

81.6 Child Abuse – Preventative Teams

Whereas, There is a need to give high priority to the development of a comprehensive program to prevent child abuse and to provide a better mechanism to aid potential perpetrators of child abuse, as well as their victims; and,

Whereas, Highly-trained and competent persons are required to carry out a total program in an effective manner; and,

Whereas, Funding is required to ensure training of specialists in the detection, cause and treatment of child abuse; and,

Whereas, The Federal Government role, in respect of child abuse includes cost sharing arrangements for preventative services under the Canada Assistance Plan; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada petition the Government of Canada:

1. To work through Provincial and Territorial cost-sharing arrangements to finance the establishment and training of "Preventative Teams" to deal with the battered child syndrome.
2. To encourage children's aid societies and other agencies with legal authority to provide such teams.
3. To ensure that "Preventative Teams" consist of lay people and professional specialists including, but not limiting, social workers, clergy, teachers, pediatricians and/or family doctors, psychologists, psychiatrists, and registered nurses, using hospitals as bases, wherever possible.