

V. Early Childhood Development

CDF will continue to monitor HEW policies regarding day care and child development services and to disseminate information to a broad network of groups and individuals working in this field. CDF also will continue to work with local Head Start programs on various funding and policy issues at the federal and regional levels. (For further information, contact Judith Assmus, CDF Washington office.)

VI. School Desegregation and Title I

CDF is committed to nondiscriminatory and equal educational opportunity for all children within the public school system.

CDF was established as an arm of the Washington Research Project, a Washington-based public interest research, advocacy and legal group, started in 1968 to monitor federal programs on behalf of the poor.

The Washington Research Project has been active in the monitoring of federal education programs and in the effort to achieve integrated education in public schools. It has, during the past four years, conducted investigations and issued reports on a variety of federal activities in the fields of civil rights, poverty, and education.*

The Washington Research Project Action Council has also been active in the development of legislation aiding desegregating schools and for comprehensive child care and development. The Washington Research Project and the Action Council will continue these activities. Thus, the new work of the Children's Defense Fund will be in addition to the Washington Research Project's ongoing activities.

*Our previous reports include *Title I of ESEA, Is It Helping Poor Children?* (Washington, D.C.: Washington Research Project, Inc., and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., December, 1969); *The Emergency School Assistance Program: An Evaluation* (Washington, D.C.: Washington Research Project, Inc., with five other organizations, November, 1970); *The Status of School Desegregation in the South, 1970* (Washington, D.C.: Washington Research Project, Inc., and five other organizations, December, 1970); and *It's Not Over in the South* (written by the American Friends Service Committee with our and four other organizations' cooperation, May, 1972).