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This study investigated the effects of short term supplemental parent and classroom programs on the self-concept, socionetric status, social involvement, and heterogeneity of friendship and associations of day care children 3.3 to 5 year of age. The treatment conditions compared: (1) a regular day care program (control); (2) a day care program with supplemental classroom activities designed to enhance specific social interaction skills; (3) a day care program with a supplemental parent program focusing on increasing positive parent-child and parent-teacher interaction; and (4) a day care program with both supplemental classroom and parent programs. Data were collected before and after the 12-week intervention period, from approximately 200 black and Anglo children in eight large day care centers, using the following instruments: Brown IDS Self-Concept Referents Test; Play Situation-Picture Board Sociometric: Classroom Socio-Observations; and the Observation and Socialization Behavior instrument (revised), a videotaped observational rating procedure. Significant differences across treatment conditions were evidenced on a number of variables. The appendices include supplemental information on the instruments used, sample lessons from classroom and parent programs, and descriptions of the centers involved. (ED)

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ABSTRACT

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The primary objective of this study was to investigate the effects of short term supplemental parent and classroom programs on the self concepts, neterogeneity of friendship cnoices and associations, sociometric status, and social involvement of Day Care 3 1/2 - 5 year olds; and to note if these potential differences were related to sex or socioeconomic group membership of the children.

A four-way design model of a quasi-experimental nature was employed. Two centers were nested in each of the four treatments. The primary independent variable, treatment, was defined as:

1. Regular day care center program (control);

2. Day care center program with supplemental classroom activities designed to enhance specific social interaction skills:

3. Day care center program with supplemental parent program focusing on increasing positive parent-child and parentteacher interaction;

4. Day care center program with <u>both</u> supplemental classroom and parent programs.

The two programmatic inputs implemented in the various treatments were both developed at lichigan State University. The parent education program was the <u>Parents are Teachers Too</u> program, and the classroom activities were the <u>M.S.U. Socio-</u> <u>dramatic Play Curriculum</u>.

The data were collected prior to and after the 12-week intervention period, using the following instruments: Brown IDS Self Concept Referent Test, Play-Situation Picture Board Sociometric, Classroom Socio-Observations, and the Observation of Socialization Behavior (Revised) instrument, a videotaped observational rating procedure.

The sample consisted of 200 children enrolled in eight relatively large day care centers in Tower Michigan. Their ages ranged from 3.3 to 5 years. Both Black and anglo children were involved:

A multivariate analysis of covariance model was applied to test for differences across treatments and demographic groups on the post test measures.

Significant differences across treatment conditions were evidenced on a number of variables. In general, parent programs seemed to affect the socio-emotional affect expressed by children. Children in centers receiving supplemental parent programs displayed less adult dependency, increased self concepts (within the low SES group), increased autonomy, and more gregarious responsive play behaviors.

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Children in centers receiving the supplemental classroom activities exhibited the most cooperative-interactive play. They both responded to and initiated peer interaction at the highest levels of social behavior, and expressed more positive affect in their voice and general play behavior.

Children in centers implementing "both" supplemental programs were the most heterogeneous and gregarious of all. They directed their interactions to a wide variety of peers and were most heterogeneous in regard to being chosen by opposite Sex and SES peers on the sociometric task.

Thus, parent programs seemed to affect children's emotional states, while classroom programs enhanced specific social interaction skills. 'Both" programs reflected aspects of the individual programs, as well as a gestalt that was especially evident in heterogeneous, gregarious, outgoing behavior.

Sex and socioeconomic group membership (SES) differences were also evidenced. Males were more heterogeneous in regard to choosing peers from the opposite SES group on the sociometric task, and interacting with unlike SES peers in the classroom. Females generally had better self concepts than males, but exhibited more adult dependency in the classroom. Low SES children more often chose mid-SES peers as sociometric choices than did mid-SES children choose low SES peers.





Other relationships explored involved the interrelationships among self concept scores and peer interaction variables, and among variables designed to reflect inter-group attitudes. These relationships were investigated using pre-test data only, as reflective of baseline behavior. In general, a negative relationship existed between self concept and social involvement, children with poorer self concepts being more interactive and playing at more cooperative levels of play. Children with better self concepts were more autonomous but did not engage in cooperative, facilitative play.

Positive relationships across instruments suggested the existence of patterns of inter-group attitudes. Factors predictive of heterogeneous interactions across sex lines were age-related, while factors predictive of heterogeneous interactions across SES lines were behaviors reflective of social skill competency.



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INTRODUCTION

Our society is a complex, pluralistic social system in a period of rapid change. Numerous subgroups within the population are evidencing difficulty in relating both to their environment and to other segments of society. How society socializes its young will have impact on the future in determining whether polarization of sub-cultures or social integration occurs.

Socialization is a broad concept that implies preparing individuals to function within a given society or social group. Socialization is a continual process occurring throughout the lifespan at all system levels. During the early years when formative social patterns of interacting and relating are established, the socialization process is monopolized by familial influences. Through the family the child assumes a social class, ethnic, and racial identity that differentiates the orientations and expectations the child receives (Clausen, 1968).

Traditionally the schools have been viewed as the great "melting pot", diffusing familial influences and instilling common values, ideals, and behaviors consistent with the

larger society..... Whether the schools should or can accomplish this great task is questionable; nevertheless, present social tensions provide evidence that the task is not being accomplished.

There remains, therefore, a continual need to foster understanding of how the early environment influences the child's socialization and to develop strategies to intervene in the child's early social development to optimize both intra- and inter-group attitudes and interaction patterns.

One opportunity to help hundreds of thousands of children during the critical preschool years is through the many day care facilities that parents have turned to in the last decade. Mostly out of economic necessity but also as a reflection on our social times, day care has become an institution in our society.

The potential is great, for the early childhood setting presents an optimal social learning environment. It provides an opportunity for varied peer and adult interaction in a setting of materials and equipment appropriate to stimulate and support active exploration of the environment.

The present challenge is to capitalize on this potential and provide day care environments that truly meet the needs of the developing child. In optimizing human potential, the ultimate benefactor will be society.

One important ingredient in developmental day care is continuity between the home and school. This necessitates some form of familial involvement in the child's activities as well as parent-teacher interaction and support.

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Another important ingredient is subpopulational mix, so that children are exposed to value, belief, and behavioral differences. Opportunities to observe and interact with those that are different will help the child gain experiences that can build positive inter-group attitudes, especially if these experiences are planned and supervised by knowledgeable teachers.

OBJECTIVES

The general objective of this study is to compare the relative effectiveness of various short term intervention models in providing experiences that would enhance intra- and intergroup attitudes of children as reflected in their self-concept and social involvement with peers.

The primary research question is: are there differences in the self-concept, heterogeneity of friendship choices and associations, sociometric status, and heterogeneous peer group interaction of preschool children among the following groups?

- 1. children in regular day care center programs (control)
- 2. children in day care centers which have a supplemental programmatic component directed toward the development of positive social interactions (MSU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum)

- 3. children in day care centers which have a supplemental parent education program directed toward increasing positive parent-child and parent-teacher interaction (Parents are Teachers Too)
- children in day care centers which have both the supplemental classroom and parent education programs.

Secondarily, are these potential differences related to the sex and/or socioeconomic group membership of the children?

PROGRAMS

The two programs included as intervention models were both developed at Michigan State University. They capitalize on the two systems that have primary influence over the preschool aged child--the family and the school or day care center. Although the focus of influence on the child differs greatly between these two programs, their fundamental goal or outcome is similar--increased social competency.

PARENTS ARE TEACHERS TOO:

The <u>Parants are Teachers Too</u> (PTT) program used in this study is an adaptation of the original program developed by Judith Kuipers and Robert Boger in 1968-69 and successfully field tested in both Head Start and Day Care settings.

PTT focuses on (1) increasing communication between the day care center and the home, (2) improving the quality of the parent-child interaction through increased parental awareness of differing interaction patterns and child rearing approaches,



and (3) enhancing cognitive and affective development of the child through participation in specific activities with parent prepared materials.

Basic assumptions are: as parents interact more frequently with the child's school and take on teaching roles themselves, the school and school activities take on a more valued position in the child's life. As parents become more familiar with the school environment they can begin to mediate problems and experiences for a more consistent, focused socializing effect on the child. And more importantly, as parents grow in their confidence and competence in recognizing and providing positive learning experiences, the child's most important environment, the family, is enhanced.

The goal of this programmatic approach is to enhance the child's self-concept, language development, and basic social and cognitive skills; thereby opening new possibilities for interpersonal interaction and social learning both in the home and in other settings.

MSU SOCIODRAMATIC PLAY CURRICULUM:

The MSU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum is part of a larger socialization curriculum developed by Robert Boger, Tito Reyes and Joanne Lichtenwalner, and tested in socioeconomically mixed preschool classes in 1969-72.

The sociodramatic play program focuses directly on interpersonal interactions of teachers with children and of children

with each other. The curriculum provides a framework for teachers to establish social environments and interaction techniques that encourage the learning of social skills.

Specific sociodramatic settings are established with well developed sequences of experiences, specific props, carefully planned teacher involvement and limitations in the number and type of children in interactions. Such environments encourage understanding one's own and other's feelings about social interaction and guide children toward developing mutually rewarding (as well as socially acceptable) patterns of exchange. The primary mode of learning is through imitation of social models (both peers and teachers) and social reinforcement including intrinsic reinforcement derived from success in controlling one's environment.

SUMMARY :

. This research compares the relative effects of providing supplemental classroom and parent education programs in the ongoing day care experiences of children 3 1/2 to 5 years of age. Of particular interest are changes in the children's self-concept, heterogeneity of friendship choices and associations, sociometric status, and heterogeneous peer group involvement as a result of this 12-week intervention. Eight relatively large day care centers from four southern Michigan communities were involved and were randomly assigned to the four treatment conditions.



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CHAPTER II RELATED LITERATURE

The term "socialization" has diverse connotations. Generally speaking it refers to the "whole process by which an individual born with behavioral potentialities of enormously wide range, is led to develop actual behavior which is confined within a much narrower range--the range of what is customary and acceptable for him according to the standards of his group" (Child, 1954). "The essence of socialization is the person's internal regulation of his own behavior in ways that are adequate to the interpersonal situation and to the larger social order." (Elken & Handel, 1960)

The process is basically a learning process occurring as the individual establishes relationships and interacts with others. "It encompasses the learning of motives and feelings as well as skills and cognitive sets" (Clausen, 1968).

Socializing agents may explicitly set about to teach a specific task and provide feedback to the learner; or incidental learning may occur as the individual interacts with 'at and imitates behaviors of others (Inkeles, 1968). In any case the socializee is an active agent, selectively assimilating and incorporating information in unique configurations.

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On one hand the environment impinges upon the child, attempting to bring the child into line with the cultural group. On the other hand the child actively engages in interaction with the environment to enlarge his repertoire of skills and strategies as his cognitive structures develop. The child

moves forward to meet socialization requirements on his own terms and in his own way. The resultant functional behaviors that are observable as social skills are a complex result of environmental constraints mediated by individual needs and responsitivity patterns.

The specific areas of socialization that are the focus of f this study are the development of social attitudes and skills,

The two main foci of interest are: (1) the child's feelings about himself and how these feelings may be related to peer interaction, and (2) the manifestations of intra- and inter-group orientations and attitudes as reflected in sociometric choices and play involvement with peers.

