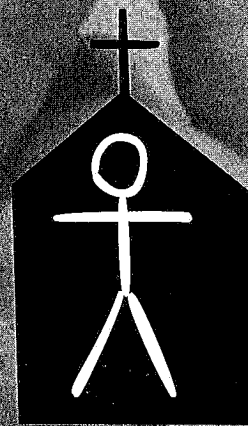


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Children & the Church

April 21-23, 1993

featuring
Marian Wright Edelman,
President of the Children's Defense Fund

Sponsored by the Gheens Center
for Christian Family Ministry
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

The Galt House, Louisville, KY

The church is a primary caregiver for children and their families in this country.

Churches provide over 1/3 of the day care centers for pre-school children; 1 out of 3 churches houses such a center. Churches also provide crises and counseling services, foster and adoption services, and various forms of out-of-home care and treatment for children, adolescents, and their families. This conference will provide a forum for those who minister with children and their families in the name of the church, whether in local congregations or in agencies supported by churches. It will help them (1) identify and explore their common theological foundation for ministry with children and their families, (2) continue their own development as professionals and/or church leaders in specific ministries with children and their families, and (3) learn strategies and skills for working together across professional and programmatic divisions as advocates for children and their families within the church and in other societal institutions.

Early Registration Deadline March 15, 1993

Conference Coordinator: Diana Garland

Keynote Speakers:

- Marian Wright Edelman**, President of the Children's Defense Fund
James Fowler, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
Kathryn Chapman, Professor of Christian Education
Hedda Sharapan, Associate Producer, "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood"
Diana Garland, Director of the Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry

8 Professional Tracks will also include:

- Church Weekday Early Education ~~Rec 1 Sept~~
- Residential Treatment ~~Rec 1 Sept~~
- Finding Homes for Children: Foster Care and Adoption Services ~~Rec~~
- Family Ministry in the Local Congregation
- Family Resource Programs and Community Centers
- Christian Education
- Parents, Grandparents and Volunteers

Cosponsors of the Conference include:

- The Carver School of Church Social Work and the School of Christian Education, Southern Baptist Seminary
- The Gheens Center for Christian Family Ministry, Southern Baptist Seminary
- Family Ministry Department and the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention
- The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children
- The Southern Baptist Child Care Executives
- The Discipleship Training and Family Ministry Departments, The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board
- Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention
- Council on Peacemaking

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

(see the following detailed listing of events.)

Wednesday, April 21

- 3:00-6:30 pm Conference Registration
7:00-9:00 pm General Session with **Marian Wright Edelman**
"The Church as an Advocate for Children"
Darrell Adams of New Voices
Vicki Ragsdell, Dramatist

Thursday, April 22

- 9:00-11:30 am Professional Tracks (see listing for choices)
11:30 am-1:30 pm Luncheon with **Hedda Sharapan** ~~(and Hedda Sharapan)~~
"Is Television Chewing Gum for Their Eyes?"
1:45-2:45 pm Workshop A (see listing for choices)
3:00-4:30 pm General Session with **James Fowler and Kathryn Chapman**
"Shame, Faith, and Our Children"
The rest of the day free for network sessions and fellowship.

Friday, April 23

- 9:00-11:30 am Professional Tracks (continued)
11:45 am-1:30 pm Luncheon with **Wade Rowatt**
"The Troubling Truth about Today's Teens"
1:45-2:45 pm Workshop B (see listing for choices)
3:00-4:00 pm Workshop C (see listing for choices)
7:00-9:00 pm Free time/ Dinner on your own
General Session with **Diana Garland**
"Caring for Children and Adolescents: New Directions in Ministry for Churches and Church Agencies"

Saturday, April 24

8:00-10:30 am Breakfast of the Southern Baptist Child Advocacy Network. (General's Room, Galt House) Prior reservations necessary. See registration desk if you are interested.

EVENT DETAILS

PROFESSIONAL TRACKS: (Thursday and Friday Mornings 9:00-11:30 am)

Conference attendees will choose one of the following professional tracks to attend both Thursday and Friday mornings for intensive professional training in their discipline. A track is also available for parents, grandparents, and volunteers who work with children.

PT 1- Parents, Grandparents, and Volunteers

For parents, grandparents, and volunteers who work with Children.

