AIM Updates

Staff and Steering Committee

The beginning of 1986 brought a number of changes to AIM. A new Steering Committee of AIM mothers has been formed at MCI Framingham. The committee includes Lorraine Crump, Lucille Reid, Evelyn Santiago and Ruth Goldberg. They have been very active in all AIM activities and will be a great asset in steering the course of AIM over the next year.

Welcome is in order for Andrea Devine, our new coordinator of the Family Support and Advocacy Program. Andrea has now been on the staff for over three months and has been doing a tremendous job. Prior to joining the staff, Andrea was an AIM volunteer for 18 months. She brings her experience as legal secretary and administrative assistant with the Massachusetts Corrections Legal Services. AIM will also benefit from Andrea's extensive experience with grassroots community-based organizations.

Andrea replaces Deb Filler who is now working at the Cambridge-Somerville Legal Services. Deb is staff attorney for the new mental health and dissability rights unit.

AIM has a new student intern, Lynne Emmons, who is a senior at Simmons College where she is working on a degree in Human Services. Lynne will be working with the Family Support and Advocacy Program through May. Welcome Lynne! Student interns are a vital help to AIM.

OUTREACH

Jean Fox and Virginia Monroe recently traveled to Rhode Island to meet with the Women In Prison Task Force a subcommittee of the Rhode Island Commission on Women. This task force will address the issues of women incarcerated at the Adult Correctional Institute in Warwick. Jean and Virginia showed the AIM video "Staying Together", discussed AIM's program and how we can assist the task force. Plans to continue networking were developed. Jean and Virginia will return to visit the women at the ACI late this Spring.

Jean and Andrea Devine just returned from the 17th annual Women and the Law Conference that was held in Chicago. Jean led workshops on Women in Prison and both attended the Roundtable on Incarcerated Mothers and their Children. Other participants from Boston were Mary Gilfus from the Women's Health and Learning Center, Laura Biddle from the Women's Employment Project and Lila Austin from Community Services for Women, who helped organize the Roundtable. It is always great to touch base with women across the country who are involved in criminal justice work.

Channel 5's Chronicle will be taping a segment of its program on AIM! Andrea Hall will accompany a number of our children in the van to MCI Framingham. She will interview Jean Fox and several of the mothers who wish to participate. We are not sure when they will be airing the program, so keep looking for it!

A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE . . .

Mother's Day, Birthdays, Weddings, Births, or any special occasion.

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