The Development of Self

The child's self-concept is a mirror of what others have communicated to the child about himself. It is a symbolic representation of self, reflecting one's feeling about oneself as well as one's perceptions of how others perceive oneself (Yamanbto, 1972). Earliest relationships in the family influence the establishment of feelings of security, adequacy, and worth which form the basis of the "self" (Sullivan, 1953). As the child moves out from the nuclear family he encounters new expectations and standards for comparing and evaluating himself. These relative images are in a continual state of evolution, shaped by relationships with significant others and opportunities to compete with peers (Cottrell, 1969). Two aspects of the self are in current usage; (1) the self as subject defined as a group of psychological processes that govern behavior and adjustment; and (2) the self as object or the organized collection of attitudes, beliefs, and feelings a person has about himself (Coller, 1971). Both converge as a general ed social-motivational influence on the child's behavior. The child must feel secure with himself before he can venture into new social experiences and effectively engage in creative endeavors (Kiester, 1973). Educational achievement is greatly influenced by the self-concept as it mediates participation in learning activities. High ratings of self-concept in the preschooler relate positively to first grade reading achievement across social class lines (Watternberg and Clifford, 1962).

In the realm of interpersonal relationships, high selfesteem has been positively related to a greater acceptance of person's different from one's self (Souder, 1972). Positive self concepts appear to facilitate positive social interaction and social skill development. Reciprocally, peer acceptance and friendship contributes to self acceptance and esteem. A cyclic pattern evolves one building and maintaining the other.

Intergroup Attitudes

Children at very young ages (below the age of four years) learn to discriminate between ethnic groups, social classes and behavioral characteristics of others. Social interactions are often influenced by these cognitions and evaluative attitudes

are formed based on early and continuing experiences (Hess, 1970). Proshansky (1966), in an excellent review of the development of intergroup attitudes presents a three-stage process for the development of ethnic attitudes.

<u>Stage 1</u>. Ethnic Awareness begins to take shape during the preschool years as a perceptual differentiation. Visible differences in skin color or behavioral traits markedly aids in this perceptual awareness, but even more subtle differences in religious or national groups emerge early in life. Such awareness appears to be a part of the larger process of establishing a sense of self. Minority group membership predisposes many children to early ethnic awareness.

<u>Stage 2</u>. Ethnic Orientation is an "rudimentary attitude" that conceptualizes the child from 4 to 8 years. At this point ethnic characteristics and concepts are cognized but the meaning and significance of these differences are not understood.

Strong ethnic preferences may be observed during this time as Goodman (1952) describes with black preschool children preferring white more often than black dolls and storybook characters.

Porter (1971) also found that black Head Start children showed less identification with and preference for their own ethnic group than did white children, as measured by a paired picture selection test. White girls identified more with their own group than did other experimental groups and in general girls showed a stronger preference for sex than ethnicity.

<u>Stage 3</u>. Ethnic attitudes emerge during the elementary years as a continuation of the process of differentiation and integration of beliefs, feelings and experiences regarding members of different ethnic groups. Based on early cognitions the child learns what groups are like, how they should be treated and how one ought to feel about them.

However, whether ethnic or class orientations take on prejudicial qualities is probably dependent on the social environment in which the child functions.

Since much social learning occurs incidentally, socializing agents may need to explicitly teach positive ethnic and class orientations in order to counteract uncontrollable naturally occurring negative influences (Fein, 1973).

Contact may also be an important factor. Although the literature on racial integration provides ambiguous information; with elementary school children, cooperative and equal status interracial school contacts can, but not necessarily will, reduce ethnic prejudice (Sowder & Lazer, 1972).

At the preschool level, little evidence is available. Educators have traditionally encouraged class and ethnic mixes in order to aid children in developing tolerance for, and coping strategies to deal with behavioral differences.

Stodolsky & Jensen (1969) in studying cross-group social interaction and peer preferences in preschool and elementary school children found middle-class and lower-class children to

differ in their choice of friends over one school year. Sociometric tests and time sampling observations were conducted at the beginning and end of the school year. Common interests and activities facilitated friendship choices across class lines for middle-class children only. Lower class children directed more acts within their own class or to Negro middle-class children. In this case, contact did not facilitate change for the lower-class children although middle-class children did expand interactions across class lines.

In a study of cognitive skill development, socioeconomic mix had a positive effect on disadvantaged children with no adverse effects for advantaged children. Social competency was also improved (Reese & Morrow, 1973).

Both Proshansky (1966) and Sowder (1972) note that ethnic orientations and preferences in preschool children may <u>not</u> be reflected in actual differential behavior to ethnic groups. While verbalized directly to peers or revealed on projective tests, ethnic preferences do not influence differential amounts of inter- or intra-group interaction.^o In fact, teachers report children respond more to individual behavioral differences than ethnic differences in day to day interactions. Benavioral characteristics of individual children are not generalized to the ethnic group as a whole.

Supporting children in tolerating, coping and managing social confrontations can be a major contribution of group preschool/day care experiences, especially at this age when attitudinal predispositions are not firmly engrained in behavior.

Background of Parental Involvement Models

The home is the child's first and primary socializing environment. The expectations, values, patterns of control, and affective atmosphere of the home immensely influence the course of the child's development (Baumrind, 1967).

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Parents are important not only because of the total length of time they are available to interact with their children but because of the tremendous importance familial bonds are in influencing the totality of the child's experiences, beliefs, and behaviors (Lichenberg & Norton, 1970).

The educational system can support these forces but has not been successful in working against them when they are having a negative impact on children. This fact was highlighted during the compensatory education movement in the 1960's as the nation became more aware of the inadequacies of the educational system in educating all children (Coleman, 1966). The impact of the family and home environment appeared greater than that of the schools in mediating the educational outcomes of children. Even enormous efforts to compensate for environmental deprivation (Head Start) met with minimal success in effecting long term change (Jensen, 1969; Schaefer, 1973).

It appears that the schools can provide a positive alternative for the child while at school, but must do more in the way of working with parents in order to make an impact on the home. As Bronfenbrenner (1969) notes: "The child's social environment, beyond the school alone, must be modified to



enrich his total development as a socialized person in a cooperative productive society" (Chilman, 1974).

Based on such rationale, most federally funded early childhood programs (Day Care, Head Start, Title I) have been required to include some type of parental involvement in the ongoing program.

But mers invitation for parental participation and actual involvement in the school or day care center are two very different phenomena. By and large, the parents who most often make contact and/or become involved with their child's school voluntarily are confident, active, upwardly mobile, problem free parents (Chilman, 1974). The parents who would theoretically reap the most benefit from association with the school environment and who require the most support are the most difficult ones to reach.

Head Start and funded intervention programs have experimented with a variety of approaches that seek out parental contact by providing specific parent programs. These programs can be divided into those that focus on parents in group settings (Wittes, 1969; Boger, et al., 1969) and those that supplement school activities with home visits (Radin, 1972; Stern, 1971). A third area involves direct intervention into the home as an alternative to school. Chilman, (1963, 1974) and Hess, (1974) provide a comprehensive summary and evaluation of many of these programs. All of these types of programs have evidenced change



in child dependent measures (usually cognitive and language skills) and on garental behaviors (attitudes and language interaction);

Home tutoring approaches capitalize on modeling as the learning paradigm for parents but usually emphasize change in cognitive functioning of children. These programs have reported significant gains on children's intellectual measures (Schaefer, 1965, Weikart, 1969; Gordon, 1969.).

It can be assumed that it is more important to effect change in parental attitudes and behaviors than to just change child behavior for this has a longer lasting impact on the child and the potential of diffusion to younger sibs (Bronfenbrenner in Zigler, 1972). Programs emphasizing working through the parent to effect the child usually hold the above opinion and actively attempt to change parental behavior. These programs often employ a group process paradigm, recognizing the need for parents to interact informally with other parents and teachers as both a social outlet and as an effective educational setting (Hoffman, et. al., 1971).

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Radin (1972) reports significant gains on intellectual and language measures of children provided with additional tutoring, in the home along with a preschool program, but changes in maternal attitudes only in a treatment condition that included parent-teacher group discussions. Stern (1971) also incorporated group process techniques in providing parents with materials and techniques to use with their Head Start children at home.

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Language gains were observed in the children when parents used the materials; however, it was suggested that parents needed highly structured, specific tasks in order to have an impact on their children's cognitive functioning.

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Wittes and others (1969), specifically compared two pedagogical techniques for changing both maternal attitudes and child behaviors. An activity-oriented group meeting was compared to a lecture plus question and answer format. No significant differences were reported between the two groups on the dependent measures, (PARI, Home Environment Scale, Binet); although weaker members showed greater gains in the activityoriented program.

Structured activities also had a greater impact than discussion techniques in the first field testing of the <u>Parents</u> <u>are Teachers Too Program</u> in six Head Start classrooms in rural Michigan (Boger, Kuipers & Beery, 1969). The PTT program was compared to a structured language program (Loveless & Kelly, University of Hawaii Head Start Evaluation and Research Center, 1968), a placebo group (discussion), and a pure control group. Children of those mothers receiving the two specific language programs evidenced greater gains on the UPPSI total and verbal scores. Mothers in the two language groups used significantly more specific language in explaining the task on the Hess-Shipman Toy Sort Task and used more complete sentences on the MSU Tell-A-Stery test. Although these programs stressed language and cognitive skill acquisition; changes in the general quality of


the mother-child interaction were reflected in increased self-concept scores of the children of participants.

This phenomena of change toward more positive self-feelings in children of participants was again evidenced in a recent implementation of the <u>Parents are Teachers Too</u> program in six day care centers (Boger, et. al., 1974).

Many investigators have repeatedly reported difficulty in securing consistent parental participation in parent programs even though parents are interested and concerned about their children's development (Stern, 1971, Adkins, 1971, Chilman, 1974). In fact this has been the most widely heard criticism of grouporiented parent education programs. In recognition of this concern, the above study investigated the effects of three incentive conditions on initiating and maintaining parental participation in the parent education program at the center. Significantly greater attendance was evidenced in the groups receiving incentives (\$5 or babysitting and transportation) compared to the no incentive groups. Bauch, et. al.-(1973) also found the availability of services such as babysitting and transportation an explanatory variable in influences on parental participation.

Summary

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Most of these compensatory efforts have sought to intervene in the cognitive development of children and work through the mother's teaching style to effect change. And yet, it may be the social-emotional atmosphere of the home that has the greatest

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impact on the child and his approach to learning (Hoffman, et. al., 1971). As parents are significant models for children to learn from, it is indeed necessary to support parents in

- 1. expressing good feelings about the school or center
- 2. reenforcing the child's achievements
- 3. showing interest in the child's activities
- 4. providing continuity between activities at the school and the home.

The implications inferred from these studies lead to the

following conclusions:

- 1. efforts must be directed toward parents in order to effect change in the home and in the relationship between the parent and child.
- 2. parents need support perhaps in the way of at least babysitting and transportation in order to secure attendance at parent meetings.
- 3. parents should be actively involved in the activities planned at parent meetings to provide structure for interaction with their children at home.

The <u>Parents are Teachers Too</u> program implemented in the present study incorporates these conclusions while emphasizing the social-emotional needs of the child in providing activities to encourage positive parent-child interaction.

