drugs & alcohol). Teenagers and contemporary issues. The adolescent and religion. Communicating with your teenager. Helping your adolescent cope with peer pressure.

5. HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER?

We believe that our goal of strengthening the family can best be accomplished by the joint effort of many concerned parents. Therefore, we urge mothers to become members of American Mothers, Inc., and fathers to actively participate in our programs. Contact your Adolescent State Chairman or your Area Chairman.

Her name is on the back of this brochure. If necessary, contact the National Office of American Mothers, Inc.

6. ARE OTHER PROGRAMS AVAILABLE?

The organization has a program for mothers of all ages.

The **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM** includes a program for Mothers of Young Children, Adolescent, Adopted Moms, and a Nutritional Program.

The **CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM** includes, Arts, Crafts, Literary and Music contests and awards.

The **RELIGIOUS PROGRAM** includes a Chapel in Every Home, and a Prayer Vigil in each state. The American Mothers Chapel is near the Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

We are represented at the United Nations and the White House Conferences. One of the most well known activities of the organization is the selection of the National Mother of the Year.

7. HOW IS THE NATIONAL MOTHER OF THE YEAR CHOSEN?

A national jury chooses the National Mother of the Year from those mothers who have been selected by a state jury to represent their own states at the National Conference of American Mothers, Inc., held each year just prior to Mother's Day. Details may be obtained from the National office.

A National Young Mother Representative is also chosen. Contact the National office for details.

TO BUILD

TO ENCOURAGE

TO PROVIDE

THE ADOLESCENT PROGRAM OF AMERICAN MOTHERS, INC.

GOALS:

On page 3 of the original guide for the program you will find some stated goals.

Additional goals might be:

- 1. Helping parents realize that parenting is really no different than it ever was. Situations, current issues, lifestyles and stress may be different. Adolescents still need structure, guidance, understanding, love and limits (but with room to grow).
- 2. Emphasizing that both parents need to be involved in the parenting role whenever possible.
- 3. Consideration of the Adolescent as a future parent.
- 4. Help the parent become more comfortable about his own feelings regarding current issues that trouble teenagers today. This will help him or her be a better parent.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

- 1. Explain goals of the program.
- 2. Ask for suggestions topics areas of concern for the parents.
- 3. Priority of topics.
- 4. Time and place for meetings.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR PROGRAMS MIGHT INCLUDE:

- 1. Communicating with your teenager.
- 2. The Adolescent and Religion,
- 3. Chemical dependency (drugs and alcohol).
- 4. Teen age alcoholism.
- Teen agers and contemporary issues 1.e. nuclear war, prayer in schools, abortion etc.
- 6. Teen age pregnancy.
- Social responsibility within the community.
- 8. Fears of growing up today (this might include fears of both teenagers and parents).
- 9. Effect of a broken home on the Adolescent.

- 10. Financial and budget problems.
- 11. Legal rights of parents.
- 12. Helping your adolescent cope with peer pressure.

SUGGESTED CONTACTS OR RESOURCE PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY:

Some of these people might serve on an advisory committee. Some or all of them might be a speaker for a session or a contact to help you find a speaker.

- 1. Psychiatrist (preferably one who has a special interest in Adolescent Psychiatry).
- 2. Pediatrician.
- 3. Juvenile Judge.
- 4. A Youth Home Director.
- 5. Family Psychiatrist.
- 6. Minister, Rabbi, Priest or perhaps all three.
- 7. Juvenile division of the Police Department.
- 8. State Commissioner on Youth.
- 9. Drug and Alcolhol Abuse Treatment Center.
- Education (an outstanding Teacher, Principal, Coach, School Nurse).
- 11. County or State Department of Health (Nurse, Health Officer).
- 12. Publicity (newspaper, radio, T.V. representative).

I believe flexible structure is the keyword. If parents want to spend several sessions on one topic they should be able to do so.

