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February 1, 1996

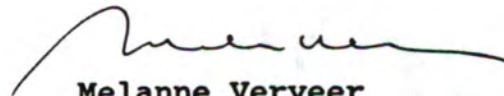
Jody Burns
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Dear Ms. Burns,

The First Lady asked that I thank you for writing in reference to a proposed conference on children this spring. Mrs. Clinton is in the early stages of planning for a children's conference. The format and scope are not yet determined.

We will keep your interest in mind as plans develop. Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Kansas
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January 15, 1996

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I masquerade as a high school English teacher, but I'm really in the classroom to be a positive influence in my students' lives. As a result, I was very interested in your discussion with Barbara Walters on "20/20" about the impact you hope to have on our nation's youth through It Takes a Village. Our country's greatest asset is our young people. Every American needs to hear the call to protect and nurture this treasure.

My four years as an educator have opened my eyes to the immense struggle ahead of us. We must find feasible methods of preparing our young people to lead America into the 21st century. I understand you plan a spring meeting to find viable solutions to the problem. How can I help you achieve this goal?

I can be available at your convenience, and, of course, I will be out of school from the middle of May through the beginning of August. We are all soldiers in the battle for our nation's future. You are in the position to make a lasting, positive contribution. I applaud you for your efforts and humbly volunteer to help in any way possible.

Sincerely,



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March 27, 1996

Melanne Verveer
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Dear Melanne:

I called you a couple of weeks ago about an opportunity for the First Lady in Missouri. Legal Services of Eastern Missouri has decided to dedicate its new Children's Law Center after Bill McAlpin, who served on the Legal Services Board with Mrs. Clinton. In the enclosed letter, Cande Iveson requests that the First Lady appear in St. Louis to dedicate the William McAlpin Children's Law Center in late Spring or early Summer. I have been told that the date can be worked around the First Lady's schedule. //

I know that Bill McAlpin has enormous regard for the First Lady, and he is a tireless advocate for Legal Services. This was true when I worked for Senator Danforth, his home state Senator, and it is true today when I represent Legal Services for Eastern Missouri. He travelled to Washington numerous times last year to meet with Hill staff and with advocates for Legal Services regarding relevant provisions in authorization and appropriations legislation.

As you know, the President has also been a strong advocate for Legal Services during this Congress. He criticized the Congress' treatment of the program in the veto message accompanying his veto of the Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations bill in December: "It cripples the capacity of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC) to fulfill its historic mission of serving people in need."

Thus, I see enormous benefits for the First Lady and for the President in her travelling to Missouri, a swing state, to dedicate the "Children's Law Center" to her old colleague, a Republican, who fights for the right of poor people to have legal representation. The mission will appear, and will be, a battle for children in which Democrats and Republicans fight together against proposals the President, the First Lady, and a well-known St. Louis Republican, perceive as extreme.

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Melanne Verveer
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Were I being strategic, and you know that political strategy is foreign to my nature, I would say that this one should not be passed over.

On a more personal note, I am leaving Bryan Cave soon to become General Counsel to the Catholic Health Association, an old ally of the Administration on health care reform. It is a good move for me at this point in my life. Perhaps, our paths will cross after my arrival at CHA.

All the best, and I hope the First Lady will give this invitation every consideration.

Sincerely,



Peter M. Leibold

Enclosures

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February 27, 1996

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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Dear Ms. Clinton:

Congratulations on the recent publication of your book, "It Takes A Village." Your long-standing commitment to our nation's children encourages all of us who advocate in this area.

Legal Services of Eastern Missouri provides a number of services that help our area's most vulnerable children. We help these children through individual client representation and through advocacy for systemic change. For more information about our current services for children, please see the enclosed brochure.

While we already provide a number of services for children, we believe there is always room for improvement. We want to expand our scope of services so that we can provide a comprehensive solution to the problems that our clients face. Limited resources force us to plan our expansions carefully and to prioritize areas where we see the greatest need. Children's Services is one of our targeted areas. To that end, we are seeking funding for a Children's Law Center.

The Children's Law Center (CLC) builds on our current programs. It also expands our reach by providing dedicated staff for children. This will help us serve more clients and serve those clients better. By providing dedicated staff to this project, we will also be able to work closely with other area service providers in solving problems for St. Louis area children. Enclosed is a full description of the project.

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We hope to have funding for this project early this year. Our implementation of the CLC will coincide with William McAlpin's retirement from the Legal Services Corporation Board. Like yourself, Bill is a tireless advocate for children and we would like to honor Bill's work by naming the Children's Law Center after him. Would it be possible for you come to St. Louis to dedicate the William McAlpin Children's Law Center sometime late in the spring or early in the summer?

I know that you receive thousands of such requests each year--particularly in a campaign year. Nevertheless, I ask that you consider ours. As an attorney, you know how important our services are to the poor and to their children. Your support would be a great boon as we strive to give our children the foundations they need to succeed tomorrow. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cande Iveson".

Cande Iveson

Children's Programming

Kid's Cases

Danielle became a foster child in another state when she was only an infant. Both of her parents were dead and she was HIV positive. Danielle's grandmother lived in Missouri and wanted to care for the child but could not get custody from the other state.