Background of Peer Interaction Models

The second most important socializing influence on the young child is the peer group. The peer group provides an important arena for developing social interaction skills, roletaking, and sex appropriate behaviors. Through competition and social feedback the child reevaluates self judgments of competence and self esteem, and builds more realistic attitudes about himself (Dinkmeyer, 1965).



Early studies investigating social development (Maudry & Nekula, 1939; Bridges, 1933; Parten, 1932) note a positive relationship between age and amount and quality of prosocial peer interaction. Age related changes in sensory-motor capacities, cognitive functioning, and the development of impulse control influence social skill development (Hartup, 1970).

Situational variables also interact to influence social development. Contingency of reinforcement and feedback from adults and peers, the type of social models available, and opportunities to interact with a variety of role positions all influence the developmental process.

Prerequisite to effectively interacting with others the child must develop the ability to take the role of the other and be capable of employing a large and varied repertoire of lines of action or tactics appropriate to varied situations (Weinstein, 1969). Role taking is a fundamental social skill that has its beginnings in the young child's capacity to distinguish self from non-self and develops with the increasing ability of the child to discriminate social cues and predict behavioral outcomes. The greater the breadth of social relationships available to the child the greater opportunity the child will have to improve the capacity to note the impact of his acts on others, to play at different roles, and to formulate alternative patterns of exchange.

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Rudimentary forms of these skills are formed by age three. The preschool years are therefore critical to estab-

A medium that capitalizes on social interactive skills and role-taking is sociodramatic play. Smilansky (1968) was the first to distinguish between the more common <u>dramatic</u> <u>play</u> - symbolic play with roles and imitative verbal and nonverbal activities; and the higher level <u>sociodramatic play-</u> elaboration of themes in cooperation with at least one other role-player. The cooperative interchange distinguishes the two.

Sociodramatic play requires verbal exchanges to plan, develop, and maintain the cooperative play. Likewise its maintenance demands problem-solving and reciprocal social manipulations and exchanges.

Only one intervention attempt through sociodramatic play is cited in the literature. It emphasized three areas of development; creativity, intellectual growth, and social skills (see Smilansky, 1968). In this effort 34 classes of preschool and kindergarten Israeli children were observed. Three treatment groups with disadvantaged children while compared to a culturally disadvantaged and an advantaged control group. Teachets rated the children's verbalizations and level of play before and after treatment. The most significant ist ovements were observed in the additive model where children received both opportunities to observe and discuss common

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experiences plus guidance in developing dramatizations of their experiences as sociodramatic play. Disadvantaged children were found to lack sequence in their activities and conversations and to have more difficulty in dramatizing play situations. Although disadvantaged children improved in the quality of their play behavior under the guided treatment conditions, they never attained the level of play as exhibited by the advantaged control group. No differences were observed in play attainment based on sex or 1.0.

The MSU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum was developed and first implemented in the context of a larger socialization treatment condition in a longitudinal research study on the social skill development of preschool children (Boger and Cunningham, 1970). In this research and development effort two cohorts of 32 children each participated in a two year preschool program. The initial cohort were controls and the second cohort were involved in experimental classes with the socialization curriculum. This comprehensive socialization intervention effort consisted of four types of activities: 1) classroom organization and management guidelines, 2) group activities, 3) dyadic activities, and 4) sociodramatic play activities. Key behaviors that were modeled and reinforced were: takingturns, sharing, cooperating, verbalizing needs, and tolerating other children's patterns of interaction.

The sample consisted of 64 children comprising a balanced **2x2x2** way design. One dimension was that of treatment, wherein

the socialization curriculum was compared to a traditional two-year preschool program. In addition, three demographic variables were included as independent variables; sex, race, and SES with two levels each. The dependent measures included both cognitive and social interaction dimensions of behavior. Baseline data were secured with the following instruments: 1) videotaped ratings of mother-child familialization tasks, 2) Cincinnati Autonomy Test Battery, 3) Binet Rating Scale, 4) Inventory of factors affecting test performance, 5) House-Tree-Person Test, 6) Myther-child interaction on the Toy Sorting and Eight Block Sort Task, 7) Father-child interaction on a Nine Block Sorting Task. Continuous classroom and videotaped observations of peer interaction in experimental situations were conducted throughout the two year period. Post program measures included the Cincinnati Autonomy Test Battery, Binet Rating Scale, and the Inventory of Factors.

Preliminary analyses of covariance noted significant treatment vs. control differences. The treatment group had more interactions with peers, initiated more, were more active, and had a more positive physical tone than did control groups. They were also more tolerant of unfamiliar behavior, exhibited more overt rejections as compared to withdrawals, and had more verbalisations with a more positive affect than did controls. In contrast the control group seemed to be more passive stat rejecting of interactions (Boger and Cunningham, 1974).

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behaviors exist in the preschool years and that intervention during this time can have a positive impact on emerging social skills.

A key target of intervention in this study was the child's spontaneous and structured social interactions with peers in a play context. Of particular interest were structured sociodramatic play settings with carefully planned sequences of activities.

Marshall (1961) found that a child's ability to get along with peers and his status in the nursery group were related to frequency of participation in dramatic play activities. In turn, ability to indulge in dramatic play was positively related to opportunities to talk with parents and others about experiences, and negatively related to parental punitive control and overpermissiveness.

Children reflect in their own behavior the type of control which parents have used in guiding their behavior (Bishop, 1951). The home provides numerous role models and normative expectations that the child carries into his experiences with peers in the school setting.

Teachers also provide an important mediating influence on peer relationships, strengthening or discouraging patterns of peer interaction. The teacher plays an important role in setting the tone as well as the stimulation potential of the environment (Butler, 1971). By establishing the rules and

expectations of the sotting, by carefully intervening to facilitate social learning, and by modeling critical verbal and nonverbal behaviors, the teacher can actively influence the child's development of social skills.

Thus both the home and the school have the potential for effecting change in the child's social skill development and in his patterns of interaction with peers.

Summary

As the child develops, he takes on an increasingly more active role in exploring his physical as well as his social environment. Interaction patterns established in the home have a continuing impact on how the child relates to his environment.

The child's first contact with a stable peer group and significant adults outside of the family is a critical time in the child's life. It is an opportunity to explore new social roles, develop strategies to cope with new expectations and reinforcement patterns and establish new social relationships.

Early group experiences can provide an ideal environment for social development. But whether early group experiences, in particular day care, meet the needs and enhance the development of children depends on the quality of the interaction that occurs.

Parent-teacher, teacher-child and child-child interactions must be positive, constructive and mutually pleasurable.

Programs that help parents enhance the quality of their interactions with their children and mediate their child's learning experiences between the home and school, and programs that help teachers foster peer interactions for more positive social skill development are noteworthy endeavors reviewed in this chapter.



METHODOLOGY

CHAPTER III

Design

This study employs a five way design model of a quasiexperimental nature. The primary independent variable is treatment with four levels defined as follows: -

- 1. regular day care center program(control)
- 2. day care center program plus supplemental classroom activities (MSU Sociodramatic play curriculum)
- 3. day care center program plus supplemental parent program (Parents Are Teachers Too)
- 4. day care center program plus both supplemental classroom activities and parent program

Although centers were nested within treatments (two centers per treatment) a blocking variable, center auspices, was included in the design. Therefore the four private franchised centers were randomly assigned one center per treatment and the four non-franchised centers were randomly assigned one center per treatment. Subjects are nested within centers. All of the children within the criteria range (see description of sample) enrolled at the sampled centers were included in the study.

Two primary demographic characteristics of the children in the centers were also included as design factors. The variables, sex and socioeconomic group membership, are crossed with each other and also with respect to both center and

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treatment. The matrix for this design is as follows:



DESIGN MATRIX

It has been recognized that race may be considered a confounding variable. It was not included as an independent variable because of the sampling difficulties an additional characteristic would impose on an already difficult task. As a field study, day care centers with existing populations were sampled. A primary consideration during sampling was to secure centers with a socioeconomic balance that did not reflect racial inequities, i.e. low SES Blacks and mid SES Anglos. Centers with majority (90% or better) Black or Anglo populations were included in the study as well as centers with similiar racial distributions across socioeconomic lines.

An additional "race constant" procedure was implemented in the controlled play situation to help exclude confounding racial effects on the play behavior observed.

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Examiners

All of the observations and individual testing procedures were conducted by trained members of the Institute for Family and Child Study staff. Graduate students in Family and Child Sciences at MSU assumed the main responsibility for data collection. Four testers were hired for individual testing who were not enrolled at MSU but who held degrees in Education, Sociology or Psychology and had had experience working with young children.

All testers were trained by the project coordinator. The various training methods included viewing and discussing video-tapes of the testing procedures, practice-testing with children from a local day care center not included in the sample, and observation in the laboratory preschool classrooms at the Institute for Family and Child Study. When appropriate, inter-observer reliability was established equal to or greater than that suggested by the instrument description.

Undergraduates assisted with the video-tape observational ratings and the coding of the data. These students also had previous experience working with young children and were pursuing degrees in the social sciences. They too were trained by the project coordinator.

All staff members involved in data collection were Anglo. With the exception of two males assigned the observations in the mobile unit and individual testing; all other testers and observers were female.

Facilities

All of the data gathering procedures were conducted on site at the various day care centers. Classroom observations were conducted in one preselected classroom or division of a classroom at each center. Individual testing was done in various locations in the centers; offices, teacher's lounges, conference rooms and other private areas away from the other children and staff.

The only additional space provided by the Institute for Family and Child Study was a mobile classroom, measuring ll' x 8'. This space was used for the controlled play situation which was video-taped for subsequent rating using the Observation of Socialization Behavior Instrument.

The mobile classroom is completely carpeted, lighted, and heated similar to any indoor space. A portable wooden expanding gate extends across the room at the point marking the limit of the lower visual field of the camera. A space behind the expanding gate is provided for the examiner to sit outside of the children's interaction range. A diagram of the mobile unit is shown in Fig. 3.B.







The Media Unit of the Institute for Family and Child Study provided the technical expertise and equipment needed for data gathering and video-tape rating.

The Data Analysis and Support Unit of the Institute for Family and Child Study provided help in selecting and implementing analyses strategies. The CDC 6500 Computer Facility at the MSU Computer Center was used for data analyses.



SAMPLE

Sample Selection

Initial information concerning potential cooperating centers was secured through the State Day Care Licensing division of the Department of Social Services and Area 4-C coordinators. After screening lists of potential centers against basic criteria; staff contacts and visits ensued. The criteria for center eligibility included the following:

- 1. Distance from MSU--Max. 70 miles
- 2. Listing with the licensing divisions of the State Department of Social Services
- 3. Offering a full day program
- 4. Comparable philosophy, program, and staff qualifications
- 5. No simultaneous participation in other research or program obligations
- 6. Heterogeneous enrollment of children to meet the following Sample needs:
 - a. Age range--3 1/2 5 years
 - b. Enrolled for four half days/week
 - c. Min. of 16 Low SES (8 boys, 8 girls excluding kindergartenges) 16 Mid SES (8 boys, 8 girls) children
 - d. Racial balance or all one race across cells

Note: SES membership initially detérmined by eligibility for Social Service Assistance.