I realize these are very broad guidelines as the program must be tailored to your own community needs, resources and the concerns of the parents involved. However, in every community there is someone (Minister, Teacher, Physician, Community Leader etc.) who is vitally interested in the welfare of the Adolescent. We all know that parenting is not easy but it is the most challenging, rewarding, loving experience that any adult is ever privileged to have. This program is designed to help parents over the rough spots in a positive way - to help us produce responsible, caring contributing adults who are morally, spiritually, physically mentally and emotionally healthy.

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This is our challenge. It is a big one, but no one can do more to make it happen than concerned and caring parents.



The Adolescent Program of American Mothers, Inc.

THE ADOLESCENT PROGRAM

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35 PLUS!

A PROGRAM FOR MOTHERS OF TEENS

Presented and Adopted at the Quarterly Board Meeting of American Mothers, Inc.

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GOALS

The goals of the "35 Plus!" organization of the American Mothers, Inc. is to help all women who are interested in and associated with teenagers to:

- 1. Find satisfaction in competently helping the adolescents in her family travel the often bumpy road between a secure childhood and a happily independent adulthood.
- 2. Feel adequate to and responsible for the task of the continuing parenting that all teenagers need.
- 3. Work with confidence twoards a unity in the family despite the often alienating pressures that frequently emerge during the adolescent years.
- 4. Be a part of a support group which will help in facing some of the challenges that this age brings.
- 5. Achieve a better understanding of the psychological, social and emotional development of teens.
- 6. Achieve a better understanding of the physical development of teens and its relationship to the total development of the individual.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

- I. The Chairman of the Standing Committee on "35 Plus!":
 - A. Shall be appointed by the President of the American Mothers, Inc. with the approval of the Executive Committee.
 - B. The terms of appointment of the chairman shall be for two years, and she shall not serve for more than one term consecutively nor more than six years on the board of directors of the organization in succession in any board capacity, and may serve again on the board after a lapse of two years.
 - C. Any member whose current dues are paid to American Mothers, Inc. and to the State or Territorial Association shall be eligible to serve as chairman of the Committee.
 - D. The chairman of the Committee in counsel with the President and with the approval of the Executive Committee shall be authorized to appoint additional members to serve on subcommittees.
 - E. Shall prepare an annual report of all activities of the Committee together with any recommendations. The report shall be submitted in February for publication in the National Yearbook and shall be presented at the Annual Conference of the Organization.
 - F. Shall represent "35 Plus!" in the National Organization, and shall serve on the board of directors of the American Mothers, Inc.
 - G. Shall communicate directly with the Area Coordinators and with their counterparts in the State and Territorial Associations to promote the goals of the Committee.
 - H. Shall report directly to the Third Vice-President of the American Mothers, Inc. in all matters having to do with the Committee.
- II. The National Committee Members of the Standing Committee on "35 Plus!":
 - A. Shall be appointed by the President of the American Mothers, Inc. with the approval of the Executive Committee.
 - B. The terms of appointment shall be for two years.
 - C. Any member whose current dues are paid to the American Mothers, Inc. and to the State or Territorial Association shall be eligible to serve as a committee member.

- D. The number of Committee members shall be specified by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee. They shall consist at the minimum of:
 - 1. Chairman
 - 2. Sub-Chairman over Adolescent Medicine
 - 3. Sub-Chairman over Adolescent Psychology
 - 4. Sub-Chairman over Publicity
 - 5. Sub-Chairman over Newsletter
 - 6. Secretary of the Committee

III. The National Standing COmmittee on "35 Plus!":

- A. Shall meet as necessary prior to, during, or following the annual Conference of the Organization and as deemed necessary by the Chairman or Committee members.

 In addition, communications by mail or telephone shall be deemed appropriate as needed.
- B. Shall publish at least annually a listing of resources that the local groups may find useful. The goal of a quarterly newsletter from the national Committee shall be carefully considered. If could include:
 - Additional suggestions of resources (submitted by the sub-chairmen over Adolescent Medicine and Adolescent Psychology among others)
 - 2. Book reviews; suggestions of current magazine articles that might prove of interest to local groups
 - 3. Exchanges of ideas from State Associations and local groups
 - 4. Ideas for better and more effective publicity
 - 5. Information relating to the National and State
 Association that is of interest to local members
 - 6. Information of general interest to parents of teens
- C. Shall serve as a resource for local and state groups.
- D. Shall make contacts in conjunction with the President of the American Mothers, Inc. or under her direction to organizations, societies, businesses, etc. that might be willing to support and endorse the goals of "35 Plus!".
- E. Shall generate appropriate publicity supporting understanding of teens and their particular problems, in strengthening the family bonds during these years, and in otherwise increasing support for the goals of the committee.

