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**HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS**  
**HIPPY USA**

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**Hello Carol:**

I can only imagine how frantic your life must be! I, too, am sorry you can't come tonight, but I fully understand.

**Logistics:**

**WHERE:** We're at the Hasbro, Inc NY Headquarters, 32 West 23 Street, between 5-6 Ave. (Right across the street from the HIPPY USA office).

**WHEN:** We have lunch scheduled from 12:30-2:00. We expect that people will get their buffet lunch at 12:30, sit down to eat and be ready for you around 1:00. So, a 10:00 shuttle should be fine. If you want us to arrange for a car pick-up service, just have someone call our office.

*Look for your name*

**WHO:** We have 180 conference participants. (Can you believe it??) They cover the whole gamut - coordinators, paraprofessionals, administrators, a few parents. The Board members will also be there and selected workshop presenters. We also have the HIPPY National Directors from South Africa, The Netherlands, and Mexico. (I hope you are duly impressed!)

**WHAT:** The theme has been building partnerships - working with other programs and organizations to provide the best possible service to the families. It would be great if you could weave this into your talk -- collaboration, partnerships, new ways of thinking about program models, etc.

Also, everyone is full of questions about the economic investment package (which they always call the stimulus package). Any overview of that process, the Family Preservation Bill, the hearings a few weeks ago, where things are now, what, if anything, we can do would be very welcome.

Carol, thank you for managing to still fit us in tomorrow; I really appreciate it. I'm even happier to hear you'll be home for Mother's Day.

Have a safe trip!

Miriam



Carol H. Rasco  
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

Remarks Prepared for Delivery at the  
National Summit on Children and Families  
Washington, D.C.  
April 2, 1993

HAPPY

It is wonderful to be here at ~~this historic national summit~~  
on children and families. ~~And it is inspiring to hear the~~  
~~stories of young people who are succeeding with determination,~~  
~~personal responsibility, and help from those who care.~~ *As I survey*  
*of your faces, I see many young children & their families represented*

I wish that every child in America could tell such a story.  
But you and I know that they can't. Many children are thriving  
in our nation--but too many are not. *So therein* ~~is~~ *the basis*  
*premise for our DPC - Every child will be empowered to develop her/his fullest*  
Educational attainment is stagnant--at best. Mental illness and  
suicide are up. Violent crime and homicide--way up. And today,  
child poverty stands at levels last seen a generation ago.

For most of that generation, families with children have  
faced a relentless economic squeeze. The real wages of workers  
with young children--even educated workers  
--have fallen dramatically during the past twenty years.

These are the facts, and it's time we stopped ignoring them.  
We must show that we have not forgotten how to care. We need a  
new direction for our country. It's time we adults put our  
children first.

That's one big reason why our country needs the President's  
bold new economic program of growth and jobs. It's why we need  
the President's bold plan for investing in children and their  
families. With the help of the Congress, we're going to get that  
program--~~and get it in record time.~~ *and advocates like yourself*

But the problems our children face are not just economic.  
Too many American families are disintegrating, or never forming  
at all. We have the highest divorce rate in the Western world,  
and the highest rate of children born outside marriage. Today,  
28 percent of our babies are born to unmarried parents. For  
African-Americans, it's more than 66 percent.

Does this matter? Here are some findings from a report out  
just this week: Of the children born to young unmarried mothers  
without high school diplomas, 79 percent are living in poverty.  
For children born to married high-school graduates, the figure is  
only 8 percent.

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The message is clear: ~~if you stay in school and get married before you have children, your kids are ten times less likely to be poor~~. A stable family setting is the best anti-poverty program our country has ever devised. That is the message we adults should be sending our young people, in every way we can.

For too long, these issues were mired in partisan gridlock. Some talked only about the economic squeeze on families and cuts in government programs; others talked only about the disintegration of families and the decline of American culture. It is time--high time--to put an end to the politics of false choices. We must move beyond cheerleading for family values, on the one hand, and on the other, the old big-government notion that there's a program for every social problem.

There is another way, a commonsense path that offers more opportunity to every family and demands more responsibility from every individual. As the President has said so eloquently: Family values alone cannot nourish a hungry child, and material security alone cannot provide a moral compass. We must have both.