Staff attorneys successfully represented Danielle's grandmother in a series of custody proceedings. We also helped the family secure the extraordinary health services that Danielle requires. Although her health is fragile, Danielle now lives in St. Louis among the members of her family.

Anna, a seventeen year old mother of two, wanted to change her life. She knew that she needed to develop her skills to get a decent job and she gained admittance to a very good local job training program. From the very first day, Anna was agitated. She could not concentrate and often burst into tears, disrupting the rest of the class. Finally, she admitted that she was worried about her children. Her abusive boyfriend took the children and wouldn't let her visit.

We worked with the program counselor to help Anna find her own apartment and get adequate child care. With these resources in place, we got an order of protection for Anna so that the boyfriend could no longer intimidate her. That order also give her custody of the children, an order enforced by local police. Anna completed her program and recently applied for a college grant.

Our future depends on the children of today. Each and every child needs sophisticated skills to achieve social and economic independence. Instead, today's children face increasing risk.

- ❑ One in four children under six is poor, a fifty-one percent increase since 1980.
- ❑ Every day thirteen children die from gunshot wounds.
- ❑ According to a recent report measuring child well-being in Missouri, St. Louis City ranks last.
- ❑ The number of low birthweight babies, high school dropouts and teen violent deaths continues to rise in the metropolitan region.

A tangible future is the only antidote to the poison of poverty and violence. Legal Services of Eastern Missouri helps young victims secure that future by giving them access to justice.

"Children are the mirrors of our own feelings about life itself...as mirrors, they cast back the face of the world as it has been given to them. If we hate the image in the mirror, can we really justify blaming the mirror...?"

--P. Alexander Jesseson

Building A Case for Kids



Children's Services
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A Foundation for Today

Health and Mental Health

A number of programs promote the health and mental health of children. We represent children in administrative hearings and throughout the appeals process to ensure that they receive the services they deserve.

- ❑ Disability (SSI)
- ❑ Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)
- ❑ Nutritional programs (Food Stamps, WIC)
- ❑ Medical benefits (Medicaid)

Child Protection

Overburdened child welfare systems do not always succeed in representing the best interests of the children involved. We can help stabilize the child's environment.

- ❑ Child Orders of Protection
- ❑ Child Snatching
- ❑ Adoptions and Guardianships

Education

Few children can hope to succeed without a quality education. Ironically, school district policy is often a barrier to getting that education. We help kids stay in school.

- ❑ Suspensions and Expulsions
- ❑ Special Education
- ❑ Temporary Transfer of Custody

Family Stability

It is impossible to separate the child's well-being from that of the family. We use the legal system to build healthy families.

- ❑ Domestic Violence
- ❑ Family Law (Divorce, Custody)
- ❑ Housing
- ❑ Public Benefits

A Framework for Tomorrow

Family Support through Collaboration

Many new programs, like Missouri's Caring Communities, stress local involvement in designing comprehensive, coordinated services that are tailored to each community. As the only provider of professional legal representation for the poor, we are a unique and important component of these programs. One example is a local YouthBuild project that links educators, social services and trade unions to help high school dropouts get their General Equivalency Diplomas (GED) and learn construction skills. Program staff found that many students could not complete their training because of legal problems. Our staff now work on-site helping students overcome those barriers.

Managed Care

In the fall of 1995, Missouri began a dramatic revision of its Medicaid services as managed care networks replaced traditional fee for service health care. This change offers an opportunity to improve health care and lower cost. Realization of that promise depends on having adequate consumer protection built into the system. For example, federal law mandates that children receive certain medical services as part of the EPSDT but managed care plans have little or no experience with these requirements. We work with a variety of health care providers and advocates to make sure that poor children receive the quality of care they deserve.

A Future for All

Our future depends on the children of today. To succeed our children must be healthy. They must have access to quality education. Their families must be violence free.

Through our work with individual clients, we see the barriers that keep poor children from this success. That experience translates into a thorough understanding of the public and private systems that serve children. This broad view, coupled with our professional legal experience, makes Legal Services a particularly effective advocate for systemic change. Efforts like these benefit all children:

Health and Mental Health - Missouri families can now get emergency Food Stamps within three days instead of letting children go hungry while they wait a month for finished paperwork.

Education - We distribute our handbook, "Keeping Kids in School: The Educational Rights of Homeless Children" at homeless shelters so that parents (and providers) can demand and secure educational stability.

Child Protection - The State often places children in foster care when their family lacks adequate housing. We work with the Division of Family Services, Housing Authority and Juvenile Court to find less costly alternatives to this practice.

Family Stability - Our newest project, Lasting Solutions, helps families achieve and maintain a violence free life with comprehensive legal and social services.

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CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER**

PROJECT GOAL

To assure the well being of children through legal representation and advocacy.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Individual Services. The Children's Law Center will provide legal services to children and their families. Each case is unique and our professional staff will tailor our services to meet the client's need. In some cases, a child needs direct representation, in others, it may be necessary to help the child by helping the child's family. In all cases, our objective is to work toward the solution that is in the best interest of the child. Representative services are described below.

