

In City Council

Councillor Duehay

Monday, March 12, 1973

Whereas, on February 16, 1973, new guidelines were published in The Federal Register in Washington regarding the use of public (Title IV-A) funds for day care.

Whereas, drastic changes have been proposed in these new guidelines, including:

No more day care funds unless child's mother is in work training or employment. This means no more day care for thousands of handicapped children, retarded children, children with learning disabilities, children from chaotic family situations, as of April 1, 1973.

No more day care for former welfare recipients once they are off welfare for three months. Obviously, this means that persons struggling to work themselves off welfare will be forced right back on the welfare rolls, as of April 1, 1973.

No more parental involvement in day care. Parents will no longer have a say about the day care their children will receive.

No more federal standards for day care. Meeting the Federal Interagency Guidelines--a set of standards insuring quality--will no longer be required for publicly-funded day care. Day care can once again become custodial care.

No more matching of local private funds. No more matching of local private funds to get federal monies for day care. Community Chest-type day care centers will be forced to close. State revenue sharing will not effect these programs.

Also--drastic and unnecessary cuts have been made in services for the elderly, blind, and disabled. Children in foster care and residential treatment centers will have to be hauled before courts of law and a court decision will have to be made before a child can be placed. Many battered and abused children will not be able to produce enough "hard-core" evidence and will not be returned to foster care.

Whereas, Massachusetts would lose \$35 million worth of child care, elderly and invalid services.

Whereas, these new regulations would

- increase welfare rolls by narrowing eligibility for services and would mean hardship for people who have worked and want to work to get off welfare.
- force day care centers to close and dampen local initiative by forbidding the use of private matching to obtain federal funds. Our charitable donations help to support these community services and we think our tax dollars should, too.
- overburden already staggering welfare departments and increase the cost of welfare by forcing welfare departments to hire more caseworkers, etc., to examine millions of individual service plans and to constantly redetermine eligibilities for millions of families.

- mean intense suffering to millions of elderly, blind, disabled, retarded, and handicapped and battered children who would be cut off from these services by these regulations.
- overload the courts by requiring a court decision for even voluntary placement of children in foster care and residential treatment centers.
- gravely affect the quality of day care by eliminating the requirements to adhere to Federal Interagency Guidelines and to involve parents in the day care of their children.

Whereas, the proposed regulations would increase costs to taxpayers while decreasing services to children and elderly persons.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Cambridge City Council record itself as opposed to the new regulations regarding the use of federal (Title IV-A) funds published in The Federal Register on February 16, 1973.

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Philip Rutledge, Administrator, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 330 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201. And further that copies be sent to Senator Kennedy, Senator Brooke, Majority Leader O'Neill and other members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation.



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 1973

WHEREAS, on February 16, 1973, new guidelines were published in The Federal Register, regarding Title IV-A funds for Day Care, which would result in drastic changes in the current Day Care Program, which would eliminate Day Care for former Welfare recipients once they are off Welfare for a three month period; the elimination of parental involvement in the Day Care Program; the elimination of supplementary local private funding, and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts would lose \$35 million dollars of child care, elderly and invalid services and would in fact, increase welfare rolls and force Day Care Centers to close, over burden the already staggering case load of the Welfare Department, and overload the court system, by requiring a court decision for every voluntary placement of foster children; and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations would increase costs to tax payers while decreasing children and elderly services, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that this City Council record itself as opposed to the new regulations regarding Title IV-A funds, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and hereby is directed to forward copies of this resolution to Mr. Philip Rutledge, Administrator, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and further that copies be sent to Senator Kennedy, Senator Brooke, Majority Leader O'Neill and other members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation.

City Council March 19, 1973

Adopted by the affirmative vote

of 9 members

Paul E. Duehay
CITY CLERK

Order # 9.

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Funds for Day Care.

In City Council,

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Copies have been sent.

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