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PREFACE

During the past few years a new type of legal advocacy has developed across the country. The rights and interests of abused and neglected children are now frequently being protected by counsel and guardians ad litem who are specifically appointed by the courts for this purpose. A number of specialized programs have been created to meet the need for effective child representation. In part, the rapid growth in the number of such programs can be attributed to the 1974 federal legislation (P.L. 93-247) which requires states receiving HEW funds under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to provide a guardian ad litem for every child who is the subject of abuse and neglect court proceedings.

This directory is, to our knowledge, the first compilation of special programs providing court representation to maltreated children. Most of the projects which we have identified are affiliated with courts, legal services agencies, bar associations, law schools, or public defenders. We have also listed a number of national legal programs providing technical support to such projects.

In circulating this directory, we hope to immediately promote the vital flow of communication among projects. Additions and corrections to this list will be included in our bi-monthly newsletter, Legal Response Child Advocacy and Protection, a free subscription to which is available upon request. As an adjunct to the directory, we have published a monograph entitled "The Child Abuse Representation Project: Suggestions for Effective Implementation" and will soon be completing a state-by-state analysis of the laws regarding representation of children and parents in abuse and neglect and termination of parental rights proceedings. We have also recently received a grant to develop a training videotape on the role of the child's court-appointed legal representative, and your ideas on its content and utilization would be appreciated.

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