1. Access appropriate Health and Mental Health services for children and families so that families stay healthy. Our staff have experience in traditional fee-for-service health programs and in the new managed care environment.
 - a. A healthy pregnancy is the first and best way to ensure healthy children. We help mothers secure prenatal care through Medicaid and nutritional support through Food Stamps and Women Infant and Child (WIC) programs.
 - b. Federal law requires that children get Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services. We work with eligible children to secure these benefits.
 - c. Disabled children often have special health care needs. We work with these children to make sure their service needs are met. Some children are also eligible for special disability benefits that help them pay for special medicines, equipment and services.
2. Protect children with Child Protection services. These services include child orders of protection, child snatching, adoptions, foster care and guardianship cases. Our goal is to insure that these children get to a stable environment in a timely fashion.

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3. Whenever possible, the child's primary safety net should be the family. We provide Family Support services to help families help themselves. "Over half of the probable cause children in 1994 were victims of neglect, reflecting poor living conditions, inadequate supervision and lack of family support." (Kids Count in Missouri 1995, Citizens for Missouri's Children)
 - a. Stabilize violent families. Child abuse is 129 percent more frequent in families where there is spouse abuse. Our Lasting Solutions program provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, including adult orders of protection and representation during divorce and custody proceedings. We also connect clients and their families to counseling resources that will help them learn to live without violence.
 - b. Secure basic services. Missouri considers children neglected when they live in substandard housing or when they are homeless. In many cases, the State places these children in foster care. Our housing attorneys prevent homelessness by helping families prevent eviction or foreclosure. When necessary, we can help them secure subsidized housing. We also pursue any other benefits that would allow the family to secure and maintain adequate housing. We help families understand their responsibilities as well as their rights.
4. Many children need special help to complete their education. Educational Services include: help for children facing suspension or expulsion; securing special educational services and ensuring a stable educational environment for homeless children.

Training and Consultation Services. Legal Services of Eastern Missouri closed 20,000 cases in 1994 for clients at or below 125 percent of the poverty line. Many other social service agencies share our experience with this population but none can provide clients with professional legal representation. Our unique area of expertise makes us a valuable resource for other service providers and professionals.

As Congress revamps legislation governing social programs, our ability to analyze and interpret new law will be critical to helping vulnerable families weather the change. We can reach more families by educating other professionals who work with them. Our professional staff can speak on a variety of topics, some of which are listed below.

1. Health and Mental Health. In October, 1995, Missouri converted 150,000 poor persons in St. Louis to managed care health plans. This change did not go smoothly for many area children: some were denied entry to their HeadStart program because of problems

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with the enrollment procedures; some plans denied special services for some disabled children because they didn't fully understand the needs of those children. We work with managed care plans and providers to help them understand the special needs of this population and the laws, like EPSDT requirements, that govern the provision of service.

2. **Child Protection.** People who have frequent contact with children are the most likely to spot signs of trouble or abuse. Many of these people are required by law to report suspected abuse. Nevertheless, there is a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding about mandated reporting. Some reporters hesitate to call in a problem at all while others call but the calls are not appropriate. Training for medical personnel, teachers, day care providers etc. would improve the effectiveness of mandated reporting.
3. **Family Support.** Our attorneys are uniquely qualified to help others make sense of new regulations in programs that affect area families. This internal expertise is bolstered by national legal services programs that focus on specific areas of the law and act as resources for local legal services programs. By adding their expertise to our own, we can quickly and accurately assess the impact of new legislation and work to get the word out to others.
4. **Educational Services.** We produce and publish a booklet, reprinted by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, called "Keeping Kids in School: The Educational Rights of Homeless Children." Our staff are available to talk to shelter residents and personnel about this issue. Staff members also work with local YouthBuild programs to help participants secure their GED and complete their job skills training. mothers secure prenatal

Group Advocacy. Our representation of hundreds of clients gives us a great deal of exposure to various programs and services. From that perspective, we often find that multiple clients experience similar problems. When we identify these systemic problems, we work with the responsible parties to correct gaps and overlaps in services. This results in better, more efficient services for everyone.

LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MISSOURI CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

At the Children's Law Center (CLC), the first priority is to help children. The CLC will share office space with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (LSEM). We will set up a special phone number for the CLC. Children, their families, service providers and other social service agencies will be encouraged to call that number when they have a question or problem. Calls will be answered by CLC staff.

The CLC will hire one full-time staff attorney. That attorney will be responsible for representing CLC clients, supervising other CLC staff and coordinating training and consultation services. The CLC staff attorney may refer a client to another Legal Services staff attorney or to one of our volunteer attorneys if such a referral is in the best interests of the client.

Paralegal and clerical assistance will be provided by existing staff. Law students from local universities will assist in the Children's Law Center as part of their work study assignment. All students and staff will work under the close supervision of the staff attorney.

When a potential client calls the CLC, Center staff will assess whether or not the client can benefit from and is eligible for services from the CLC. Center staff will refer callers to other appropriate agencies if necessary. If the caller does have a matter that the Center can handle, the Center will start a case file and pass the caller on to the staff attorney.