Track Coordinator: David Garrard, Professional Magician and Minister to Children, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky

The voice of today's culture is loud, especially as we attempt to teach and train our children. We will examine various influences at work in their world, and explore ways to provide support, encouragement, love and a strong Christian influence. The track will be activity oriented, and filled with practical suggestions for those who love and work with children.

PT 2- Church Weekday Early Education

For professional staff and church-housed and church-sponsored day care and child development centers and respite care programs.

Track Coordinator: Marge Myers, Director, Child Development Center of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

This track will be of interest to persons who are involved with educational experiences with preschool

children, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Weekday Preschool Programs, Day Care Programs, etc. Sessions will be related to setting priorities in programs with preschoolers (sharing space, boards/liaison committees, budgeting) and child advocacy, including celebrating diversity.

PT 3- Residential Treatment

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For Social Workers and other professional staff of residential treatment centers.

Track Coordinators: Phyllis McFarland, Vice President, Program Services, Arizona Baptist Children's Services; Brenda Tinker-Short, Clinical Director, Mayhurst, Louisville, Kentucky; Guest Speaker: Willie Elliott, Professor, Northern Kentucky University.

Will focus on working effectively with multi-cultural children and youth in a residential setting. The impact of differing cultural reactions on the residential milieu and on staff will be examined. The format will include group participation and the administration of an agency self-assessment instrument.

PT 4- Homes For Children: Foster Care And Adoption

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For social workers and other professional staff of church-sponsored foster care and/or adoption programs.

* Track Coordinators: Audrey Puryear, Director of Community Services, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; Kathy Baucom, First Step Adoption Coordinator, Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes; Pam Rice, Director of Community Programs, Maryhurst Treatment Programs.

An opening session will address the planning, design and management of specialized foster care and adoption programs in private church-related agencies. Following this opening session, two practice oriented, concurrent workshops will be offered, one on open adoption the other on treatment oriented or therapeutic foster care.

PT 5- Family Ministry in the Local Congregation

~~2 sept~~ ~~Sept 2001~~
For pastors, pastoral counselors, social workers, psychologists, other professionals who serve children

and their families in churches and church-related agencies.

Track Coordinators: John Lepper, Director, Family Ministry Department, Kentucky Baptist Convention; Chip and Nancy Miller, frequent conference leaders on AIDS. Chip is the Director of the Sunday School Department of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

This track begins with the assumption that all families experience a variety of crises. The first half of the track will deal with a general review of the variety of crises families face, how they function during the crisis and ways churches can provide a ministry to them. The second half of the track will focus on AIDS and how this crisis affects families.

PT 6- Resource Programs and Community Centers

For professional staff of community-based church agencies, settlement houses, and family life centers which provide weekday programs, tutoring, parent groups and parent support, drop-in services, programs, and family life education.

Track Coordinators: Harold Hime, Associate Director, Church and Community Ministries Department, The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Barbara Massey, Editor, *Aware and Discovery*, Women's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama. Guest Speakers: Mildred Winters, Director, Parents as Teachers National Center Inc., St. Louis, MO; Jane Boykin, President, The Mississippi Forum on Children and Families, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi.

This track will focus on home-based programs for parents, who are children's first and most influential teachers. The track will examine issues in training parent educators and home visiting, the heart of Parents as Teachers programs.

PT 7- Christian Education

For children's ministers, youth ministers, and lay church leaders.

Track Coordinator: Kathryn Chapman, Professor of Childhood Education, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Rob Sanders, children's specialist of the Pre-school/Children's section of the

Training Department, The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

PT 8- Southern Baptist Child Care Executives

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For members of the Southern Baptist Child Care Executives only

Track Coordinators: Curtis Mooney, President, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Host Agency; Gerald Stow, Executive Director, Baptist Children's Home of Tennessee; William Amos, Author, *When Aids Comes to Church*; Randy Kilby, Vice President of Enrollment Management, Georgetown College; Jim Taylor, President, Cumberland College.

The Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists meet annually for fellowship, to share ideas, and to learn. Executives of each of the SBC agencies are eligible for membership as set forth in the bylaws of the organization.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

You will need to select your workshops and indicate your order of preference (see registration form.) Space is limited in each workshop and will be assigned according to date of registration, making early registration advisable.

WORKSHOP A: (Thursday 1:45-2:45 pm)

A1. Agape in Foster Care. Josephine Anderson, Partner, Koinonia Partners, Americus, GA. Many of the children now being placed in foster care are socially, emotionally, and spiritually damaged. Agape love is the foundation of effective foster care. This workshop will discuss methods for enhancing attachment of child to foster parent.