STATE AND TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION

- I. Chairman of the State or Territorial Association Committee on 35 Plus":
 - A. Shall be appointed by the President of the Association.
 - B. Shall serve for two years.
 - C. Any member whose current dues are paid to the American Mothers, Inc. and to the State or Territorial Association shall be eligible to serve.
 - D. Shall suggest committee members to the Association President as she deems appropriate. These committee members shall be appointed by the state association president.
 - E. Shall support, emcourage and aid the local groups in carrying out the goals of the "35 Plus!" organization.
 - F. Shall serve as liaison between the national and the local groups.
 - G. Shall suggest to the State Association President the names of women to serve as local group chairmen.
 - H. Shall orient the local group chairmen/leaders as to the goals and procedures and possibilities of the local groups.
 - I. Shall serve as a resource person for local group leaders.
 - J. SHall seek for ways to promote the goals of "35 Plus!" in her state both in generating publicity and in promoting the creation of and growth of local groups.
 - K. Shall serve as a member of the State or Territorial Association leadership and in general promote the State or Territorial goals of the American Mothers, Inc.
 - L. Shall maintain a listing of members of all local groups in her State or Territory and forward such information regularly to the National Committee Chairman.
 - M. Shall submit to the National Chairman an annual report due by January 31 of the next calendar year of the affairs of the "35 Plus!" organization in her state or territory.

LOCAL GROUPS

Flexibility is the key to successful local groups of "35!". What are the needs of the women in your area? What are the resources that can help meet theose needs? Every community will have slightly different needs and interests, and different resources, and therefore the local groups will function differently. For the group to continue successfully it is necessary that the women feel that it is helping them meet their own individual needs as women, as mothers, and particularly as mothers of teenagers.

These requirements point to two main areas of concern:

- 1. Appropriate and meaningful matter covered at the local group meetings
- Well-organized, well-planned meetings that run smoothly and establish a comfortable feeling for those women attending.

The following are suggestions.

I. Organization

It is neessary to have a designated head of the group. The leader is appointed by the State Association President upon recommendation from local women and the State Committee Chairman. It is also suggested that at a minimum a group program chairman and a secretary/treasurer be appointed or elected.

Duties of each of these would be:

A. Group Leader:

- Be responsible for the affairs of the local "35.Plus!" group.
- 2. Promote the goals of the organization in the community.
- 3. Generate publicity for the "35 Plus!" program in her community.
- 4. Conduct all "35 Plus!" local meetings or appoint someone else to conduct in her absence.
- 5. Work with other affairs of the local and association American Mothers groups as seems appropriate.
- 6. Submit an annual report to the State Association, due by January 15 of the following calendar year.
- 7. Submit current membership rolls to the State Association.
- 8. Prepare a budget and submit it to the State Association.

B. Program Chairman:

Assume responsibilty for the planning and successful fruition of the program for each of the meetings. This responsibility may be assigned to other group members for individual programs and meetings.

C. Secretary/treasurer:

- 1. Prepare a current roster to be given to the local group leader for submission to the State ASsociation.
- 2. Notify members of meetings and other group-sponsored events.
- 3. Collect dues of \$10 annually. (The entire amount is to be sent to the Association; \$5 is for the Association and \$5 for the National Organization.)
- 4. Keep track of all monies of the group.
- 5. Generate all correspondence for the group under the direction of the local group leader.
- 6- Perform other duties as requested by the local group leader.

II. Meeting Times

The local groups can meet as seems more appropriate: quarterly, monthly, or even weekly, reflecting the needs and desires of the group, although monthly meetings would be recommended. In addition, special events or meetings may be sponsored by the group.