CLC will utilize all of the quality control procedures in place at LSEM. These systems include periodic staff training, case reviews, tackler systems, "open door" access to other attorneys and client satisfaction surveys. An automated case management system will provide basic information about each case as well as summary information regarding number of clients served and types of cases handled.

In addition to individual cases, the staff attorney will prepare materials for public education. Those materials may include brochures about the Center, fact sheets for client groups and service providers and supportive materials for training sessions. Other staff members will assist with the preparation of materials and with the organization of more formal training sessions.

The staff attorney will also work to secure ongoing funding for the Center.

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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January 12, 1996

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I have just finished watching your interview with Barbara Walters and I am so very proud of you. For the past 20 years, I have dedicated my life to working to improve the quality of life for young children. Many times, I have found myself standing alone and being criticized for being "too direct." Needless to say, I admire you and your courage to speak on behalf of America's children.

I am respectfully requesting an invitation to the spring conference that you spoke about during tonight's interview. I am the Coordinator of Early Childhood Staff Development for the Pre-School Programs of the Archdiocese of Chicago, where I am responsible for assisting over 120 pre-schools to achieve accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. I also serve as a core instructor in the Department of Early Childhood at National Louis University, and I am a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology, completing an externship in the child abuse unit of Mount Sinai Hospital. Today, I asked my five year old patient to draw a picture of a person. I have enclosed her drawing with her quote listed on the picture, "he's sad, he has no food."

Mrs Clinton, I passionately work every day in an effort to help America's children. For the past several years, there is not a day that has gone by that I have not "too directly" said to someone, "it takes an entire community to raise a child." Our children need you. I am hoping to attend your presentation at the Chicago Theater on Wednesday evening and respectfully hope that you will consider offering me an invitation to the spring conference. My vita, references and credentials are available for your review. Thank you for serving as an inspiration to me and on the personal side, my daughter, Maureen, age 16, just passed her driver's test today (Oh, Lordy!!). Good luck with Chelsea!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Venckus Scallon

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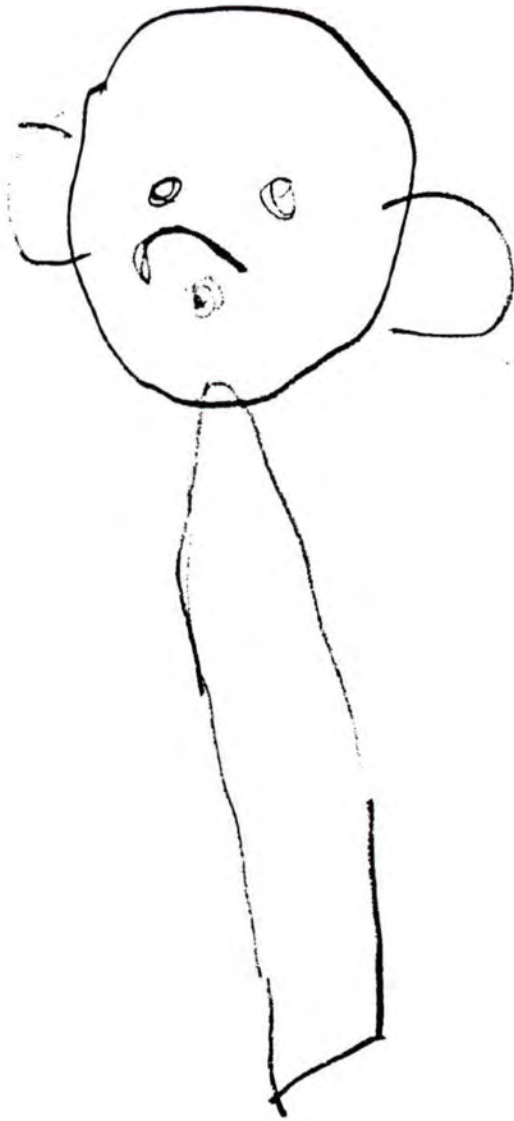
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Children's Club 38

1-22-96

Dear Mrs. Clinton, When

I know you receive tons of mail but I hope this reaches you for your personal attention.

I recently saw your interview with Barbara Walters in which you mentioned that you would like to have a children's conference this spring.

Enclosed are 2 recent newspaper clippings about my dear friend Dr. Pamela K. Terry who was recently named National Health Educator of the year. Pam is extremely involved in educating children on health issues. She is outspoken about her feelings for the need for these types of programs. Pam would be an excellent choice for your conference on children.

Sincerely,

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hibit of photographs and
ixed media works at Bradley
niversity's Heuser Art
allery.

Created by Jane Scott and
eoria-area photographer Marc
sser, "Letting Go" chronicles
ie struggles of the 69-year-old
cott with Parkinson's, a pro-
gressively debilitating disease
hose symptoms include
ncontrollable tremors, the
ability to move and — in

with Parkinson's in 1988, and
he entered Toluca's Monte
Cassino Health Care Center in
November 1993.