~~That is the trail that the National Commission has blazed for our country. You have advanced an ambitious legislative agenda, which helped shape the President's budget proposals. You have crafted a new consensus on children and families that could put futile debates behind us. Most important, you have reminded us of basic principles essential values.~~

*In addition to our guiding principles*  
o ~~First:~~ Every American child should have the opportunity to develop to his or her full potential.

*we believe*  
o ~~Second:~~ Government doesn't raise children, parents do. Government can reinforce the vital work of parents, but it can't substitute for them. The family is--and must remain--society's primary institution for bringing children into the world and for supporting their growth throughout childhood.

*Finally*  
o ~~Third:~~ Children do best when they have the personal involvement and material support of a father and a mother and when both parents fulfill their responsibility to be loving providers.

These are the principles and values that guide us all. Now let me tell you what the President is doing to turn them into reality.

To begin with, he is rewarding work and family. Today, millions of Americans work full-time but don't make enough to lift their families out of poverty. That's wrong. No one who works full-time and has children at home should be poor in America. And that's why the President has proposed a dramatic

increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit. *Contact the campaign in your state -*

At the same time, Bill Clinton is moving aggressively to relax the tension between work and family. He's proud that the first piece of legislation he signed was the Family and Medical Leave Act, <sup>previously</sup> twice vetoed by George Bush. And the administration is actively exploring other ways of making America's workplaces--including the federal government--much more family friendly.

Second, he is protecting the health of children and families, by fully funding the WIC program, by investing in childhood immunization, and by committing his administration to fundamental reform of our nation's health care system.

As you all know, we're working night and day to ensure that every American has access to quality health care at affordable prices. Next month, we're going to propose a comprehensive new health care plan. And during this Congress we're going to fulfill the dream of every Democratic president since Harry Truman and make health insurance a reality for all.

Third, the President is promoting the development of young children, ~~with the biggest expansion of Head Start ever. But the administration is not just going to make Head Start bigger; we're going to make it better.~~ We're <sup>going</sup> to improve quality, increase flexibility, and better link the program to other child development efforts. *Whole children / whole families - your theme of partnership.*

Fourth, the President is proposing fundamental change in public education. As governor, Bill Clinton helped draft the national education goals and bring them to the center of public debate. As president, he'll bring those goals to the center of education reform.

Bill Clinton is going to put an end to business as usual in American education. That means new initiatives with real incentives to states for systemic reform. It means a total reexamination of existing programs--such as Chapter 1--to ensure that every child has a fair chance to acquire high-level skills and make it in the economy of the 21st century. It means unprecedented emphasis on systematic, high-quality school-to-work programs. It means an expanded safe schools initiative because fearful kids can't possibly learn well. And yes, it means more choice for parents and students within our public school system.

Fifth, the President will deliver fundamental reform of our welfare system. He helped draft the Family Support Act of 1988, and he made it work in Arkansas. Now he has asked us to develop a plan to end welfare as we now know it. People don't want permanent dependency, they want the dignity of work, and we should give everyone the chance to have that kind of dignity. It's just common sense: more opportunity in exchange for more

responsibility. *Must change the paradigm: Today work in exchange for welfare Tomorrow - work instead of welfare.*

*We want* The President's responsibility agenda doesn't end there. ~~He's going to get tough~~ on child support enforcement. That means establishing paternity right at the start, in the hospital; setting up a national registry; and using the IRS to collect seriously delinquent child support payments.

The principle is simple: if you are biologically responsible for a child, then you are morally and financially responsible as well. And that's why we have to get the message to our youth in schools, in the media, in every way we can: it's just plain wrong for children to have children, because you are assuming a responsibility that you aren't ready to fulfill.

The President wants to put government squarely on the side of keeping families together whenever possible. He wants us to do more for families at risk, especially at risk of foster care placement. He knows that constant shifting from one short-term foster home placement to another is an emotional disaster for kids; that in all but the most extreme cases, it's better for kids to be with their parents.

That why, last month he directed us to draft a new child welfare initiative combining family support and family preservation services--building on the work of Senator Rockefeller and Congressman Matsui and Congresswoman Schroeder and others. ~~And believe me, we're going to deliver that initiative--to him, to our kids, and to the country.~~ *We hope w/ the passage of the bill. to have yet another partnership pt w/ HIPAA.*

~~I applaud the Commission for recognizing~~ *that families don't* operate in a vacuum, but in neighborhoods, in communities, and in a climate of culture and values. We must do whatever we can to assist parents in educating their kids and teaching them right from wrong.