III. Participation

Eligibility to participate is at the discretion of local groups. It may regularly include husbands and other interested men. Or, they may be invited ocassionally, or never. In addition, other family members, especially the teens themselves, may be invited as seems appropriate.

IV. Format of Meeting/Discussion Group

Meetings may be run as the group wishes. A suggested model format is:

Welcome
Business
Inspirational Thought or Prayer
Program: Speaker, discussion, etc.
Adjournment
Refreshments

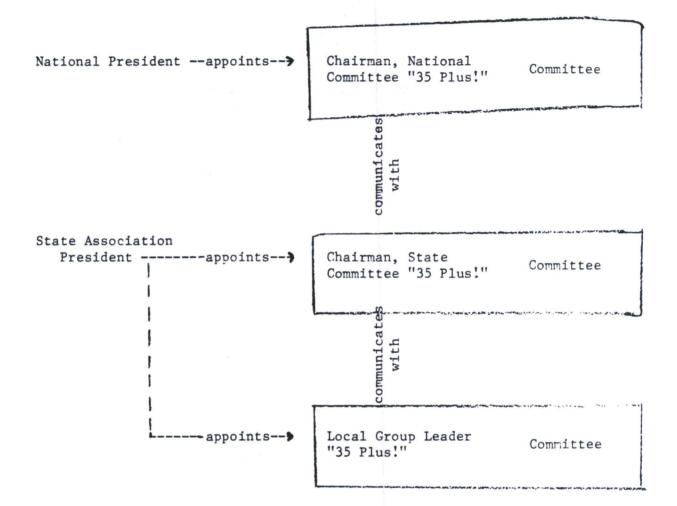
MEETING IDEAS

- 1. Through informal discussion with friends and others try to pinpoint the areas of interest, the needs of the mothers of teens in your area.
- 2. At an early meeting survey those in attendance (either formally or in discussion) to see
 - a. which topics they would like to discuss
 - b. which sorts of formats they are most interest in (more discussion, more lecture, etc.)
- 3. Consider a variety of meeting types:
 - a. lecture by expert followed by a discussion
 - b. film or filmstrip followed by a discussion led by a group member or someone invited from the outside
 - c. panel discussion (professionals, teens, mothers, fathers,' or a combination)
 - d. discussion of a pamphlet, a short story, or even a novel that group members have read prior to the meeting; led by a discussion leader
 - e. lecture/discussion by one or more group members on a relevant topic
 - f. "case studies" of teens in particular circumstances that subgroups of those attending the meeting might discuss, "brainstorm", and then report their reactions to the entire group.
- 4. Provide a time during most meetings for asking questions, posing problems, sharing successes and solutions.
- 5. Rotate the meeting place among the various members' homes. Rotate the hostess for each meeting.
- 6. Involve as many people in the group as is reasonable. The more people who feel an active association with the group, the more support will be felt for the group. In addition, the burdens of running a successful organization will be lightened for the few.
- 7. Print a meeting calendar for the year/the quarter (or a reasonable number of meetings ahead). This will help members plan and will insure that the meetings are planned in sufficient time to do them well.
- 8. Be careful with scheduling. Check school (elementary as well as junior and senior high) calendars to see what events might involve parents. Check local events also; and Church events that might involve significant portion of your membership. Then try hard to stick to your calendaring.

- Check with school systems, churches, etc. to see what professionals might be visiting your area who might be willing to address your group.
- 10. Be sure that the tone in your group meetings remains constructive.

 Do not let the group degenerate into a gripe session.
- 11. Recognize visitors formally during the meeting. Make them feel welcome and a part of the group.
- 12. Don't let the meetings drag on. Sop them on time so that those who need to leave may, gracefully. Those who wish to talk more may do so after the formal part of the meeting has closed.
- 13. Be careful that a few members don't dominate the discussion; that those who are more timid aren't put down; that everyone has the chance to participate.
- 14. Make sure that the publicity for the meeting is adequate and reflects the goal of the meeting.