In order to secure an adequate number of children within the age and enrollment range, medium to large sized centers were approached. All centers considered met the first five criteria. The distribution of children across sex, SES, and ethnic groups was the most difficult sampling criterion

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Basic Description of Centers

The eight centers were located in four large cities in lower Michigan. The geographical location of these centers is illustrated in Figure 3.C.







Size

The size of each center as reflected in licensed capacity and enrollment is illustrated in Table 3.1a&b. The licensed capacity of these centers ranged from 47 to 120 with an average of 87.12. The actual enrollment ranged from 70-166 with an average of 117.75.





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SIZE OF CENTERS

CENTERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Average
Licensed Capacity	68	56	47	120	10 7	96	96	107	87.12
Enrollment	7 0	100	7 0	120	166	149	135	1 3 2	117.75

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AVERAGE SIZE OF CENTERS NESTED IN TREATMENTS

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Licensed Capacity	76	8 7. 5	77	108 .	_
Enrollment	1 25. 5	101	118	127.5	

Ethnic Distribution

One center had a 90% enrollment of black children, three centers were 90% or more anglo and the other 4 centers enrolled mixed populations of between 60-80% anglo, 20-40% black. (see Table 3.2)

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ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION OF CENTERS

Centers	1 .	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ANGLO	9%	98%	90%	61%	66%	92%	80%	 82 %
BLACK	90%	1%	9%	38%	34%	6%	20%	1 7%
OTHER	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%



Social Economic Status Distribution

The percentage of the total centers' enrollment receiving ... public financial assistance for day care (ADC) is illustrated in Table 3.3. Additional families received aid in the form of reduced fees in centers 1, 3 and 4 which is not reflected in these figures.

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TABLE 3.3

PERCENTAGE	OF	TOT	AL	CENTER	POPULATION	RECEIVING
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CENTERS	1	5	3	4	5	6	7	8	-
ADC	33%	15%	23%	14%	31%	30%	40%	55%	

All of the centers enrolled children aged 2 1/2 through 5 years and offered services for 10 1/2 to 16 hours per week day.

Three out of four of both the franchised and non-franchised centers had existing forms of parental participation upon joining the study. Two of the non-franchised centers had active parent boards and one franchised center was organizing a parent board. Other forms of parental participation consisted of parent conferences, participation in special events, periodic parent meetings, and the use of parent volunteers for assistance during field trips and parties. None of the centers had ever provided parent education programs for their parents.



Likewise, none of the centers had ever adopted a curriculum or program focusing on social development prior to participation in the study. These centers were also not presently following any systematic curricula in any area, but rather relied on teacher designed activities. The actual number of children at each center pre- and post-tested and the resulting attrition rate is presented in Figure 3-D.

Further description of the centers is provided in Appendix C.



DESCRIPTION OF CHILDREN IN THE SAMPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES

Various demographic descriptors of the children and families comprising the centers' clientele participating in the study are discussed and illustrated in Tables 3.4 through 3.17. For convenience, the data is grouped (1) by center, the first four being non-franchised, the second four franchised; (2) by treatment condition. Only those children within the center whose data is used in the analyses are included in this sample description.

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All of the children enrolled in the day care centers who met the age and enrollment criteria were included in initial data gathering procedures and pretesting. As attrition was to be expected, every effort was made to secure a complete battery of pretests on the entire eligible group of children. The average rate of attrition from the beginning of pretesting to the end of post-testing seven months later was 33% (See Fig. 3.D). This figure reflects a greater than expected drop-out rate , from the day care centers. One explanation may be the energy crisis that disrupted employment in Michigan's auto and related industries during the winter of 1973-74.

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ATTRITION

Although the distribution by sex within each center varied, the total sample was evenly divided with 48% female and 52% male (Table 3.4a,b).

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TABLE 3.4b

PERCENT AND FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION BY SEX & SOCIAL ECONOMIC STATUS (SES)

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Male 1	24	47.06	26	44.83	27	58.70	39	57.35	116	52.02	
Fenale 2	27	52.94	32	55.17	19	41.30	29	42.65	107	47.98	
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Low	25	49.02	32	55.17	20	43.48	35	51.47	112,	, 50. 22	
Nid ,	26	50.98	26	44.83	26	56.52	33	48, 53 ja	111 - 	49.78	
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Social Economic Status (SES)

The criteria for delineating social economic group membership were adopted from the short form of the McGuire and White (1955) research tool, <u>The Measurement of Social</u> <u>Status</u> (See Appendix A). Weighted scales composed of the social status components for occupation, source of income, and education were evaluated for the principal wage earner of the family. For conditions where both parents were fully employed, the father's index score was used. In cases where there were extreme variances between maternal and paternal SES index scores, a subjective evaluation employing the median, or the mother's index score was selected as the characteristic for the child's SES value.

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The information needed to determine SES membership was secured from the parents in the form of a general information sheet. The even distribution by SES group membership for the entire sample is reflected in Table 3.4a&b, with 50% of the sample considered low SES and 50% middle SES. As the process of ascribing SES membership to a family provided a, continuous score value, the means and standard deviations are presented in Table 3.5. The total sample means is 50.25 with a standard deviation of 14.06. When determining SES, an index score value of $51(\pm3)$ was considered the critical cut-off point between middle and low SES groups. Scores from 48-54 were considered flexible and could be placed in either group based on other idiosyncratic information.

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TABLE 3.5 MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS ON SES VALUE

Ethnic Background

Although ethnicity is not a design variable, it is an important element in describing the sample. For the purposes of this study, a child was considered black if either or both natural parents were negro. He was considered anglo if both natural parents were caucasian. As illustrated in Table 3.6a&b, 70% of the sample were anglo, 28% black and less than 2% other ethnic groups either Chicano or Indian.

When divided by treatment condition, greater variation in ethnicity is observed. T_1 was practically 100% angle, T_2 was more evenly divided, 50%-50%, T_3 was approximately 35%-65% black to angle, and T_1 25%-75% black to angle.



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White		1	3.85	24	100.00	14	7 0.00	30	69.77	16	61.54	26	96.30	20	80.00	26	81.25
Other		1	3,85	0	0.00		0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	ı	3.70	o	0.00	2	6.25

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PERCENT AND FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND

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	Other		1.96	3	5.17	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	1.79	
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Age

The children's mean age as of Jan.1,1974 was fairly similiar across centers as illustrated in Table 3.7. The mean age for the entire sample was 53.64 months with a standard deviation of 5.99 months. A much larger number of the children in the sample were over four years (N=185) than younger than four years (N=48). Based on the sampling criteria, only children who were 40 months as of January 1,1974 were included in the sample. Children who attended Kindergarten for any part of the day were excluded from the sample.

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TABLE 3.7 HEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS ON AGE IN MONTHS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1974

Enrollment

The vast majority (84%) of the children in the sample were enrolled full time for five days per week. As illustrated in Tables 3.8 & 3.9 the mean number of days per week enrolled ranged from 4.47 to 4.91 across treatments with a mean of 4.76 days and a standard deviation of .63 for the entire sample.



Length of Enrollment and Present Day Care Center

As the children's familiarity with the day care center and the children may influence the child's participation in the treatments, Table 3.10 describes the mean number of months children have been in attendance at the Day Care Center prior to September 1, 1974. For the entire sample, the mean number of months since the child entered the center, to September 1, is 7.45 months with a standard deviation of 7.92. This indicates a wide range of prior attendance. Within treatments conditions 2 and 4 the children's mean enrollment is higher than within treatment conditions 1 and 3. The non-franchised centers appear to have the greatest variability in prior enrollment.

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c cj	26	11.23	7.78	с _а	32	7.06	7.48	T1	51	5.67	6.20		
c2 .	24	6.17	6.69	с ₆	27	5.22	5.82	T2	58	8.93	_€ 7.83		
°3	20	4.75	8.06	°5	26	6.04	7.64	T ₃	46	5.48	1.17		
, ° c,	42	9.79	9.24	с,	25	7.32	7.99	T4	•") 8.87	8.81		
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Total	112	8.45	8.46	fotal	110	6.43	7.22	·	T				
	L			4	•			Grand Total	222	7.45	7.92		

TABLE 3.10 RANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS ON HOWTHS SINCE CHILD ENTERED CENTER TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1973

Family Status

Family status is a descriptor that indicates whether or not the child in the sample was a member of a two parent family or a single parent family at the time of the study. This family composition does not necessarily define natural parents but merely describes the presence or absence of two adults head(s) of the family.

The percentage of single parent families varied across day care centers and treatments. Treatment conditions 2 and 4 had the largest percentage of single parent families (70%) as



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compared to two parent families (30%) while treatment conditions 1 and 3 had a more even distribution between single and two parent families (see Tables 3.11abb).

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PERCENT AND PREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION BY FAMILY STATUS AND ORDINAL POSITION

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FAMILY STATUS		4														
Single (1)	18	59.23	12	50. 0 0	4	20.00	29	67.44	1 7	65.38	17	62.96	19	76.00	22	68.75
Two parent (2)	•	30.77	12	50.00	16	60 . 00	14	32.56	9	34.62	10	37.04	6	24.00	10	31.25
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ORDINAL POSITION	1															
First child	n	42.31	14	58.33	12.	60.00	30	69.77	13	50:00	17	62.96	14	56.00	13	40.63
Second or third child	12	46.15		33.34	4	20.00	12	27.91	11	42.30	,	25.92	11	44.00	17	53.13
Fourth or younger	3	11.55	2	8.34	4	20.00	1	2.33	2	7.70	3	11.11	0	0.00	2	6.25
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TABLE 3.11b

PERCENT AND FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION BY FAMILY STATUS AND ORDINAL POSITION

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PANILY STATUS			•							•
Single (1)	29	56.86	<u>,</u> 40	68.97	21	45.65	48	70.59	138	61.88
Two parent (2)	22	43.14	18	31.03	25	54.35	20	29.41	85	38.12
CHEDINAL POSITION										, ,
First child	31	60.78	24	41.38	24	52.17	44	64.71	124	55.71
Second or third child	15	29.41	29	50.00	15	32.61	23	33.82	82	36.78
Fourth or younger	5	9.80	5	8.62	•	13.04	1	1.47	17	7.63
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Ordinal Position and Family Size

Across all centers, the greatest majority of children were either the first or second child in the family. In fact, 56% of the children in the total sample were first-born. (See Table 3.11a&b). The mean family size for the entire sample was 2.04 children with a standard deviation of 1.44 (see Table 3.12).

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c,	26	9 2.31	1.64	с _в	32	2.06		• ۳ ₁	51	1.86	1,10
°,	24	1.96	1.00	с ₆	27	1.78	1.19	T 2	58	2.17	1.30
c,	20	2.90	2.75	c,	26	2.23	1.53	T j	46	2.52	2.15
c,	43	1.56	. 93	с,	25	2.00	1.19	T ₄	68	1.72	1.05
Totel	113	2.05	- 1.63	Totel	110	2.02	1.21				
				•	L		J	Grand Total	223	2.04	1.44

TABLE 3.12 MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS FOR NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE PANILY

Maternal Education & Occupation

A large percentage of the mothers of children in the sample had attended or completed college. As illustrated in Tables 3.13a&b, in all centers except center 8, and in all



treatment conditions at least 50% of the mothers had attended or completed college. Only 14% or fewer of the mothers in the centers had less than a high school education. Across treatment conditions this figure ranged from 3% to 14% for mothers with less than a high school education.

