

FAMILY LIFE PROJECT

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The papers of the Family Life Project were placed in the University Archives in November 1959 by William Watterberg, Professor of Education.

The general outlines of a University-wide, inter-disciplinary program of undergraduate and professional instruction in the broad field of family life were initiated by the President of Wayne University, David Henry, Clarence B. Hilberry, Dean of Administration, Katherine Faville, Dean of the College of Nursing, and Victor A. Rapport, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Grants from the Children's Bureau of the Michigan Department of Health permitted detailed planning for the development of a five year teaching and research program.

Initially the program had two aims: (1) teaching undergraduate students means of achieving physical and mental health, social equilibrium and spiritual satisfaction within the family, and (2) preparing graduate students for professional work programs in child growth and development and family living.

In February 1950, Professor William Wattenberg of the Department of Educational Psychology was appointed director of the project. Three planning teams were organized, Multi-professional Programs Planning Team, Research Planning Team, and Undergraduate Program Planning Team. The work of these teams consisted of a survey of programs of Wayne University, a survey of programs in child development and family living elsewhere, correspondence and interviews with national and local authorities and representatives of community agencies, development of a tentative program and the calculation of financial needs and resources.

Professor Benjamin H. Lyndon was named coordinator of the Family Life Project beginning September 1951. A grant was received for 1951-1952 to establish a coordinating program designated as the Child Growth and Development Program to work with the University faculty in the unification and improvement of programs for professional training and development. The coordinating committee, consisting of representatives of fourteen disciplines, planned an extensive program for undergraduate, graduate and professional training. An especially important contribution of the Child Growth and Development Program was a nine-week televised series entitled, Children: Their Ages and Stages, which was televised the last of March 1952.

The papers of the Family Life Project reflect the planning and organization of the project through faculty committees and interactions with individuals and groups outside the university.

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Minutes and reports of faculty committees, correspondence and interviews with individuals outside the University concerning the general areas of child growth and family life. Also included are pamphlets, bulletins, reports and publication reprints. The files are arranged alphabetically by source or type of record and cover the period from May 1949 to April 1952. The pamphlets, bulletins and reprints generally precede 1949, and one memo is dated February 1954.

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22. , Publication Reprints-Frank, Lawrence, 1941-1948
23. , Publication Reprints, G-V, 1942-1947
24. , Publication Summaries, 1943-1950
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