ORGANIZATION



RESOURCES

I. PEOPLE

A. Physicians with special interest, experience and training in Adolescent Medicine:

Pediatricians Psychiatrists Internists

- B. Psychologists (esp. Developmental Psychologiests)
- C. Public Health Personnel
- D. Lawyers (drugs and the law; teen rights, etc.)
- E. Police (some departments have specialists)
- F. Clergy
- G. Others active in youth-oriented programs, both church and civic
- H. School sounselors

health teachers

nurses

teachers "tune in" to kids

coaches

I. Community program leaders:

alcohol prevention suicide prevention

rape

eating problems

battered children

II. LITERATURE

A. Books on relevant topics:

adolescent medicine

psychological, social and emotional development of adolescents

B. Pamphlets

government printed and sponsored (see listings of the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.) printed by special groups (see K. above) professional publications (could check with a local professional for referrals) appropriate church publications

C. Popular magazine articles on relevant topics (e.g., "Psychology Today", Redbook, Atlantic Monthly)

D. Fiction (novels, short stories, etc.) which are honest, interesting, and thought provoking. Check with:

local librarians school English teachers group members teens III. VISUALS (MOVIES, FILMSTRIPS, ETC.)

- A. Local school film libraries (grade school through high school)
- B. Local public health departments
- C. Local public libraries (also try inter-library loans)
- D. Libraries of colleges and universities
- E. Church film libraries
- F. Government films
- G. Tapes of TV shows on relevant topics

Bibliography of Books Concerning Adolescence

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The following books are arranged by categories as marked, not in alphabetical or priority order. Those books that I think are especially good in each category have been marked with an astrisk.

I. Professional Journals:

These periodicals contain research and theoretical articles, written mostly by psychologists, on adolescent development and problems. They will only be helpful to those with extensive background in psychology. They are available in most university libraries.

- * 1. Adolescence
 - 2. Developmental Psychology
 - 3. Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology
 - 4. Journal of Genetic Psychology
 - 5 Journal of Youth and Adolescence

II. Professional Books:

These books were written for advanced students, psychologists, and other professionals and are mainly concerned with research and theory of adolescent development and applications to therapy and education. Most of these books will be helpful only to those who have some background in psychology.

- 1. Flavell, John H. Cognitive development. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.:
 Prentice-Hall, 1977. (An excellent overview of cognitive development from birth to adulthood; author stresses Piaget's theory of cognitive development; comprehensible to most adults.)
- 2. Piaget, Jean & Inhelder, B. The growth of logical thinking from childhood to adolescence. New York: Basic Books, 1958.

 (Difficult without some background in Piagetian theory and research, but an excellent description of development in Piaget's last theoretical stage of cognitive development.)
- 3. Egan, Kieran. Educational development. New York: Oxford University Press, 1979. (Covers school age to college age; written by a theoretician who has made some thought provoking and exciting observations of adolescent interests and how to optimize adolescents' learning; comprehensible for most adults.)
- 4. Elkind, David. Children and adolescents: Interpretive essays on Jean Piaget (2nd ed.). New York: Oxford, 1974. (Well written essays on aspects of children's intellectual and social development; includes a classic explanation of adolescent egocentrism; easily understood by most adults.)
- 5. Erikson, Erik H. <u>Identity: Youth and crisis</u>. New York: Norton, 1968. (A classic description of adolescent identity development by the psychoanalyst who coined the term "identity crisis.")
- * 6. Gallatin, Judith E. Adolescence and individuality: A conceptual approach to adolescent psychology. New York: Harper & Row, 1975.

 (An excellent and readable theoretical discussion of adolescents and their development; comprehensible for most adults.)

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7. Guardo, Carol J. (Ed.). The adolescent as individual: Issues
and insights. New York: Harper & Row, 1975. (Another excellent
book; a collection of essays and studies about issues of concern to
parents and teenagers.)

8. Rutter, Michael. Changing youth in a changing society: Patterns of adolescent development and disorder. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1980. (A good but advanced and highly technical book covering influences on adolescent development, recent research, and family interactions.)