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Loss than 12 years	1	3.89	2	8.33 I	3	15.00	o	0.00	3	11.54	3	11.11	1	4,17	26	.25
Less than 12 years + Occupational training	/ ⁰	0.00	1	4.17	0	0.00	o	0.00	o	0.00	1	3.70	1	4.17	26	.25
High school	5	19.21	2	8.33	4	20.0 0	L	9 - 30	5	19.23	L	14.81	2	8.33	8 25	.00
High school + Occupational Training	ک	15,38	3	12.50	5.	25.00	5	11.63	2	7.69	4	14.81	8	33.33	7 21	. 88
Some college	11	42.31	9	37.50	5	25.00	18	k 1.86	1	26.92	10	37.04	9	37.50	10 31	.25
College degree	5	19.23	3	12.50	3	15.00	10	23. 26	7	26.92	5	18.52	3	12.50	26	.25
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PERCENT AND PREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION BY MOTHER'S EDUCATION

TABLE 3.13b

PERCENT AND PREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION BY NOTHIN'S EDUCATION

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Less than 12 years	5 9.80	3 5.17	6 13.04	1 1.49	15 6.76
Less than 12 years + Occupational training	2 3.92	2 3.45	0 0.00	1 1.49	5 2.25
High school	6 11.76	4 13 22.41	9 19.57	6 8.96	34 15.32
High school * Occupational training	7 13.73	11 18.97	7 15.22	13 19.40	38 17.12
Some collage	19 37.25	21 36.21	12 26.09	27 40.30	79 35.5 9
College degree	8 15. 69	7 12.07	10 21.74	13 19.40	38 17.12
Advanced degree	4 7.84	1 1.72	2 4.35	6 8. 96	13 5,86



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Although a large proportion of the mothers were highly educated, their occupational level did not consistently reflect this. A smaller proportion of the mothers could be considered semi-professional and professional. Only 16% to 41% of the mothers across centers are noted in the last three categories semi-professional or managerial and professional. (See Tables 3.14abb). On the other hand 41% to 77% of the mothers

TABLE 3.14e

PERCENT AND PREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION BY MOTHES'S OCCUPATION

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Semi-skilled	8	30.77	5-	20.83	2	10.00	2	4.65	4	15.38	5	18.51	.5	21.74	6	19.35
Clerk-Service	11	42.31	,	29.17	12	60.00	18	41.86	,	26.92	11	40.74	8	34.78	18	58.06
Salee	0	0.00	. 2	8.33	2	10.00	,	11.63	2	7.69	6	22.22	4	17.39	2	6.45
Semi-professional; Menagerial	1	3.85	2	8.33	1	5.00	2	4.65	1	3.85	2	7.41	0	0.00	1	3.23
Professional	6	23.08	7	29.17	3	. 15.00	14	32.56	12	46.15	3	11.11	6	26.09	4	12.90
/ Executive	0	0.00	1	4.17	` o	0.00	2	4.65	0	0.00	0	0.00	ļ	0.00	0	0. 00
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PERCENT AND PREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION BY MOTHER'S OCCUPATION

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Semi-skilled	10	19.61	14	24.56	6	13.04	,	10.61	36	16.36
Clerk-Service	18 35.29		29	50.88	19 -	41.30	26	39.39	92	41.8 2
Sélee		15.69	2	3.51	4	8.70	,	13.64	23	10.45
Semi-professional; Manageriel	•	7.84	2	3.51	2	4.3	3 2	3.03	10	4.55
Professional	10	19.61	10	17.54	15	32.6	20	30.30	55	25.00
Executive	1	1.96	0	0.00	0	0.0	0 2	3.03	,	1.30

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across centers are noted in the semiskilled and medium skilled occupations of level 1 and 2.

Center 4 can be noted as being rather unusual in that a much greater number of the mothers of children in this center had completed a college education and occupied professional positions as compared to all other centers.

Paternal Education and Occupation

Although a much smaller number of fathers were available for the sample some similarities exist between mothers and fathers educational attainment. A large number of fathers had attended or completed college as illustrated in Table 3.15a&b. Very few of the fathers had less than a high school education.

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Less than 12 years + Occupational training	υ	0.00	ο	0.00	0	0.00	0	, 0.00	đ	r.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	1 2.00
High school	(* 2	22.22	ų	33.33	2	11.76	2	12.50	0	Q. 90	n 0.00	1 12.50	0 0.00
High school + Occupational training	2	22,22	0	1.00	L.	23. 53	3	18.75	n	.	1 9.09	2 .5.37	₩2 1P.1'
Some college	5	22.22	3	25.00	L.	23.53	3	18. 75	4	1.4 L	5 45.45	1 12.50	· 27.27
College degree	1	11.11	2	16.67	3.	17.65	L	25.00	5	22.12	3 27.27	. 12.50	1 9.09
Advanced degree	1	11.11	. 3	25.00	1	5.88	3	18.75	1	<u></u>	2 18.1F	37.50 د	4 36.36

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Less than 12 years	0	0.00	1	5.00	5	19.23	1	4.17	7	7.53
Less than 12 years + Occupational training	0	0.00	'ı	5.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.08
High School	4	17. 39	2	10.00	ź	7.69	3	12.50	_ه 11	11.63
Wigh School + Occupational Training	, 1	4.35	4	20.00	4	15.36	5	20.83	. 14	د 15.05
Some college		34.78	5	25.00	•	30.77	4	16.67	25	26.88
College degree	5	21.74	2	10.00	5	19.23	5	20.83	17	(18.28
Advanced degree	5	21.74	5	25.00	2	7.69	•	25.00	18	19.35
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TABLE 3.156

Fathers' occupations varied greatly in all centers, and treatment conditions. Nearly equal numbers were semi or medium skilled as were semiprofessional and professional in all centers and treatments. (See Tables 3.16abb).

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Semi-skilled	2	25.00	3	23.00	i 1	6.67	3	18.75	r 2	22.22	1	9.09	3 .4	30.00	0	Ø.00
Clerk-Service	3	37.50	2	15.38	.•	40.00	.3	18.75	0	0.00	2	18.18	·2 ·	20.00	0	0.00
Sales	0	0.00	1	7.69	1	6.67	0	0.00	1	11.11	2	18.18	1	10.00	6	54.55
Semi~professional; . Managerial	0	0.00	2	15, 30	3	20.00	3	18.75	4	44.44	· 2	18.18	0	0.00	0	0.00
Professional	3	37.50	3	23.08	•	26.67	5	31.25	1	11.11	•	36.36) à	30.00	4	36 . 36
Executive	1.0	0.00	. 2	15,38	a 0	0.00	2	12.50	• 1	11.11	0	0.00	1	10.00	1	9.09
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Semi-skilled	4	16.67	2	10.53	3	12.50	6	23.08	15	16.13
Clerk-Service	4	16.67	3	15.79	6	25.00	5	19.23	18	19.35
Sales	3	12.50	6	31.58	2	8.33	1	3.85	12	12.90
Semi-professional; Managerial	4	16.67	o	0 .0 0	,	29. 17	3	11.54	14	15.0
Professional	,	29.17	,	29 .17	5	20.83	8	30.77	27	29.0
Executive	2	8.33	1	5.26	1	4.17	3	11.54	7	, 7.5 :

PERCENT AND FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION BY FATHER'S OCCUPATION

Source of Day Care Fees

In Tables 3.17ab the fee distribution of families across centers and treatment conditions is illustrated. In the franchised centers, families either received aid for dependent children or privately paid full fees. In three of the non-franchised centers 50% to 72% of the families received aid in the form of partial fees as these centers provided a sliding scale for fee payment based on family need.

Across treatment conditions, 27% to 40% of the families of . children in the sample received aid for dependent children from the State Department of Social Services to cover day care expenses.

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		PREQUENCY	DISTRIBUTIO	n by source	OF DAY CAR	e frees		
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YDC	9 34.62	7 29.17	5 25.00	3 6.98	13 52.00	12 44.44	15 -62. 50	14 43.75
Partial fees	16 61.34	0 0.00	10 50.00	31 72.09	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00	0 0.00
Full face	1_ 3.85	17 70.83	5 25.00	9 20.93	12 48.00	15 55.54	9 37.50	18 56.25

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OURCE OF DAY CARE FEES DISTRIBUTION

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*	19	37.25	23	39.66	to	40.00	- 18	26.87	78	35-29
Partial fees	0	0.90 * 62.75	16 [.] 19	27.59	10' 17	5,22.22 37.7∎	31	46.27	57 86	25.79 - 38.91
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IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

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The four franchised and four non-franchised centers were each randomly assigned one center per treatment condition. The Treatments were as follows:

T₁--Day care center program with supplemental classroom activities. (ASU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum) T₂--Day care center program with supplemental parent

program. (Parents are Teachers Too)

T3--Day care center program with supplemental classroom

activities. (HSU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum and Parents are Teachers Too)

T₄--Regular day care center program (control).

In those treatment conditions incorporating supplemental programs, the Day Care Center directors and M.S.U. project coordinator planned for the assignment of Day Care Center staff to implement the programs. Factors under consideration in selecting the staff were: general ability to establish rapport with parents, willingness, enthusiasm, stability of employment plans, ethnic background as related to majority clientele and for the sociodramatic play program; prior classroom assignment. Since the sociodramatic play program was to be implemented during the morning hours, the staff involved were those who were already supervising the three 1/2-5 year-olds who would become the sample.

Two graduate students at Michigan State University working on Ph.D. Programs in child development with at least three years

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of classroom experience at the preschool level were appointed program coordinators. These two students were responsible (me per program) for training the Day Care Center staff in the use of the supplemental programs and in supervising the selection and preparation of the materials and equipment needed to implement the programs at the day care centers.

All centers implementing supplemental programs were treated as follows:

- 1. The university staff (project coordinator and program coordinators) visited each center during evening parent meetings or at pick-up time to inform the parents of the research project and to answer any of their questions.
- During pretesting, the university staff (project director, project coordinator, program coordinators) met with the entire day care center staff at each center to explain the purposes and objectives of the research study and to enlist cooperation in implementing the testing procedures and randomly assigned treatment conditions.
- 3. All testing was done by trained personnel from the Institute of Family and Child Study at the day care centers.
- 4. All programs ran concurrently for twelve weeks from January 1 to April 1.
- 5. The program coordinator for the MSU sociodramatic play program supervised all four centers implementing this curriculum.
- 6. The program coordinator for the Parents are Teachers Too program likewise supervised all four centers implementing this program.
- 7. In the two centers assigned treatment condition three (Both parent and classroom activities) separate day care center personnel were assigned to each program.

- 8. All materials needed to implement the supplemental programs were provided by the Institute for Family and Child Study, MSU.
- 9. Each center implementing supplemental programs was provided \$35.00 per week to cover any expenses incurred by the research project (i.e., babysitting, transportation, and refreshments for parent meetings) and to provide monetary stipends to the day care center staff involved in implementing the programs.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

	1 month	September 1-October 1	Identification of Participating Day Care Centers
	1 month	October 15-November 1	Preparation for project; Informing parents
2	1/2 months	October 15-January 1	Pretesting
	3 months	January 1-April 1	Program Delivery
	2 months	April 1-May 30	Post-Testing
	4 months	June 1-September 30	Data Reduction 6 Analysis

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

MSU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum

The sociodramatic play programs consisted of a series of four play themes developed over a period of three weeks each. The graduate student coordinator for the program from MSU visited each of the four centers implementing the curriculum on a weekly basis spending one full day at each site. One or two head teachers and aides were assigned to this program at each center.