For Jane Scott, who studied
painting and drawing at
Eureka College, art was a nat-
ural way of exploring her
father's decline and unraveling
her own tangled emotions.

"I originally did this for
myself as a way of coping,"
Jane Scott said.

"But Marc helped me

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Jane Scott's almost life-size portrait of her father,
Claude Scott, who struggles with Parkinson's dis-
ease, is made up of two panels that seem to slide
past one another like opposing sides of an earth-
quake fault, dividing and distorting the bearded,
professorial figure, creating a Janus-faced effect.

Source: Parkinson's disease information brochure

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Pamela K. Terry recently
nding Health Educator for
merican School Health

Association. Terry has a doctorate in health
education and led development of curriculum
for Peoria's Hult Health Education Center.

Woman speaks frankly about health education

□ Winner of national
award says teaching
young people about
sexual issues essential

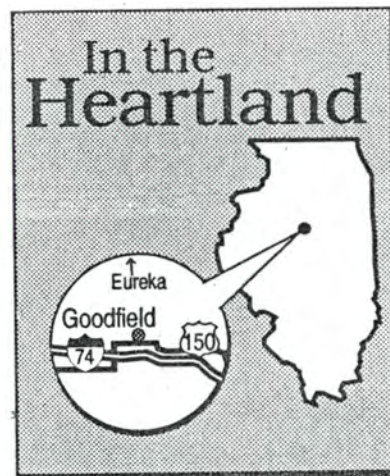
By DEAN OLSEN

of the Journal Star

GOODFIELD — Sex talk is
not dirty talk to Pamela K.
Terry.

She says accurate informa-
tion, presented in the right
way, can save a young person
from heartache, an unwanted
pregnancy or a sexually trans-
mitted disease that could per-
manently scar or kill.

This former country girl
from Bushnell, now living near
Goodfield in rural Woodford
County, is frank about her
views on education about
health-related issues — and
not just about sex — for the
nation's children and teen-
agers.



"I don't consider it contro-
versial," she says. "I consider it
as needing to be taught."

That's because Terry —
who has made a name for her-
self in Illinois and nationwide

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TERRY

as a health educator — believes the topic is too important for parents, citizens and public policy makers to duck.

"I tell people health education isn't for wimps," says Terry, 49, who spearheaded development of the curriculum at Peoria's not-for-profit Marvin Hult Health Education Center in 1990.

She says she had disagreements with a Hult board of directors that was good-hearted but unwilling to move faster with sexuality-related education in a community plagued by high out-of-wedlock child-birth rates.

"Some of these people are so far removed from what the kids are going through," she said.

Formerly Hult's director of instruction, she left three years ago to become a successful independent consultant.

Now she is president of Terry and Associates, based out of her home, which is attempting

to become a not-for-profit organization.

She works for school districts and organizations throughout Illinois and nationwide, teaching and planning in much the same way she did at Hult.

Sometimes, she has had to deal with paranoid public officials in rural and urban settings who feared backlash from vocal minorities not wanting to deal head-on with problems ranging from gangs and violence to drug abuse and teen pregnancy.

And she has volunteered her time to help school districts develop programs and obtain grants to fund the programs. She also volunteers in leadership roles for several statewide professional groups.

For her efforts, the American School Health Association in Kent, Ohio, chose her from about a dozen people nominated by their colleagues nationwide to be named the Outstanding School Health Educator of 1995.

"Much of what she was doing appeared to be way above and beyond the call of

duty," says Jeff Clark, an assistant professor of health education at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., who headed the association's awards selection committee.

Terry, one of three children of a truck-driver father and a nurse's aide mother, grew up in McDonough County. She worked as a telephone operator, secretary, bartender, typist and clothing saleswoman to put herself through Western Illinois University in Macomb. She took a human sexuality class there and says, "I absolutely loved it."

A nationally certified health education specialist, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in health education at Western and recently completed a doctorate degree in the field from Southern Illinois University.

She and her husband, a computer analyst at State Farm Insurance Cos. in Bloomington, have no children of their own, but she says she understands the problems of today's children by contrasting their sometimes neglectful up-bringsings with her own experience in a working-class family living in a small, close-knit community. There, the emphasis wasn't on material possessions.

"If I did something bad, my parents knew about it before I got home," she says. "My parents spelled love 'T-I-M-E.'"

"Kids today are growing up in more painful family systems than ever before and are more at risk than ever before. Kids are looking for somewhere to belong."

She says good health education, into which information about sexuality is woven, is tailored for specific ages and deals with the physical, mental, social, spiritual, environmental and emotional aspects of people. Terry is frustrated

by the fact Illinois public schools lack funding or mandates for a comprehensive health education program.

"Regrettably, our society is not prevention-oriented," she says. Rural areas aren't immune to many urban problems, including gangs and drugs, she says. But many school superintendents won't allow innovative self-esteem programs to battle those problems because of the embarrassment of admitting the problems exist, she says.

Despite frustrations, she says she has seen programs she initiated benefit children directly and improve parents' ability to parent.

Young people, she says, must be educated about dangerous behavior — even if they need to know about contraception that could help them avoid a pregnancy or a disease — and she doesn't believe this knowledge tempts young people to dabble in premarital sex.

