

CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

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1. Affirm that the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health (NICHD/NIH) violated Public Law 87-838, Sec 441 when Dr. Kretchmer, Director, NICHD, 1974-1979, declared "...developmental origins of violence and child abuse and neglect, subjects that are not within the mission of the NICHD, as part of the programs of this Institute" (11 April 1980).
2. Affirm that the Mother-Child relationship has deteriorated since the 1970 White House Conference on Children where Professor Uri Bronfenbrenner warned this nation: "American families, and their children, are in trouble, trouble so deep and pervasive as to threaten the future of our nation. The source of the trouble is nothing less than a national neglect of children and those primarily engaged in their care--America's parents".
3. Affirm that Mothers and Children are worse off today than in 1970, the year of the 1970 White House Conference on Children; require the NICHD/NIH to explain how the vast sums spent on research on mothers and children since 1970 has failed to *prevent* the a) increasing violence against mothers and children; b) the some 6,000,000 children prescribed psychiatric medications annually; youth suicides 15-24 years that remains the 3rd leading cause of death for well over a generation.
4. Affirm that Dr. Betty H. Pickett, Acting Director, NICHD/NIH lied to Senator Cranston and the Congress when she stated: "The NICHD has never supported a program of research on child abuse and neglect" (February 19, 1980).
5. Affirm the correctness of Rep. Chris Cannon, Utah statement that "Lying to Congress can be a crime even if the false statements are not made under oath" (March 21, 2007, NYT "Bush Clashes With Congress").
6. Reverse the wrongful termination of Dr. Prescott on April 11, 1980 "...for improper use of official position and resources to promote research on 'developmental origins of violence' and 'child abuse and neglect', subjects that are not within the mission of the NICHD, as part of the programs of this Institute".
7. Mandate the NICHD/NIH to conduct research that evaluates differences in brain development (structure and function) utilizing but not limited to fMRI and MRI brain scans between young adults who have been breastfed for "two years or greater" and those who have never been breastfed but not abused; and a third group who have a history of child abuse and neglect. Samples selected for study should be matched on relevant variables and psychosocial/psychosexual functioning should be assessed.
8. Mandate the NICHD/NIH to conduct research that evaluates differences in brain development (structure and function) utilizing but not limited to fMRI and MRI brain scans between young adults who have been circumcised and not circumcised. Special attention should be given to the genital sensory projection fields and associated brain structures. Samples selected for study should be matched on relevant variables and psychosocial/psychosexual functioning should be assessed.
9. Request the number and dollar amounts expended by the NICHD/NIH and NIMH/NIH on studies enumerated in 7 and 8 above since the year 2000.