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The program coordinator worked with these staff members in the classroom during the morning hours; assisting with routine activities, helping organize play groups and analyzing teacherchild interaction patterns. For one to two hours in the afternoon one day each week the program coordinator planned with the staff the use of the curriculum, noted interaction sequences, and generally discussed with the teachers the children's progress with the play activities.

The teachers were requested to keep daily records concerning each child's participation with the curricular activities. The general sequence of classroom activities followed for each play theme was as follows:

first week--lead up activities

second week--sociodramatic play

third week--sociodromatic play and planning for the next theme.

The four play themes were: (1) Barber/Venuty Step, (2) Bakery/ Donut Shop, (3) Grocery, and (4) Doctor's Office. This sequence of themes provided a gradual flow into more complex social interactions requiring increasing verbal skill.

The sociodramatic play setting was set up and then dismantled when the play session was over each day when being used. Only those teachers/aides involved with the program supervised the use of these materials.

Parents are Teachers Too

The Parents are Teachers Too programs consisted of a series of ten workshops plus a post-evaluation session held weekly for 1 1/2-2 hours in the evening. All parents with children enrolled at the participating day care centers were invited to attend. The materials necessary for each parent workshop were gathered and prepared at the university by the research project staff. They were then delivered to the centers on a weekly schedule in advance of each week's parent meeting by the program coordinator for this program. The same coordinator conducted the training sessions at each of the four centers. The PTT workshop was planned with the day care center staff members assigned to the project when the materials were delivered to the individual centers. At all centers the director and one or two other teachers or aides conducted the program. During the planning session, teachers evaluated the previous week's meeting and discussed their concerns and reflections on the progress of the program. The new Resson was explained and background information relayed.

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Each PTT lesson includes explanatory materials for both teachers and parents. The teacher guidelines include information on how group sessions can be conducted and how to involve parents. The parent "handout" provides information for parents on how to construct and use various materials with their children at home.



The teachers were encouraged to help parents adapt materials to provide challenging experiences for their children. The activities were planned to involve materials that lend themselves to individualization to specific children's interests and abilities. Various hints on how the materials could be adapted were also presented in the parent's handout.

In their first session, the teachers were instructed to explain the basic philosophy of the program to the parents, emphasizing the important role parents play in reference to their child's growth and development. This philosophy was continually emphasized throughout the program, calling upon parents to take on active teaching inform with their children while at the same time building warm, maturally rewarding relationships. By particular g in the wood of a with their child's teachers, parates also developed error concher relationships that help bridge the gap between here and school.

Each PTT lowon includes a variety of activities and several games or toys to be constructed. The lessons are structured arcond these basic themes:

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1.	tactile experiences.	6.	art
2.	music and fingergiays	7.	cooking
3.	purpets	8.	science and math
4.	colur	9.	lotto games
5.	books	10.	flannel boards

At the parent meetings these activities were explained and the parents were given the materials necessary to assemble the games and toys. The construction of the play materials offered

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an opportunity for informal social interaction and general discussion of childrearing problems and joys. Demonstration models were available for the parents to see but they were encouraged to be creative in making the toys or games appealing to their individual children. The children were very proud of the things "Mommy made for me," and often spoke of these activities to the teacher and class at school. Parents were urged to interact with their day care child on a one-to-one basis with the play materials for at least ten minutes each day. The teachers were requested not to use similar materials or activities at the center during the week that such activities were scheduled for the parent workshop.

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Any parent who could not be present at the evening workshop was given an opportunity to pick up the materials and instructions for the lessons from his/her child's teacher. Teachers and directors provided written and verbal reminders to the patents each week concerning the schedule and agenda for each workshop. Babysitting and refreshments were always available and parents could arrange for tansportation with the center staff if needed.

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INSTRUMENTATION

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The data for this study were collected using a series of four instruments. Two of these instruments were direct observational techniques, one was a picture board sociometric and the last, a photographic projective technique used to measure the child's self concept. A description of each of these instruments, their administration and scoring procedures and their reliability is discussed in the following sections.

I. OBSERVATIONAL TECHNIQUES

Observational records have been used to study the social position of individual children in the group (Merchall & McCandless, 1957) as well as to note Garacteria the patterns of interaction (Parten, 1932; Boger and Counderstand, 1971). With this method, time or event sampling techniques are used to gather a sample of behaviors relative to a specific time period or situational encounter. Both live and videotaped observations can reveal comparable results depending on the complexity and scope of the behaviors of interest and the quality of the media (Paulson, 1972).

Direct Observational procedures can be concerned with behaviors as they occur either under naturalistic or controlled situations. Naturalistic, meaning the every day environment and controlled implying a specially designed or structured environment with the potential for eliciting specific behaviors of interest. Controlled situations limit the range of



environmental influences and therefore offer the possibility of comparing behaviors in a standardized setting. Generalizability of the results, however, depend on the similarity of elements in the controlled setting to elements in real-life environments. Natural observations in selected situations (e.g., sandbox, classroom during free play) provide some commonality of experience while contributing minimal confounding due to the observational procedures themselves (Coller, 1972).

This present study incorporates two types of direct observations. (1) The Classroom Socio-observations occur in a natural setting, the classroom or a division of the classroom, during a selected activity--free play. (2) The Observation of Socialization Behavior (OSB) is a videotaped rating of free play in a controlled situation--a mobile classroom. Four children free play in a carpeted 8 x 10 ft. Proom that has 8-12 medium sized boxes available as play motorials.

A. CLASSROOM SOCIO-OBSERVATIONS

The classroom observation is designed to assess peer associations and general quality of social involvement. Twelve children, three from each demographic cell (low SES girls, mid SES girls, low SES boys, mid SES boys) are randomly chosen to play together in a classroom or section of a classroom. Since the existing classroom composition of the participating centers

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did not contain equal representation from all demographic groups, this procedure was implemented to provide each child with the same probability of associating with a like vs. an unlike peer in reference to sex and SES.

Manipulative toys, dramatic play materials, or art activities are provided for free play. A teacher is present to supervise the play but does not structure the play activity except to organize the environment.

<u>Procedure</u>: An observer scans the room recording the spatial position of each child in relation to other children and his/her level of social involvement. The six levels of social involvement are: unoccupied, solitary play, onlooker behavior, parallel play, associative play and cooperative play. These dimensions were derived from Parten's study of social development (1932). A series of three consecutive observations are taken at the beginning of the play period and another three toward the end of the 30-minute period. Each child in the sample is observed on two and sometimes three separate days. <u>Content</u>: The variables derived from the classroom socio-observations are:

- 1. level of social involvement--mean of social behavior ratings over all intervals.
- 2. peer proximity and association--average number of children in proximity or in interaction with \underline{S} over all intervals.
- heterogeneity of peer associations--number of intervals
 S is in interaction with a peer of a different sex or SES.

4. consistency of play behavior--the duration of play with each peer in relation in level of social involvement over three consecutive intervals.

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<u>Reliability</u>: The training procedures implemented prior to data collection required 90% inter-observer agreement when two observers rated the same play behavior. Observers practiced in the Laboratory Preschool on Michigan State University campus and conducted independent but simultaneous observations of children in classrooms of 3 and 4 year olds to establish reliability. The actual inter-observer agreement attained was 99%.

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An internal consistency coefficient of .81 (pre-test) and .80 (post-test) was observed on the variable, level of social

B. OBSERVATION OF SOCIALIZATION BEHAVIOR

The observation in the mobile classroom provides a sampleof children's behavior in an open-field standardized setting. Children are grouped based on sex and SES (one low SES girl, one mid SES girl, one low SES boy, one mid SES boy, all of the same race). The situation is designed to allow as wide a range of behavior as possible, thereby providing an opportunity for the children to manifest preferred modes of behavior or behavioral "styles". The children are not directed in their behavior in the play situation and the materials present (boxes) provide no inherent play mode. "There is no overt indication of behavior expectations, and there is no attempt to guide, limit, or structure behavior" (Boger and Cunningham, 1970).

All of the children are brought into the mobile classroom prior to data collection to become familiar with the setting and equipment. Then upon entering the room for the play session, the children are read a brief statement explaining that they can play in any way they want so long as they don't hurt each other. They are also reminded to play behind the expandable gate. The adult observer is present but outside of the children's interaction range (behind the gate). He/she remains in the room working on papers so that he/she does not appear to be watching the children. The ten minute play session is recorded on videotape for subsequent rating and coding.

The rating method used is adcombination time and event sampling procedure. At 20-second intervals a mechanical beep is superimposed on the audio portion of the tape. Raters record the first behavioral interaction at each 20-second mark, thus securing a time sampling of behaviors across the ten-minute play session for each child. In addition, if no peer interaction is recorded at the 20-second mark, the first subsequent peer interaction is also rated during each 20-second interval as an event sampling. The advantage of this procedure is that: (1) comparisons across children and groups can be made based on proportion of time specificat various behaviors, (2) the most important behavior of interest, peer interaction, can be observed even though it may occur at infrequent intervals.

The observation interval chosen for this study was 20 seconds. This time span was selected as it is sufficient to record a meaningful sequence of behavior in a manageable and recordable manner. The video media, however, was necessary to encode the total complexity of the behavioral interaction as proscribed by the rating procedure. Three and up to four playbacks were usually required to complete the rating process.

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Content

Based on an ethological approach, more global styles of behavior were produced from the analysis of more molecular behavioral units. At each 20-second mark, various behavioral dimensions of the play involvement of each child is recorded. Fourteen behavioral dimensions were chosen as mutually exclusive, objectively describable categories of behavior.

1. Interaction (responses, ongoing play, initiations)

2. Object of interaction

3. Level of involvement

4. Peer impact

5. Verbalization

6. Verbal fantasy

7. Voice time

8. Physical behavior

9. Physical tone

10. Social-behavior

11. Autonomy

12. Leadership

13. Social competency

14. Emotionality

Socio-Emotional Scales

All 14 behavioral codes apply to the same "bit" of play behavior or sequence of interaction that is observed and rated. Because of this behavioral contingency, patterns or styles of

interactions can be developed from analyses of interaction sequences and relationships among behavioral events. This "contingency" dimension is a unique feature of this adapted version of the OSB.

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Measures

Interaction and Involvement

The form, sequence, intensity and object of the play involvement is recorded. Since an interaction sequence is of interest, a response and initiation category was established. Responses include acceptance of another's initiation (A), rejection of another's initiation, (R) no acknowledgment nor awareness of another's initiation (N), ongoing interaction (0), and behavioral transition or eminent initiation (X). Following a response, an initiation may or may not occur. Initiation (I) is defined as an introduction of self or change in activity. Each of these two major categories are rated as to degree or intensity of involvement. Three levels range from intense to passive. The object of the involvement is also recorded as group (undifferentiated), adult, individual or pairs of individuals, materials, or environment.