A2. Organizational Structure for Service Delivery. Pat Bailey, Associate Professor of Social Work, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY. This presentation will give an overview of appropriate organizational structures for the delivery of human services ranging from a bureaucratic model to a decentralized team approach. Issues of creativity and accountability will be highlighted.

A3. Welcome the Child: Involving Congregations in Child Advocacy. Shanon Daley, Director of Religious Affairs for the Children's Defense Fund, Washington, DC; Kathy Guy, Consultant on Children's Issues. This two-part workshop will provide an overview of the status of children in the United States, and then focus on strategies for mobilizing congregations to meet the needs of children and families in new and effective ways.

A4. Helping Children and Their Families Through Divorce. Paul Sorrels, Professor, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, TX. A video based program developed over a period of 5 years, designed to facilitate adjustment by children to their parents' divorce. Major issues included are loss, anger, denial, role changes, being caught between parents' anger, and hope for the future. This workshop will also briefly present aspects of the divorcing process which confronts children and their parents.

A5. Rearing Responsible Children. Louise Bates Evans, Retired Director of Family and Children's Ministries, Christian Church, Indianapolis, IN. Methods for helping children develop responsibility

for themselves will be the focus of this workshop.

A6. Computers n' Kids: Using Computers in Christian Education. David Garrard, Minister to Children, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, KY. The focus of this workshop will be on the use of personal computers in children's religious education.

A7. Parents as Advocates. Ethel McIndoo, Retired from Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, AL. This workshop will describe ways parents can serve as effective advocates for their children.

A8. Pastoral Care of Children in Crisis. Barbara Massey, Editor, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, AL. This workshop will focus on the significant impact of childhood crises on a child's developing adult identity. Discussion will include a developmental understanding of the child, and offer practical help for ministry with children and families in crisis situations.

A9. The Children of Agricultural Migrant Families-Is there Hope? Nathan Porter, Field Staff Consultant for Domestic Hunger and Migrant Ministries, Home Mission Board, SBC. Overview of the culture and needs among agricultural migrant families; what is being done in education and health care; examples of church ministries and resources.

WORKSHOP B: (Friday 1:45-2:45 pm)

B1. Court Appointed Special Advocates: An opportunity for church ministry with abused and neglected children. Honorable Richard Fitzgerald, Judge, Family Court, Louisville, KY; and Sally Wilson Erny, Executive Director, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Project, Louisville, KY. This workshop will provide an overview of the CASA program and explore how churches and their members can become involved in CASA as part of their ministry with abused and neglected children.

B2. Welcome the Child (part 2). A continuation of workshop A3. Kathy Guy, Consultant on Children's Issues.

B3. Parents as Teachers. Harold Hime, Associate Director, Church and Community Ministries Department, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, GA. Parents are commanded

by scripture to be primary priests to their children. The church must prepare them to fill this role as God instructed. Parents can fulfill this role if they are equipped. This workshop will offer suggestions of ways churches and families can work together.

B4. Teens in Crisis. Wade Rowatt, Hoover Professor of Psychology of Religion and Associate Dean of the School of Theology, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, KY. A number of adolescence crises such as identity, depression, location, substance abuse, sexual abuse and religious questioning will be addressed specifically. New approaches in a clinical and/or congregational context will be addressed.

B5. Religion in the Public Schools. J. Brent Walker, Associate General Counsel, Baptist Joint Committee, Washington, DC. This workshop will focus on the relationship between religion and the public schools, including constitutional principles. Other specific topics will include the observance of holidays, religious clubs, student prayer, and values education, private education and home schooling.

B6. The Church and Child Abuse: Responsibility and Liability. Nancy F. Walker, Director of Childhood Education, Redland Baptist Church, Derwood, MD. Focus will be on non-sexual child abuse: how to identify, report and prevent it in church activities and church-affiliated child care programs. The workshop will describe legal liability of churches in securing volunteers, hiring caregivers and reporting child abuse.

B7. Ministry to Children through the Black Church. T. Vaughn Walker, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and pastor, First Gethsemane Baptist Church, Louisville, KY. The African American church offers many unique and creative opportunities for effective ministry to children and youth. Outlines of the most pertinent needs will be presented along with present examples and models of ministry being offered throughout the country.