9. Muuss, E. Theories of adolescence (2nd ed.). New York: Random House, 1975. (A comprehensive comparison and integration of theories.)

10. Ahlstrom, W. M., & Havighurst, R. J. 400 Losers: Delinquent boys in high school. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1971. (Examines factors of community and family that lead to delinquency.)

11. Konopka, G. Young girls: A portrait of adolescence. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1976. (Studies of approximately 1000 adolescent girls in the U.S. and their problems, behaviors, and viewpoints.)

III. Text Books:

These books were written as texts for college undergraduate courses on adolescent psychology and development. They provide good reference material to parents for an understanding of adolescent development. They should be understandable by adults even though they have had no background in psychology.

- 1. Conger, John J. Adolescence and youth: Psychological development in a changing world (2nd ed.). New York: Harper & Row, 1977.

 (Written by one of the foremost experts on adolescent psychology; however, I find this book somewhat boring.)
- 2. Jersild, A. T., Brook, J. S., & Brook, D. W. The psychology of adolescence (3rd ed.). New York: MacMillan, 1978. (A good, basic textbook.)
- 3. Rogers, D. <u>Issues in adolescent psychology</u>. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1977. (Discusses current issues that teenagers and parents find important, e.g., drugs, sex roles, conflicts with parents, alienation.)
- 4. Dusek, Jerome B. Adolescent development and behavior. Chicago: Science Research Associates, 1977. (A good textbook that covers development by topics.)
- 5. Mitchell, John J. Adolescence: Some critical issues. Toronto: Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1971. (This book deals with conflicts of sex behavior, alienation, drugs, school attitudes, etc.; written with the '60s in mind.)
- 6. Thornburg, Hershel D. <u>Development in adolescence</u>. Monterey, Calif.: Brooks/Cole, 1975. (A good basic text that covers development by topic, e.g., socialization, education, sex, delinquency, identity.)
- * 7. White, Kathleen M. & Speisman, J. C. Adolescence. Belmont, Calif.:

 Brooks/Cole, 1977. (The best short textbook around; only 100 pages;
 but covers major areas of development and places our present views
 of adolescence in historic context.)
- * 8. Lerner, Richard & Spanier, G. Adolescent development: A life-span perspective. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1980. (An excellent introductory textbook; up-to-date research and theory.)

- 9. Matteson, D. Adolescence today. Homewood, Ill.: Dorsey, 1975. (Deals with sex roles and search for identity.)
- IV. Books Written for Parents and Teachers of Adolescents:

 These books are not so scientifically rigorous and factual as those listed previously but are better focussed on the issues and concerns of parents and the most frequent problems that they have in living with and rearing teenagers. A variety of viewpoints are usually expressed in these books for parents, but each book tends to stick to only one approach to child rearing. Any dogmatic panaceas for problems that are expressed by the authors should be seasoned with caution on the part of readers.
- * 1. Ginott, Haim G. Between parent and teenager. New York: Avon.

 (Well written, insightful, but shows strong biases of the author.)
 - Dodson, Fitzhugh. How to parent. New York: Signet, 1970.
 (Well written coverage of all parenting; he has some excellent ideas but is very opinionated; remember, no one person has all the answers for all parents.)
 - 3. Elkind, David. A sympathetic understanding of the child: Birth to sixteen (2nd ed.). Boston: Allyn & Bacon, 1978. (This book covers all childhood but also provides an easy-to-understand overview of early adolescent development.)
 - 4. Annual Editions: Readings in human development, 80/81. Guilford, CT.:

 Dushkin, 1980. (This book contains readings taken from popular magazines such as Time, Atlantic Monthly, Harvard Review, Redbook.