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The consequences of the subject's involvement is then recorded as reflected in the immediate behavior of the other three peers. Three response categories are available: acceptance, rejection, or no acknowledgment. Three levels

of intensity of response are also rated. This behavioral dimension measures the environmental impact of the child's behavior. Based on communications theory it reflects a measure of environmental control and is useful in determining differential control patterns and the behavioral context of various types of responses.

Verbalization

The time sampling procedure allows for a measure of quantity of verbalization and the behavioral context permits analysis of the relationship between verbalizations and other behaviors. The Bales (1951) Interaction Process Analysis, provides the basis for coding verbalizations (see Appendix). Twelwe categories plus mumbling (unintelligible) are included. These categories are mutually exclusive and exhaustive with a, complete verbal interaction being considered the unit. A more affective dimension of voice tone is also rated. The s a three-point scale; positive, negative, or neutral. The voice tone refers to the delivery not the content of the verbalization. In addition, each verbalization is rated as to fantasy or nonfantasy.

Physical Behavior

As much of the young child's behavior is nonverbal in nature, a physical behavior rating is included. One aspect, physical contact is rated in respect to the object of the interaction. When both materials and people are objects of interaction, the

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human interaction is considered first. Contact then refers to physical touching of another peer directly or indirectly through the medium of the play materials (boxes). When no human interaction is involved the contact may be with materials.

Another aspect of physical behavior is its positive or negative quality. As with voice tone, a physical tone is " rated in reference to the affective nature and social acceptability of the behavior. Hitting, pushing, kicking are considered negative qualities. Tapping, patting, caressing, are considered positive qualities. Neutral behaviors refer to non-affective activities such as building or running.

Social Behavior

The ordinal scale developed by Parten (1932) was adopted as a measure of the child's social behavior. The categories include unoccupied play, solitary play, onlooker, parallel play, associative play, and cooperative play in order of increasing sociability and maturity. The criteria for the various categories include spatial proximity to other children, similarity of materials, nature of interaction and goal-directedness of play. The social behavior dimensions provide a measure of quality of social interaction as well as an overall measure of social maturity.

Socio-emotional Dimensions

The general tone of the child's social and emotional be-. havior is also rated but admittedly is based on more subjective



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judgments on the part of the raters. Specific behavioral cues help define the dimensions and a five-point scale based on the observability of the behaviors help objectify the rating procedures.

Four dimensions are rated: autonomy, social leadership, social competency, and emotionality. As defined, these dimensions are mutually exclusive. A five-point ordinal scale isused to rate them. The extreme positions both positive (5) and negative (1) are designated for overt behaviors representative of the dimension. The central position (3) is a neutral non-observable indicator. The two intermediate positions (4) and (2) represents<u>covert</u> behavioral cues or mild overt behavioral indications of the dimension.

These ratings provide an indication of the general social and emotional nature of the behavioral interactions and are rated contingent upon the other categories of behavior described above.

The observation of socialization behavior (OSB) instrument has the potential for identifying a wide range of variables and several approaches to analysis are possible. For the purposes of this study, primary variables were formed based on frequencies, means, and proportions of time spent in various behavioral categories. Secondary variables concerned with (1) contingent frequencies of one behavior occurring simultaneous with another (e.g., verbal command with physical contact of a negative nature); and (2) relationships (e.g., the relation-

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ship between physical tone and impact) among behaviors were also formed.

A summary list of the variables used in analyses can be found in Appendix A.

Reliability

Two forms of reliability are discussed in the literature relative to observational measures. The most common form is <u>inter-rater agreement</u> often referred to as <u>inter-rater reli-</u> <u>ability</u>. Basically it is an indication of how consistent the behaviors are identified by more than one person (or by the same person across different points in time). In order to maintain high inter-rater agreement, behavioral units must be recognizable and objectively encodable therefore reflecting the validity of the categories of behavior.

The minimum level of inter-rater agreement for this study was defined as 85% on total recordable positions. The actual percentage of agreement ranged from 86% to 98% agreement between any two raters over a ten minute sequence of play activity. An additional problem referred to as "instrument decay" often affects the reliability of rating procedures. In order to counteract this gradual drift away from concensus, periodic group discussions and inter-observer checks were conducted.

The second form of reliability noted in the literature is a measure of the <u>internal consistency</u> of behavioral units. A test-retest method measures consistency over time. The type employed in most observational techniques is a split-half

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ERIC Full lext Provided by ERIC method assessing the consistency over sampled items at the same point in time. The adequacy of the sampling of behaviors influences this measure as well as the intrinsic stability of the behaviors of interest. In one study, only behavioral categories reporting an internal consistency of .5 or better were included in the data analysis (Smith and Connally, 1972). The establishment of such criterion would depend on the purposes for which data were used. In the present study the internal consistency of only those variables requiring a code during each interval were analyzed. Results of these analyses are reported in Appendix A.

II. SOCIOMETRIC TECHNIQUES

Measures developed for the purpose of measuring peer acceptance and friendship preferences are often referred to as sociometric techniques. Such measures provide a useful tool for understanding how children evaluate one another or differentially associate with one another. Sociometric instruments incorporating an interview or questionnaire format requiring rank-order responses are frequently used to tap such social relation tendencies. With elementary aged and older children questions such as: "Whom would you like to have sit next to you in this classroom?" are typically posed.

With the preschool child, picture-board techniques have been developed to aid the child in recognizing the field of choice and to provide a concrete, though representational,

object of choice. McCandless and Marshall (1957) found a picture board array of the photographs of the children in the classroom to be an appropriate format to elicit reliable and valid (compared to teacher ratings) indicators of friendship preferences in a nursery classroom. However, the verbal communication and conceptual and attentional base required to elicit a response even with a picture board array made this type of sociometric technique suspect when dealing with children from varied cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

PLAY SITUATION PICTURE BOARD SOCIOMETRIC

An adaptation of this technique was therefore developed to assess Head Start children in 1967-69. The Play-Situation Picture Board Sociometric developed by Robert P. Boger (Boger and Knight, 1969) utilizes pictures of toys and play situations to stimulate a cognitive set regarding play activities with playmates. A set of six stimulus pictures portraying play situations are presented to \underline{S} , and \underline{S} is asked to select the three play situations he prefers. These situations are then presented to the \underline{S} , in order of preference, with his own picture attached in an appropriate position indicating his playing with the play object (e.g., on one swing). \underline{S} is then asked to select from the picture board array a photograph of the child he would most like to play with in the activity portrayed. The \underline{S} 's actual behavioral response in selecting or naming a child from the group of photos is his sociometric choice. This procedure

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is repeated for each of the three play situations selected. Both "best liked" and "least liked" choices are possible. (See Appendix A for instrument descriptions).

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Reliability

Peer preferences have been viewed as relatively stable behaviors in the research literature (Hartup, 1970). Yet with young children these indicated preferences evidence great fluctuations. Whether this instability is a result of imperfections in the reliability of the measurement instruments or: inherent in the phenomenon itself is difficult to determine. Differences in responses noted in a test-retest procedure depend on (1) the length of time between testing occasions, (2) the age of the child, (3) the degree of acquaintanceship, (4) the context of choice, as well as possibly other factors.

With preschoolers, test-retest correlations range from .41 to .76 in subgroups over a 20-day interval (McCandless & Marshall, 1957). Hartup and others (1967) reported correlations of .68 for one group of preschoolers over a five month interval. This result appears extremely high and may not truly represent most samples.

Boger and Knight (1969) in developing the Play-Situation Picture Board technique note test-retest reproductibility of ranked preferences to be significantly different from chance $(p \le .01)$ with 44% of the responses matching over a three-week period. Yet only 50% match in choice of best friend was observed in 11-15 year olds over a two-week interval! At all

ages, fluctuations in friendship choices appear to persist. Girls have been noted to show fewer fluctuations than boys and emotionally disturbed children are more unstable in their choices than normal children (Davids, 1964).

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Since young children's friendship choices may be very changeable it is necessary to try to delineate what purpose measurement of such a concept is to serve.

First of all, as a peer acceptance or social status dimension, such measures have provided useful information concerning behavioral correlates. Studies show that peer acceptance is positively related to sociability, outgoingness (McCandless & Marshall, 1957), expressions of nurturance, and the disposition of positive social reinforcement (Hartup, et. al., 1967). The positive correlation between social participation and popularity appears across age levels. In addition, preschool peer acceptance is highly related to compliance to routines and conformity to group expectations (Lippitt, 1941, Moore, 1964). Such characteristics can be generalized to describe socially sensitive, competent children. Although correlations do not indicate causality, such consistent relationships across studies and across ages may have important implications for teachers and counselors in identifying critical behaviors for amelioration.

At another level, sexual, ethnic and social class awareness is noted early in children's lives and provides an additional dimension to sociometric measurement. In this context, sociometric choices can indicate intra- and inter-group preferences.

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The present study employs a picture-board sociometric technique to assess the degree to which children choose and are chosen by unlike peers in regard to sex and social economic class. (A list of the variables derived from this instrument are listed in Appendix A.)

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Inter- and intra-group preferences may in fact be a more stable phenomenon in young children than individual peen preferences. Criswell (1939) found that although individual peer preferences for classroom seating partners in elementary children varied considerably over a six-week interval; changes across sexual and racial lines did not evidence as much fluctuation. While 59% of the choices of specific peers changed, only 19% of the choices represented changes in sexual groups and similarly 19% of the changes were across racial lines in the majority group (black). Within the minority group (white) 51% of the choices changed across racial lines. The original ethnic composition of the class was 75% black and 25% white.

Stodolsky and Jensen (1969) reported consistency between intergroup friendship choices on sociometric tests and social interaction as measured by time-sampling observations. This tendency was evidenced in all groups except lower-class children whose interaction with middle-class black children was not reflected in sociometric choices. Results of both of these studies indicate that minority group children's preferences may not be as reliable as those of the majority group.

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The procedures followed in administering the Play-Situation Picture Board Sociometric in this study provide equal probability of choice for each demographic cell. A random photo assortment of three children from each cell were available for choice. Likewise, in the classroom socio-observation three children from each cell were placed in the free play setting to assess intra- and inter-group peer associations. Such procedures correct for disproportionate classroom compositions and offer a better test to assess inter-group preferences. However, the implications of limiting the field of choice to randomly selected photos disregarding existing friendships is unknown.

III. MEASURES OF SELF-CONCEPT

BROWN IDS SELF-CONCEPT REFERENT TEST

Attempts to measure preschool-aged children's feelings about self have met with cautious criticism. Brown (1966) notes the following reasons for the difficulty in measuring self-concept during the preschool years:

- 1. the limited ability of young children to conceptualize and verbalize feelings about themselves
- 2. the instability of the self-concept at a young age
- 3. the lack of appropriate measures

Coller (1971) presents a comprehensive description of the ' various self-concept measures available for young children. The Brown IDS Self-Concept Referent Test has been widely accepted since first developed in 1966. Its main criticism has been



directed toward its reliance on verbal and conceptual skills that may be reflected in addition to or instead of feelings about self. (The age criterion established for this sample reflects this concern. Only children over 3 1/2 were included in the study). The stability of the measure with young children has also been questioned.

The Brown test was designed to assess the self-concept of young (four to six-year-old) children using a photographic technique that induces the child to take the role of another toward himself. The test measures the child's feelings toward himself (self-as-subject), and his perception of his mother, teacher and peers' (self-as-object) feelings toward him. Only the mother and self referent were administered in this studya

The setting for this individual test was a separate room (office, lounge) at each day care center. Test administration took approximately five-ten minutes.

