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Mr. Jimmie Hutchens, Coordinator
Starry County Community Action Program
Mt. Airy, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hutchens,

I am glad I had the opportunity to visit in the Urbana Day Care Center and to be in the meeting of the Board of Directors August 4, 1970.

The incentive grant of \$1000 can make a good beginning in up-grading the center. I do hope licensing standards can soon be reached.

In my evaluation of the center I see the following as those situations needing attention.

1. Equipment

- a. Low movable shelves should be made or purchased. These would be used to store equipment and divide the large room into the various areas of interest.
- b. Equipment is needed for the centers of interest to facilitate a better program.
 1. Housekeeping-child size kitchen appliances (can be made), dishes, dolls, doll beds, telephones, etc.
 2. Blocks - unit blocks (can be made from 2" by 4" lumber cut into varying sizes) cars and trucks, rubber domestic animals and people, etc.
 3. Manipulative toys - puzzles, problem solving toys, and those relating to sizes, shapes, colors, and part to whole.
 4. Art materials - easels, paper, paints, brushes, paste, scissors, etc.
 5. Music - records
 6. Books - Public library can be used

c. Outside area

1. The outside area should be fenced from the hedge row or this danger cleared away. The area behind the present fenced area should be cleared and fenced also. Chain link fence around the entire play area would be desirable.