B8. Conflict Resolution Skills for Parents of Preschoolers. Terry Weiss, Executive Director of the Council on Peacemaking. Outlines, tips, techniques and skills for conflict resolution between parents and their pre-school children.

B9. Children in Violent Communities. I. The Extent and Effects of Their Exposure to Violence. Terry

Wolfer, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Examines the extent to which children living in chronically violent communities are exposed to violence. Explores possible effects of exposure to community violence and helps practitioners recognize and understand post-traumatic stress in children. This is the first of a two-part session. (see C9)

WORKSHOP C: (Friday 3:00-4:00 pm)

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C1. Teaching Children about Sexuality. Karl Babb, Family Enrichment Specialist, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN. Home is the best place and parents the most appropriate mentors for teaching children about the good God intended in creating persons male and female and the responsibility that goes with human sexuality. This workshop will introduce Christian sex education resources recently developed by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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C2. Family Resource Programs in the Residential Setting. Triett Baker, President, Arizona Baptist Children's Services, Phoenix, AZ. Residential programs for children are most effective when families are included in the healing process. This workshop will provide a forum for an exchange of ideas about what residential agencies are doing to address this challenge.

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C3. Developing Children's Tutoring Ministries, Kendale Moore, Associate Director, Church and Community Ministries Dept., Home Mission Board, SBC. The workshop will present ways to design and develop tutoring ministries in the local church. Models of tutoring ministries will be presented.

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C4. America's Children in Poverty and the Church's Response. Nathan Porter, Field Staff, Church and Community Ministries Department, Home Mission Board, SBC. Update on the rapid growth of poverty and hunger in America; the scandal of America's children in poverty; how churches can respond through ministry and impacting public policy; and resources.

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C5. Agency Consultation; Helping Churches Serve Children. Laura Dean Friedrich, Director of Church/Community Consultation Department, ChildServe, Parkridge, IL. Discusses an agency consultation service that provides technical assistance and consultation to congregations in order to facilitate the development and enhancement of outreach programs to

serve children and families. Highlights representative programs initiated by churches and demonstrates positive impact of consultation on churches.

C6. Teen Pregnancy Prevention. Jan Turrentine, editor, *Accent*, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. This workshop will explore the perils and prevention of pregnancy among teenagers. It will examine the roles of teen mothers, fathers, and their parents in the time of an unplanned pregnancy as well as some positive, proactive steps individuals and churches can take both in preventing and in dealing with teen pregnancies.

C7. Conflict Resolution Skills for Parents of Teenagers. Terry Weiss, Executive Director of the Council on Peacemaking. Parenting teenagers means regular practice in dealing with conflict. Outline skills and techniques to help parents and teens resolve daily conflicts and develop better relationships.

C8. Sexual Abuse: A Whole Church Response. Mary Zimmer, Assistant to the Dean, School of Christian Education, Southern Baptist Seminary. Using current statistics, this workshop will provide rationale for broad based church involvement with child and adult victims of sexual abuse. Suggestions for programming as well as introductory diagnostic and resource material will be provided. Theological and ethical issues related to abuse will be discussed.

C9. Children in Violent Communities. II: How Churches Can Help. Terry Wolfer, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. This workshop will explore ways that churches and church-related agencies can respond to the needs of children and families living in violent communities. Interventions will be linked to the particular needs which arise from exposure to community violence. Suggestions will be drawn from the experiences of social service agencies and churches in dealing with community violence.
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CONFERENCE NEWS

FOOD: Continental breakfasts will be provided Thursday and Friday mornings. These, along with the luncheons on Thursday and Friday, are included in your registration fees. For dinner, a list of restaurants in the area will be included in the registration package.

MEDIA FESTIVAL: A festival of films and videotapes appropriate for work with parents and church groups will be held throughout the conference, providing a chance to preview some of the best media available. In addition, films and videotapes appropriate for professional training of staff in church agencies will be shown concurrently. A schedule of showings will be available at the registration desk.

BOOK STORE: The bookstore and resource center will be open throughout the conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS: CEU'S are available. Please check the registration desk for more information.

AIRPORT INFORMATION: Delta will be the official air carrier of the conference. To make your reservation please call toll-free 1-800-241-6760, refer to file number: L0816 when placing your reservation.

CAR RENTAL: Thrifty Car Rental will be offering special rates to conference participants. To reserve a car call (502) 367-0231. Please mention you are attending the Children and the Church conference to receive the special rate. A 14 day advance reservation is required.