

TO: CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN OF CANADA
(TORONTO CHAPTER)

FROM: Sandra Young
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re: Sponsorship of a multi-media presentation
on anti-racist child care

BACKGROUND

On two occasions during the past year the Congress was requested to address the issue of childcare from the perspective of the needs of the Black family. For example

- May 1987, a brief was presented on behalf of the Congress to the Task Force of the OFL and Ontario Day Care Coalition (copy attached)
- in November 1987, a workshop on Anti-racist childcare was offered on the Ontario Daycare Coalition's Conference "The Times They are a Changing".

While preparing these presentations we were unable to find Canadian documentation on racism in daycare. The information that is available deals with multi-culturalism, only. We sought information on child development specifically on Black children and we had to look outside Canada to Britain for information.

Further we discovered that there is a shortage of training materials in these areas. Participants in the November workshop strongly recommended that training materials with Canadian content be developed.

In summary, there is a need for information for both parents and workers on the issue of racism, its impact on the development of young children and strategies for dealing with these issues in a constructive manner.

PROPOSAL

We propose that the Congress of Black Women sponsor the development of slide/tape materials or a video to address the above concerns. Further that this information should be geared for use with both parents and workers in the day care field.

We believe that funds could be obtained from a number of government sources for the development and production of such a resource.

ACTION

We request that this proposal be approved at this meeting. Also, that Angela King and Sandra Young be asked to jointly coordinate the project to completion and that they provide regular progress reports on the project to the Executive Committee.