
FROM OUR FRIENDS

Child House Association, Los Angeles: Paul Brodsky has sent us an announcement concerning the Child House Association. The following is quoted from its Aims and Policy:

"In the conviction that education on the pre-school level is the answer to the problem of preventing asocial attitudes, and certain that character is formed at that age, a group of psychologists and physicians started the Child House Nursery in the summer of 1943.

"The staff of the Nursery . . . uses a method quite different from the usual educational means. This method reaches into the depths of the child's psychical life, and is concerned with helping the single individual in the struggle to develop fully all his capacities. Only the full-valued individual is capable of displaying social feeling, of thinking and acting with self-confidence, and of contributing to a democratic way of living.

"In order to fulfill these high goals of true education, the staff have not only to help the child to attain self-sufficiency in taking care of the primitive demands of daily life . . . but they have to gain insight into the pattern of life of the individual child and to bring forth a reorientation of it whenever signs appear of faulty development. . . . Before a child begins his formal schooling, he must learn how to learn; otherwise all the educational facilities offered to him can be wasted. It is a popular idea that education starts in grade school, but education for life starts at birth."

The Association is directed by a Board whose members are: G. Moss Taylor, M.D., President; Lydia Sicher, M.D., Ph.D.; Camillo Servin, M.D.; Hartwell Scarbrough, Ph.D., and Elizabeth Scarbrough, B.A. It is served by a staff which includes: Elizabeth Scarbrough, Director; Paul Brodsky, and Margaret Brodsky.

New York Group: The New York Group announces that its lecture series for this year will be given at Hunter College.

Chicago Group: The program of the group during the months of October, November and December consisted of one round-table discussion each month. In October the topic was "Psychotherapy." The participants were Dr. A. Vander Veer, University of Chicago; Dr. Meyer Solomon, Northwestern University; Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs, Chicago Medical School, with Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, Illinois Institute of Technology, as Moderator.

In November the topic was "Techniques of Child Guidance." Participants were: Paul Hill, Skokie School, Winnetka; Dr. Mark Roser, Gary Public Schools, and Miss Eleanor Redwin, University of Chicago Settlement House.

In December, the topic was "Psychological Problems of the Veteran," the speakers being: Dr. Rudolph Novick, Illinois Society for Mental Hygiene; Lester Benton, Director of Rehabilitation for the American Legion, and Estelle Gabriel, Chicago Community Clinics.

In January and February, the Association will present a lecture series by Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs on the topic: "The Psychology of Modern Man." The single lectures will be on the following subjects: January 4 — "Psychoneurosis in Our Time"; January 18 — "The Tragedy of Parenthood"; February 1 — "The Confusion of Sex"; February 15 — "The Science of Living." The lectures will be given in Curtiss Hall, 410 South Michigan Ave., at 8. P. M.