

# Indian Women Review BIA Social Services

The North American Indian Women's Association, a national organization, is establishing an office in Fairbanks to develop a model program reflecting the viewpoints of Indian citizens and their recommendations for change in current Bureau of Indian Affairs Social Service practices.

A Bureau of Indian Affairs contract asks that Indian persons located in reservations throughout the United States, including Alaska and Oklahoma, make determinations about services they are receiving. Data gathering will be done in large part by volunteer Indian women. Questions will try to determine

whether social services received are relevant to Indian needs. Also the individual's beliefs as to the community's attitude toward persons with handicaps or social service requirements will be included.

Initial workshops were held at the national conference in Chilocco, Oklahoma on June 13-15, 1977. Project areas of interest were identified in these workshops as being handicapping conditions, abuse and neglect of children, physical abuse of women including rape and other assaults, parenthood among school age children and youth, solo parenthood, unwanted pregnancies, malnutrition, alcoholism and the community at-

titudes towards these handicapping conditions.

Mary Jane Fate, Athabascan from Rampart and Fairbanks, who is the retiring national president of the North American Indian Women's Association, was appointed Project Director by the NAIWA Board of Directors. Mrs. Fate said the project office is located in the BIA offices at 950 Cowles Street.

Dr. Mildred Matthews has been employed as Project Administrator and may be contacted at 452-1951. She will be responsible for staff and volunteer workers.

Indians will be gathering information from Indians throughout the United States. A relevant and adequate Indian social services system is planned to be reflected in the data analysis and the final report. The project is titled "Special Needs of Indian Handicapped Children and Indian Women's Problems".

Two employees are needed immediately. A coordinator of NAIWA volunteers should be free to travel for the next two or three months. She will coordinate the planning and performance of the data gathering. The fiscal manager is to establish and maintain a system of documents and an accurate accounting for expenditures as well as prepare financial statements. This person will also provide filing and secretarial services. Persons who apply for these positions should be knowledgeable in working with Indian people. Both of these positions are expected to last about three months. Interested persons are encouraged to contact Dr. Matthews.



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