INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES AND BODIES

NEW SOUTH WALES

Police maintain child abuse unit, liaise closely with Y.C.S., assist with removal of children, consult on prosecution of parents and others in relation to offences against the child. Health personnel in major hospitals: Royal Alexandra, King George V, St. George, Blacktown, Royal North Shore, Royal Newcastle, Wollongong, Westmead, play central role in treatment of cases; medical practitioners are obliged to notify. Education not greatly involved except at worker-to-teacher level.

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Police have a juvenile aid bureau with a specialist child abuse section; also represented on S.C.A.N. teams and C.C.C.A.

Health personnel still heavily involved in S.C.A.N. teams and through provision for doctors to notify their health authority. Hospitals are much involved in treatment and public education. Education is to be represented on C.C.C.A. but not on S.C.A.N. team; otherwise level of co-operation very much on workerto-teacher level.

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Police are in secondary position but are called in for serious injury to children, sexual abuse, access to home problems, search for missing children. Hospitals: Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide Children's Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, are much involved; sexual assault referral centre located in major hospital; there is also a Rape Crisis Centrel Education is not represented on C.P.A. panels, play only minor role.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER AGENCIES AND BODIES

NEW SOUTH WALES

Not seen as particularly strong. Agencies mentioned were: Wyley Park for local, pre-school support; Child Abuse Prevention Service with a local operation out of Randwick, offering phone counselling; Dr. Bernardo's which offers residential care; Ashville Infants' Homes for care of individual children.

QUEENSLAND

Only one agency received special mention: "Protect All Children Today" (P.A.C.T.) which conducts child advocacy but is moving toward a direct service function, i.e. relief care of children, in conjunction with F.C.D.P.

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Only one agency received special mention: Single Parents and After, Resource Centre.