"Handing out condoms is not the solution to the teen pregnancy problem," she says. "You need education."

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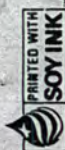
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Terry Selected as Outstanding School Health Educator in Nation

Dr. Pamela K. Terry, Director of Terry and Associates, was recently selected as the Outstanding School Health Educator in the nation by the American School Health Association. Only five other individuals in the nation have ever been awarded this honor in the past.

Terry received the honor during the American School Health Association, 69th National School Health Conference. The award is given for outstanding contributions to the promotion of child health through schools.

In nominating Dr. Terry, one superintendent said, "her devotion and dedication to health education are evidenced by her actions. She truly is an outstanding health educator."

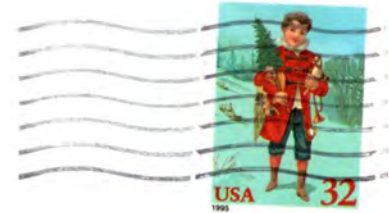
Terry earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Western Illinois University. She has a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University in Health Sciences. She has charter credentialing as a nationally Certified Health Education Specialist.

Dr. Terry is President of Terry and Associates, a private consulting company whose mission is to provide health and wellness educational programming to school children, teachers, school personnel, and individuals of all ages so they can make healthy lifestyle choices. She recently acted as the consultant on a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to Prevention First to develop comprehensive school health education guidelines for Illinois. Terry is on faculty at Lincoln College, both the Normal and Lincoln campuses. Additionally, she is the state trainer for Project ALERT.

Dr. Terry is past chair and vice-

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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am a Licensed Psychologist who works with children and adolescents in a non-profit counseling clinic in the Minneapolis area. In the course of my work I have become very concerned at my inability to help in a very real way the children and adolescents that come to see me. Although some of them were able to be helped by working with them and their parents, it soon became apparent to me that many of them were not getting the advocacy that they needed to effectively help improve their life and circumstance. These children and their parents, although supported by numerous social service programs and in the system were not improving and the prognosis for the children's future was not favorable.

One example is a family that I am currently working with. This family has had at any one time 8 social service and support professionals dealing with their needs. The parents are suffering from various mental and physical disorders. The two teenagers in the family, ages 13 and 15, have endured chronic and frequent family dysfunction resulting in acting out and high risk behaviors. This has resulted in them developing violent aggressive behaviors, depression, school failure and physical problems due to stress. Although at times the children have been removed from the home on a temporary basis I have been unable to have the girl, who I work with, placed in long-term foster care even though she has asked me to do so. The social policy of family re-unification and the refusal of the parents to voluntarily place her have kept her in these very difficult circumstances against

Some professionals working with the family

These adolescents and other children like them are known to all those who worked with them to be at exceptionally high risk for all the myriad problems that we see in our juvenile population today, such as runaways, teen pregnancy, psychological and mental health impairments, school failure and truancy etc. The bottom line that I kept hitting was that barring cases of extreme abuse or neglect these children had no protection or recourse to legal remedies for their extremely dysfunctional life and home. Even if there were to be found criminal cases of abuse, neglect etc. the goal of the social policy driving all efforts with this child and parent was family re-unification. Even if it was the consensus of the professionals that this in fact was a dysfunctional family unable to change we needed to wait until there was an overwhelming amount of evidence of failure on the parent's part before the children were removed and placed in permanent protective care. During the time that it takes to come to this decision the children for the most part have been

irreparably harmed. In spite of all the legislation, all the programs that exist, these children continue to go through the revolving door of ineffective and inadequate systems.

I need to make clear at this time that I am not targeting a population of parents who are suffering from poverty or a specific racial or ethnic group. What I am targeting is a group of parents who either because of an inability or a lack of desire to change are unable to raise their children in an adequate way. This produces a child that not only personally suffers but also goes on to cause others in society to suffer by means of violent crime, drug abuse, lack of ability to work or will continue on to raise another generation of emotionally disturbed children.

Even though there are many programs available and a lot of money is being spent in the social service field, we are still losing children and teenagers to the streets, to crime, to drugs and, in the cases of the smallest and most vulnerable, to death due to serious and persistent abuse and neglect. On a small scale we are winning some battles we are in reality losing the war to protect our nation's children. This is reflected in the rising number of statistics of child abuse reports and juvenile crime rates.

In doing my research I realized that one fundamental fact underlies many of the failures that we experience in trying to protect children. Children are not perceived of as persons or citizens with inalienable, constitutional rights that give them equal status in our country. Parents, through the 14th Amendment, have their rights protected to marry, establish a home and bring up children (Meyer v. Nebraska, 1923). This and other Supreme Court decisions protect the parent's rights in the care, custody and management of their children. In most families this works very well to protect the child but what happens when the parent is unable or unwilling to protect the best interests of the child?

Unless there is extreme or significant damage done to the child, at which time the state through its power of "parents patriae" steps in, many of these children languish in homes where significant emotional, physical and psychological damage is done.

