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Services staff to marshal their scarce resources and structure their substantive work in an effective manner. The Institute will examine strategies, approaches and remedies and suggest alternatives which can be utilized by local program staff. This has been one of the principal focuses of the research undertaken in health and family law and will be a focus of the research undertaken on guardianships. Additionally, another article, dealing with energy issues affecting the poor, has been prepared and may be published in a future issue of the *Clearinghouse Review*.

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A manual entitled *Implementing the EPSDT Program: A Step-by-Step Guide For Community Organizations* is now available from the National Economic Development Law Project. This is a non-litigation-oriented manual which gives very practical information on how to start and operate a childhood health screening center. The major chapters include information on: educating your organization about EPSDT; recruiting a provider; the legal framework; content of the screening package; space requirements and location considerations; equipment and supplies; staffing and staff training; outreach; follow-up and record-keeping; monthly operating expenses; and how to tie-in with the Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC). An extensive bibliography and numerous sample documents are also included. Among the documents are model articles of incorporation and model bylaws.

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INDIAN LAW SUPPORT CENTER

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Current Activities of the Indian Law Support Center

Since this is the first monthly column by the Indian Law Support Center (ILSC), a few background facts about the range of services available to Legal Services attorneys are appropriate.

First, the ILSC is an integral part of the Native American Rights Fund law firm, and therefore the entire staff of attorneys with a wide range of Indian law experience is available to furnish advice, do research, engage in strategy consultation, review pleadings, and provide direct assistance if necessary to Legal Services attorneys.

Second, NARF is committed to the development of Indian law and the improvement and protection of the economic and social conditions of the American Indian people. To further these ends NARF intends to work closely with the Indian Legal Services programs, and is considering the following ways of strengthening its relationship with them: (1) the creation of an advisory council consisting of attorney representatives from the Indian Legal Services programs; the advisory council would hold at least two meetings per year at NARF, and would allow for direct participation in the use of ILSC resources to the best advantage; (2) on-site visits by NARF attorneys to the Indian Legal Services projects when requested by the project director, to assist them in strengthening their capacity to identify and handle Indian law cases; such visits would include the review of files in which assistance is requested, and the analysis of areas of Indian law which have not been developed or pursued at that project; (3) the installation of a toll-free telephone line to the ILSC; once the likely costs are determined, a toll-free line may be installed on a trial basis; (4) although it is impossible for the ILSC to do training on an on-going basis, all NARF attorney publications, including the resources of the National Indian Law Library, will be made available to the Legal Services community.

Further, the Native American Rights Fund, in conjunction with the Legal Services Corporation, has conducted an Indian Law seminar for 100 selected Legal Services attorneys throughout the West who have a predominantly Indian law caseload. The seminar was held on June 1-3, 1977, in Boulder, Colorado. The seminar's emphasis was on the substantive law areas of Indian law such as tribal jurisdiction, and included related issues such as reservation diminishment, taxation, the Indian Reorganization Act, hunting and fishing rights, and Indian water rights. The principal purpose of this seminar was to acquaint Indian Legal Services lawyers with the major problems confronting Indian people today, and to give the attorneys an opportunity to discuss their case problems with NARF attorneys as well as other Legal Services attorneys.

Raymond Cross, Acting Director

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