 Most of the articles are good, and one section deals with the concerns of adolescents and their parents.)
- V. Stories about Adolescents with Special Problems:

 These books provide delightful reading and some insight into adolescent problems and ways of dealing with them. Most of these books are true accounts and are written by therapists who work with highly disturbed teenagers.
- * 1. Rubin, Theodore I. <u>Jordi/Lisa</u> and <u>David</u>. New York: Ballantine, 1962. (The story of two case studies of adolescents needing intensive therapy.)
- * 2. Green, Hannah. <u>I never promised you a rose garden</u>. New York: Signet, 1964. (An excellent story of recovery of a schizophrenic, adolescent girl, written by the girl herself.)
 - 3. Killilea, Marie. <u>Karen</u>. New York: Dell, 1952. (Another good story of the therapy and recovery of a young adolescent girl, written by her mother.)
 - 4. Joseph, Stephen M. (Ed.). The me nobody knows: Children's voices from the ghetto. New York: Avon, 1969. (Poetry and essays of deprived children and teenagers; provides some good insights into their lives and concerns.)
- * 5. Strom, Robert D. (Ed.). <u>Parent and child in fiction</u>. Belmont, Calif.: Brooks/Cole, 1977. (Excellent fictional stories collected to teach parents about child and adolescent development; see especially sections on fears and anxiety and belief and moral development.)
 - 6. Landau, Elliott D., Epstein, S. L., & Stone, A. P. (Eds.). Child development through literature. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1972. (Another excellent collection of fiction that communicates as much truth about child development as most non-fiction.)

A General Bibliography on Issues in Adolescent Medicine

Books

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A Bibliography on Adolescent Development by

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Following a number of individual requests, this short bibliography has been prepared for professionals working with young people outside of the health and mental health setting. They range from the more fundamental to the advanced, selection depending on the degree of interest and the depth to which the reader wishes to pursue the topic. A few words have been added about their significance. It is by no means an exhaustive list, but singly or severally they will afford an excellent base for understanding what makes an adolescent tick.

- 1. Blos, P.: On Adolescence, New York, Free Press 1962.

 One of the classics, this is a quite technical work, but a foundation of modern adolescent psychology.
- 2. Brody. Minority Group Adolescents in the United States. Baltimore Williams & Wilkins 1963.

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OEGANIZATIONAL PROCEDURE

Where to From Here

1. Area Coordinator Briefed: Area coordinators meet with President Marriott and/or the Chairman of the Standing Committee on "35 Plus!" to clarify the goals, organization and structure of the "35 Plus!" Program.

Completion Date: March 5, 1981

2. Area Coordinators Contact State Association Presidents: Area Coordinators contact each of the State Association Presidents to explain the goals, organization and structure of the "35 Plus!" program.

Completion Date: March 15, 1981

3. State Association Presidents appoint a State Chairman for "35 Plus!" Each of the State Association Presidents will appoint one person to chair the state "35 Plus!" program. (She could appoint herself if personnel is tight, but it would be preferable to appoint another since especially the initial organization will require considerable effort.)

Completion Date: April 1, 1981

4. State Committee for "35 Plus!" Formed: The State Chairman of "35 Plus!" should suggest a committee to be appointed by the State Association President.

Completion Date: April 10, 1981

5. Local Groups Formed: The State Committee should meet to devise plans for publicizing the new "35 Plus!" program and should begin immediately to help with the formation of the local groups within their states. It is hoped that some local groups could be formed by

Completion Date: May 1, 1981

SUGGESTIONS FOR FORMING NEW LOCAL GROUPS

- 1. Contact existing Young Mothers' organizations for suggestions of women who might be interested.
- 2. Contact women from old lists of Young Mothers whose children are teenagers now.
- 3. Visit local groups which might be in sympathy with the goals of the organization to explain the formation of the group.
- 4. Contact professionals (school counselors, doctors, etc.) for suggestions of people who might be interested.
- 5. Submit articles to local newspapers concerning the formation of the groups.
- 6. Place ads in local newspapers.
- 7. Ask interested women to help put together groups from the women they know.
- 8. Put up notices on public buttentin boards.
- 9. Feature an interesting speaker, show a good film that has community appeal and afterwards explain the formation of the "35 Plus!" group in your community.
- 10. Ask sympathetic groups (church groups, school groups, women's clubs etc.) to announce initial meetings, to print announcements in their newsletters and bulletins.