As every parent knows, in modern America that effort begins with the media. Three years ago, the Congress passed the Children's Television Act. And for three years, the Act was ignored. The same kinds of folks who informed us that ketchup is a vegetable were happy to certify GI Joe as an educational television program.

Well, the previous administration's FCC wouldn't enforce the bill--but ours will. By law, broadcasters who want to keep on operating must demonstrate their commitment to the educational needs of children. We're going to hold them to that. And while they're at it, it wouldn't hurt if they cut out the gratuitous sex and violence either.

# Empowerment Zones

I've talked about what the President has done and what he wants to do. We've begun to shift course. But this is just the beginning. We must have the courage to change--to recognize mistakes, to abandon what doesn't work, to challenge ourselves to do better. In short, we adults have some growing up to do.

I know that many of you in this room are <sup>after</sup> tired after ~~the~~ <sup>working</sup> ~~last twelve years~~. Without you, many of the programs that serve children and families would have been gutted. They weren't, and you've earned a rest. *thelwsh*  
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But we're asking you to go another round. The President can't pass or fund his initiatives alone. He can't break the gridlock alone. He still needs your help, and so do America's children.

For the first time in a long time, your efforts will be supported--not rebuffed--by the executive branch of this government. ~~The details remain to be worked out. BUT for sure,~~ there will be an ongoing, high-level focus on children and families, cutting across agency, departmental, and programmatic lines, coordinated by the White House, responsible not to any single constituency but to the national interest and directly to the President of the United States.

Concern for our children must start at the top--but it can't end there. We must empower parents, neighborhoods, communities and voluntary organizations across this great nation to do what our children need. The President can take the lead--but only you can complete the task. *Currently we face a tough week ahead in the House reconciliation - than the Senate - exercise your Constaty right*

At last, a new day is dawning for America's children and their families. We will work together with you. We won't always succeed, and we won't always be able to do everything that you--and we--would want.

But I can promise you this: we will never relent in our effort to give every child a chance to develop--fully. Because at the end of Bill Clinton's second term, at the dawn of the third millenium, I want to be able to say to Hamp Rasco and Mary Margaret Rasco and to all <sup>today's</sup> the children of America, with a clear conscience and a full heart: We did our best. And I want all of you at this summit to join me in being able to look at one another and say: We did our best.

Thank you very much.

Roz

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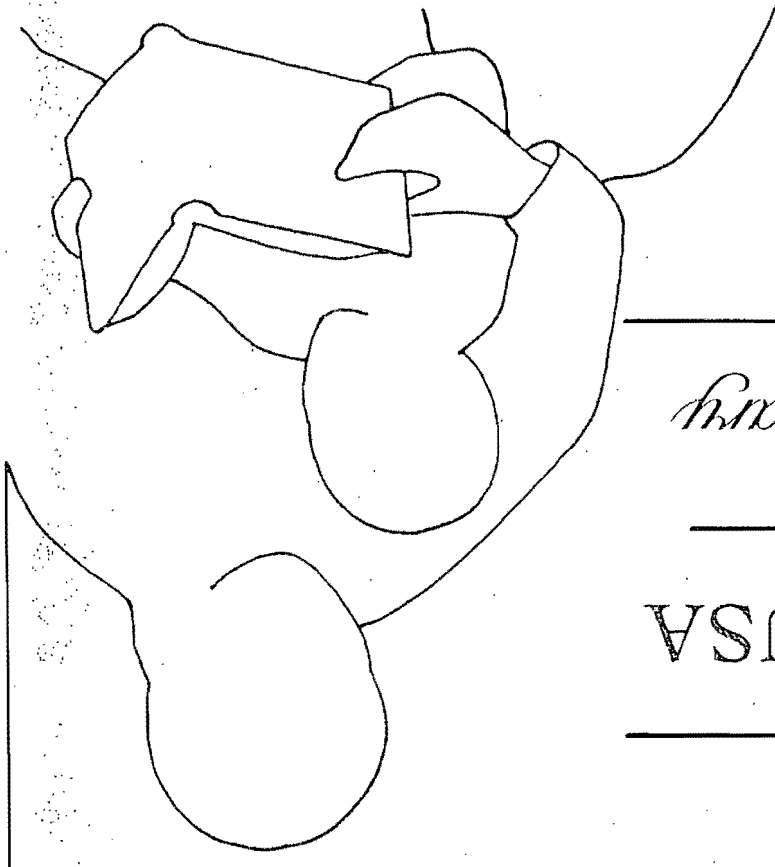
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## *Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters*

The Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), a parent empowerment/early childhood education program for at-risk families, was developed by the National Council of Jewish Women Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel.

HIPPY is a home-based program that helps economically and educationally disadvantaged parents provide educational enrichment for their preschool children. The program stresses the vital role that parents play in their children's early education, and its primary goal is to increase disadvantaged children's success in school and, ultimately, in adult life.

In the United States, the first HIPPY programs were established in 1984. Today, approximately 10,000 economically disadvantaged families participate in 61 programs operating in 17 states. Training and technical assistance to the national network of local programs is provided by HIPPY USA, a New York not-for-profit educational corporation.

*In recognition of*

HIPPY USA's  
*Fifth Anniversary*

*you are cordially invited to attend our*

*Celebration Dinner*

*Invited Speaker*

*First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton*

Thursday, May 6, 1993 at 6:00 pm  
The Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers  
New York Ballroom  
Seventh Avenue & 52nd Street

HIPPY USA

*Fifth Anniversary Celebration*

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# HOME INSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS

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**Miriam Westheimer**  
Executive Director

March 8, 1993

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Dear Carol,

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As you are already well aware, HIPPY USA is celebrating its fifth year as a national preschool education program in this country. In recognition of this important milestone, we are holding our Annual National HIPPY Conference in New York, May 5-7, 1993. Because of the special nature of this year's conference, we are expecting as many as 250 coordinators, paraprofessionals and parents to attend.

**Chaim Adler**  
School of Education  
Hebrew University

We would be honored if you would address the conference as the keynote speaker at the luncheon to be held on Friday, May 7. A primary theme of the conference will be collaboration with similar or complementary programs. As White House domestic policy advisor and former HIPPY USA Board member, your thoughts on the future role of programs like HIPPY on the national education agenda would be of great importance to our participants.

**Rosita Apodaca**  
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**Joan Bronk**  
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\* **Hillary Clinton**  
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A tentative schedule for the conference is enclosed for your information. We also hope that you will be able to join us at the gala dinner Thursday evening May 6, when we will honor all those individuals who have contributed to the incredible success HIPPY has achieved to day. We look forward to sharing this evening with you.

**Thomas W. Evans**  
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**Scott Gordon**  
Arkansas Children's Hospital

Sincerely,

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NCJW Center for the Child

\* **Carol Rasco**  
Arkansas Governor's Office

**Ruth Westheimer**  
Professor & Therapist

*Carol, as per our conversation, here is the formal invitation to the HIPPY conference. I look forward to having you with us.*

*Nan*

*accept with Call NY office & tell them you're responding to Nan's letter.*

\* RESIGNED

**THE FIFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL HIPPY COORDINATORS' CONFERENCE**  
**HIPPY: Building Partnerships to Strengthen Families**  
 New York, New York  
 May 5th - 7th, 1993

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>FRIDAY</b>	
8:30	Registration	9:00	Speaker	8:30	<b>Site Visits</b> Bronx South Bronx Far Rockaway Yonkers
9:15	Opening Session & Welcomes		<b>BREAK</b>		
10:15	Setting the Stage  <b>BREAK</b>	10:30	Building Partnerships Workshops		
10:45	Building Partnerships Workshops				
12:45	<b>LUNCH</b> with Speaker Dr. Ruth Westheimer	12:30	<b>LUNCH</b> On your own	12:30	<b>LUNCH</b> with Speaker Carol Rasco
2:00	HIPPY Projects (Roundtables)	2:00	Meeting with HIPPY USA's Board of Trustees	2:00	Closing Session
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			<b>DINNER!!!</b>	----- <b>Saturday</b>  Various activities in NYC	