From my research I believe that in order to truly protect children it is necessary to have a Constitutional Amendment which will grant to them the same status as we do to adults and other groups that are protected by the 14th Amendment. This may seem radical but it is the way that African-Americans, women and other minority groups have obtained or tried to obtain equal protection under the law. It is from this Amendment that all the laws protecting their civil rights and ensuring their legal recourse have evolved. Children, by virtue of their non-adult status, have been precluded from exercising many of the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that is guaranteed to adults.

In order to establish the rights of children currently we must first overcome the rights of the parents. Frequently it is stated as the "best interests of the child" vs. the rights of the parents. This in my opinion is not a level playing field. With this concept of parental rights firmly protected by the Constitution we are always in the one-down position of trying to protect the child. The parents has the inherent advantage.

Children have no recourse under the law to claim a failure of constitutional rights. In fact they have no inherent constitutional rights of their own. Children, as I read some of the literature, do not have individual Constitutional rights independent of the control of the parent.

The obvious retort to this is that children are unable to reasonably exercise their Constitutional rights because of their obvious immaturity. I am not saying that a one-year old should determine who they should live with. This would not be realistic or sensible. However, if there were an Amendment that gave children equal protection under the law, and did not automatically subsume that child under the umbrella of parental rights, then we would have a chance to seek justice for children. The playing field would be significantly more level.

Every day we see the failure of the systems, designed to protect children. Some people say it is because there is not enough money for programs or not enough programs. I believe that in some instances this is true. But the most significant and horrendous cases of child abuse and neglect are frequently known to social services but their hands are tied because of the sanctity of parental rights and the family unit. This right has caused a social policy to evolve that holds family re-unification as in the best interests of the child. I believe that we have to re-think this social policy which I believe is the primary reason that we lose so many children. We need to take a firm stand on the issue that many parents do not have the child's best interests at heart. We can offer as many social service programs to them as we want, provide numerous social, educational and financial supports and still not be able to ensure that these children are receiving their constitutional rights of equal protection under the law.

We must be willing to make tough decisions that do set standards of child care and welfare. Re-uniting families who have demonstrated no vested interest in providing for their children in a reasonable way in order to keep the family unit intact is in my opinion a violation of children's rights.

Many people become concerned with the idea of laws and government going into the private lives of families and making judgments regarding behaviors in a family. I would like to remind them that it was only recently that we decided that it was not a private matter if you beat your spouse. People felt that if a spouse hit their partner that it was not anyone's business especially the state. We still employ some euphemisms for this behavior (e.g. domestic violence) although it clearly is viewed as a criminal act and is prosecuted by the state.

We still seem to have this same mentality in regards to children. If a parent decides to "discipline" his child it is their prerogative and right. Although we, in the most extreme cases, will press charges of child abuse, we still defend this basic philosophy by stating that it is a private family matter how parents discipline or care for their child. Also even when abuse is found to occur and is prosecuted we still maintain that the primary goal is to keep

the family together. It is this type of reasoning that allows children to be placed back in unsafe homes over and over again. This type of futile long-term treatment with no guarantees of success causes many children to be irreparably harmed both physically, psychologically and emotionally. It also results in the child being unable to proceed in their development in a healthy manner.

I have seen this repeatedly in my practice. I deal with parents who are receiving numerous social service supports but either are unwilling to change or are unable to change. We keep working on the family to no avail, endorsing a policy which says that the family is the best place for the child to be. Meanwhile the child lives and grows up in an environment that promotes abuse, neglect, and low self-esteem. We see the results of these decisions in the news broadcasts of the children who are killed each year by their parents. If these numbers were applied to any other group of individuals we would have a public outcry to do something about the problem. Since they are children and because some of the remedial steps needed affects a legal, social and moral concept (parental rights) we back away from it.

I believe the first step is to validate through constitutional means the rights of children to due process and not leave them at times to the mercy of dangerous parents, or to the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of benevolent strangers who move in and out of their lives. Children are truly the most oppressed minority in this country.

We have seen an evolution of civil rights in this country to the betterment of all its citizens. We have seen black people being given status as citizens, women and other groups demanding and gaining their civil rights. It is time for children, through the voices of adults that will demand for them, their inalienable human rights to live a safe and protected life. As long as children are not seen as individuals with their own rights they will continue to be dealt with as the property of their parents with many weak, ineffective laws and a social policy that upholds the family when in fact there may be in reality no family to uphold.

I realize that you must have many other issues demanding your attention but I hope that perhaps you might find a moment to comment upon this concept that I am endeavoring to initiate. I hope to attend the fundraiser that you are scheduled to appear at on March 1st in the Twin Cities. I was impressed by your commitment to children in the publishing of your book. I will look forward to perhaps meeting you on your trip here and further discuss how we as members of this National Village can make things better for children.

I realize that since I am not a lawyer or a person with a great deal of political expertise my idea may be very naive. However, there does seem to me to be a case for some common sense in trying to improve the conditions for children. I am one of the many people who on a daily basis deals with the consequences and results of failed social policy and inept systems. I have to sit across from a child and tell them that there is nothing more that I can do and that they just have to make the best of a terrible situation. I have dealt with the frustration and despair of trying to empower a child in a dis-empowering system. I need to

at least try to do something and hope that I can get others to see the reality of the situation for children.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

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Denise Golden

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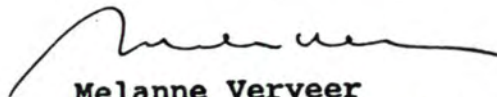
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Dear Ms. Burns,

The First Lady asked that I thank you for writing in reference to a proposed conference on children this spring. Mrs. Clinton is in the early stages of planning for a children's conference. The format and scope are not yet determined.

We will keep your interest in mind as plans develop. Thank you for writing and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Melanne Verveer
Deputy Chief of Staff
to the First Lady

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Theodore

January 15, 1996

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I masquerade as a high school English teacher, but I'm really in the classroom to be a positive influence in my students' lives. As a result, I was very interested in your discussion with Barbara Walters on "20/20" about the impact you hope to have on our nation's youth through It Takes a Village. Our country's greatest asset is our young people. Every American needs to hear the call to protect and nurture this treasure.

My four years as an educator have opened my eyes to the immense struggle ahead of us. We must find feasible methods of preparing our young people to lead America into the 21st century. I understand you plan a spring meeting to find viable solutions to the problem. How can I help you achieve this goal?

I can be available at your convenience, and, of course, I will be out of school from the middle of May through the beginning of August. We are all soldiers in the battle for our nation's future. You are in the position to make a lasting, positive contribution. I applaud you for your efforts and humbly volunteer to help in any way possible.

Sincerely,



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January 27, 1996

Dear Mrs. Clinton,

I decided to write to you after watching the "State of the Union" address last week. One of the many areas that caught my attention was with regard to our children. I am constantly talking to my husband about the types of programs that are on television or am expressing my concern about the types of movies that available to our children. Beyond that, the overall attitudes of many children leaves alot to be desired. This is all, I realize, more deeply rooted than what they are exposed to through public communications, however my thoughts are always aimed at how can information be communicated to them to make a difference in their lives. If the people in their lives that should make a difference, aren't, what can be provided to those children to help. Simple, basic issues that you or I may feel are important in every day life with our families, just aren't in many others.

President Clinton mentioned that next month, there would be a conference with television / film people to target programming or public communication for our children. Has the White House considered creating a means for everyday people to share their ideas on what they would like to see for their children during this conference? Basic issues dealing from "How to treat other People", "Taking responsibility for yourself and actions", to "Self-Esteem" are important, as we know, to the development of our children. Of-course, children still need a way to escape into fun and a fantasy-like environment. After all that is part of being a child and adult. My concern is that there are numbers of programs that are just plain strange. I remember as a child, on Saturday mornings, watching cartoons before breakfast. I used to look forward to that time. Amazingly, my children can hardly stand watching any of the programs on Saturday morning because they think they're off-the-wall.

I very much agree with the fact that although there are many families trying their best to instill the best morals and values into their children there are plenty of other children that are basicly being left to learn on their own. Unfortunately, some really never do.

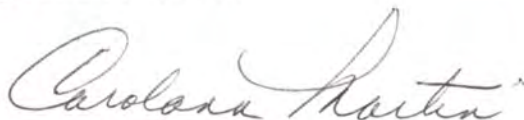
I feel so strongly about these issues that I am developing a series of children's books that will deal with some of the everyday basic issues that arise in the life of a young person. Developing inner strength to carve a positive path for yourself is critical. Maybe my information will help.

I have worked at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center in St. Paul, Minnesota for 18 years. There are people at the Medical Center that have clearly done amazing things for people all over the world. One of the interesting programs that recently was developed by a group of people at our Level I Trauma Center was to begin working with a local theatre group to re-enact for surrounding schools, what actually happens in the emergency room of a hospital to people that have been shot, stabbed, or have been in a serious fight. They are trying to show the full effect that these types of actions have on the victim and their loved ones. Unfortunately, with the amount of violence, the basic value of life just isn't apparent to some of our young people. This type of "reality check" may also be an important teaching tool for people to see in other areas as well.

I would like to thank both you and President Clinton for constantly keeping the subjects of families and values in the spotlight. It really means the difference between so many good and potentially bad situations. I wish everyone realized this.

In closing, I thought that I would take the opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I am 36 years old. I worked my way up the ladder at my place of employment by putting in an enormous amount of hours per week when I first started working 18 years ago. I have been married for 14 years to a very smart and thank God a very laid-back man. We have 3 children. Our son is 13 years old and our daughters are ages 10 and 7. Our children are very normal / happy people. Just when my husband and I think that we are going to lose our minds between working 50 - 60 hours per week, raising our children, and then trying to find time for each other, one of the children will say or do one of the funniest things or someone will say "You two sure have done a great job raising those children, they are so well-mannered and fun to have around". We usually smile at each other, take a deep breath and keep forging ahead.

I wish you well. I appreciate other women who are strong, intelligent, not afraid to speak their mind, and are still able to show compassion. It's too bad that other people view this as intimidating. Who knows, maybe in another 100 years.....



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