A head and shoulder black and white polaroid photograph is taken of the child, with no instructions to "smile" so that a spontaneous facial expression may be obtained. After the tester ascertains that the child recognizes himself in the picture, the child is asked to respond to 14 bipolar items (e.g., 'Is (child's name) happy or sad?). All items are presented in an "either-or" format. After all 14 self referent items are completed, the same items are presented in the mother referent format (e.g., Does (child's name)'s mother think (child's name) is happy or sad?)

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Each item is scored as positive (1), negative (0) or no response (blank) at the time of testing. The self and mother referent scores are derived as the sum of positive responses divided by the total number of scorable responses. The self score, mother score, total number of omits, and discrepancy score (sum of items with differences between responses for the self and mother referents) were used in the analyses.

In Brown's original sample of four-year-olds the testretest reliability for self referent scores was .71 for black lower-class children and .76 for white middle-class children (Brown, 1966). The 1971 National Follow-Through Evaluation reported an internal consistency coefficient of .82 but test-retest reliability for $632 \ S$'s after a 2-3 week interval at only .55 (Shipman, 1972). An earlier evaluation of the <u>Parents Are Teachers Too</u> program (Boger, Kuipers, Cunningham and Andrews, 1974) using the Brown IDS Self Concept Referent Test Self and Mother referents reported internal consistency coefficients of .81 and .76 respectively based on a sample of 3 1/2 to 5 year olds in day care settings.

Summary

Four separate instruments were employed to gather the data required for this study. In the following table, instruments and the main variables derived from each instrument are listed. All measures were administered before the implementation of the programs considered treatments and after their completion.

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Approximately seven months lapsed between the initiation

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of pre-testing and the completion of post-testing.

TABLE 3.18

Instruments and Main Dependent Variables

۶.	Dependent Variables	Instrument	Time(s) of Data Collections
5	Self concept, self referent	Brown IDS Self Concept Referent Test	Pre-Post
S	Self concept, mother referent	11	
. I	leterogeneity of friendship choices	Play-Situation Picture Board Sociometric	11/
	Sociometric Status	11	, "
]	Level of Social Involvement	Classroom Socio-Obser- vations	"
1	Heterogeneity of Peer Associations	11	11
	Peer group interaction	Observation of Socializa tion Behavior	

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Descriptive statistics were employed to describe the sample of children and their family background characteristics. Chi square analyses of demographic distributions were also employed to note differences across centers, treatment conditions and demographic groups.

The primary analyses were those investigating the effects of the treatment on the children in various treatment conditions. A multivariate analysis of covariance model was chosen for this purpose. Pretest data were used as the covariates in analyzing post test differences between groups. The unit of analysis was the child for the main analyses.

Secondary analyses were required to explore the relationships among dependent measures and between demographic characteristics and the dependent measures. Pearson Product Noment Correlations, Nultiple Regression Analyses and Analysis of Variance were implemented for these purposes. In total, a wide variety of techniques were employed.

A basic alpha level of $p \leq .05$ was established a priori as the criterion for significance.

Various computer programs were used in the analyses. All of the multivariate analyses were implemented on the CDC 6500 using the FIEN program. Other statistic and computer packages used were CISSE Act program, Noyt reliability program, SPSS, and various individually prepared Fortran programs.

RESULTS

CHAPTER FOUR

I. INTRODUCTION TO PRIMARY ANALYSIS STRATEGY

Eight Day Care Centers with heterogeneous enrollments of mid and low SES children were initially sampled for inclusion in the study. Four of these centers were franchised centers and four were not. Because this was seen as a relevant dimension, a blocking variable was introduced to provide analytical control of this factor. This variable is referred to as "center auspices." The centers were thus randomly assigned to treatment conditions-one center of each type per treatment. The resulting pairs of centers within treatment conditions were then reviewed to detect any gross differences between centers. It was judged that the pairs of centers were generally comparable, but that some differences in center management practices and clientele did exist. The effect of these differences on the dependent variables and the ability

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of centers to implement intervention programs was recognized as being important considerations in interpreting the results of this project.

The appropriate unit of analysis for this design is centers. As centers were randomly assigned to treatment conditions based on center auspices, a randomized block design results with two levels of blocks and four levels of treatment. A simple Analysis of Variance technique could have been employed with this design. However such an analysis strategy would have had two shortcomings: 1) Such a design allows no test for blocks X treatment interaction as such an interaction term is assumed to be zero, and 2) so few degrees of freedom would exist with such a design that only one or two dependent variables could be tested at a time. As a result, 1) suspected differences between centers could not be tested and 2) the accumulated alpha level would either be very high as a result of so many tests or would need to be set to a very small critical value leaving little' chance of ever noting significant differences. Therefore it was felt that the unit of analysis would need to be the individual.

To compensate for the fact that centers were sampled, not individuals, the results are interpreted based on the

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center means or the collective effects of individuals within centers. Likewise, an analysis strategy was selected that statistically controls for systematic differences between and within groups initially. Thus to investigate the effects of supplemental short term intervention programs an Analysis of Covariance model was applied. With this procedure initial differences between individuals and groups, as reflected in pre-test scores, are set to zero. Thus basic differences on these dimensions are eliminated and a means is established to compare post test scores across differing treatment conditions.

Preliminary two way analysis of covariance tests with treatment and auspices as design factors were implemented to check for auspices effects. No interactions or differences between franchised and non-franchised centers were revealed on the Brown Self Concept Referent Test and the Play-Situation Picture Board Sociometric variables. Significant Treatment x Auspices interactions on the Classroom and OSB variables however did exist, indicating center differences within treatments but no systematic auspices effects.

The design for the primary analyses is therefore a $2 \times 4 \times 2 \times 2$ way design. Two centers are nested within

each of four Treatment conditions and Sex and Social Economic Status with two levels each are crossed with center nested in Treatment. The resulting design contains 32 cells and is illustrated in Figure 4.A.



Approximately 200 children's data were involved in the analyses, although this number varied across instruments depending on the completeness of each child's data. All children within the sampled centers that met the criteria for inclusion were tested. (The sampling procedures are described in Chapter Three). The unit of analysis in the following analyses is the individual.

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The variables from each instrument were analyzed separately using the Analysis of Covariance Model. The results of these analyses follow.

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ANALYSIS OF THE BROWN IDS SELF-CONCEPT REFERENT TEST

Four variables were formed from the Brown IDS Self-Concept Referent Test; Self score, Mother score, Discrepency score, and number of omits. The first two variables are the number of positive responses divided by the total number of responses. The discrepency score reflects the frequency of observing different self and mother responses to the same item. Thus this variable reflects the degree to which the child discriminates between feelings about self and perceived feelings mother may hold toward self. The number of omits variables is simply the number of items for which the child did not respond and may reflect the degree to which the child could not conceptualize the issue.

An initial Multivariate Regression Analysis to test for the degree of association between the post test scores and their respective pretest covariates resulted in an F-statistic of 5.3565, significant at $P^{<}.0001$. The step wise regression procedure revealed two covariates contributing to the significant multivariate association. In the subsequent analysis, only the self and mother pretest scores were used as covariates. The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance applied to the 2x4x2x2 way design are reported in Table 4.1.

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RESULTS OF MANCOVA ON BROWN IDS GELF CONCEPT REFERENT TEST Covariates are pre self and pre mother scores

·	F-retio	Degrees of	freedom	Probe 11-ty
TESTS FOR MAIN EFFECTS:			-	
Treatment	1.0949	12 6 434		. 3625
Conter gested in Treatment	1.2184	16 \$ 502	•	,2490
Social Economic Fratus(SES)	1.8834	4 8 164		.1158
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POTT FOR INTERACTIONS	٠			•
Treatment X SES	. 6754	12 6 434	e	. 7756
Treatment X Sox	. 7529	12 6,434		.6992
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dex X Center In Tegestment	1.1132	16 6 502		. 3391
SEC X Sex Y-	. 3424	4 8 164		.8490
Troalment X+DEC / Sex	1.7916	12 6 429		.0473*
SES X Sex X Center in Treatment	.9879	16 8 502		.4686

A significant three way interaction between Treatment, SES, and Sex was evidenced. Further analyses were implemented to investigate the location of the significant interaction. Two sets of contrasts were established testing the interaction of two of the independent factors nested within the third. The multivariate results of these tests indicated a significant Treatment by Sex interaction within the Low SES group.

Treatment	X Sex	nested in	SES ₁	1.7987	12 &	435	.0461#
Treatment	X, Sex	nested in	SES2	.9136	12 🛔	435	.5332

No one variable reached significance, although the step wise analysis indicated that omits could be eliminated from consideration. Therefore, the adjusted post self, mother and discepency scores are reported in Table 4.2.

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TABLE 4.2

ADJUSTED POST TEST SCORES ON BROWN IDS SELF CONCEPT REFERENT TEST

N=201

_	LOW SES	MID SES					
	Self	Mother	Descrepency	Self	Mother	Discrepenc	у
	Male .7898 Female .8002	.7696	.0867	.9146 .8204	.9001	.0898	
1 T ₂	Male .8974 Fémale .8978	. 8060 . 8760	.1705 .0267	: .8516 .8842	.8492 .8633	.1327 .0699	
T ₃	Male .7895 Female .8147	,7817 .7037	.2485 .2187	.8251 .9019	.8133	.2083 .0618 •	
т _ц	Male .8016 Female .8421	.8168 .8201	.1647 .1608	.8620 .8582	.8528 .8971	.1604 .1425	4

T₁ - Sociodramatic Play Program T₂ - Parents are Teachers Too Program T₃ - Both Programs T₄ - Control

As illustrated in Table 4.2 and graphed in Figure 4-B, among the Low SES group, females had equal or higher self scores than males across all treatment conditions. The children in T_2 , Parents are Teachers Too program, had the highest self concept scores of all other Treatment conditions. Greater differences between males



Post test worrs of a just i in the covariance model to all instedifferences among groups on the pre-test secres.



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A correlation coefficient of r=.70 existed between pretest mother and self scores, while on the post test, the magnitude of the correlation between mother and self scores was slightly less, r=.60. Although highly correlated, the pattern of the score distribution of self and mother varied. With the adjusted post mother scores, Mid SES children scored higher than Low SES children in all groups except among females in the T_1 and T_2 conditions. In these two conditions, sociodramatic play and Parents are Teachers Too, the Low SES females perceived their mother's conception of themselves as better than the MID SES fémales. Males did not respond similarly, although



Mid SES males in the sociodramatic play condition exhibited higher adjusted post mother scores than any other group of males. Although Low SES children in the T_3 condition exhibited low self and mother scores, this pattern was reversed with the middle SES children in this treatment condition, especially for females.


Females in the $T_2(PTT)$ condition irregardless of SES poorly differentiated between feelings about self and perceived mother's feelings of themselves. Males however, in this treatment as well as $T_3(both)$ had extremely differentiated feelings between one's own and one's mother's feelings toward self. Low SES children in T_3 had the most differentiated self concept scores. In general males had more differentiated scores than females, except in $T_1(SDP)$ where female's scores exceeded male's scores.





ANALYSIS OF PLAY-SITUATION PICTURE BOARD SOCIOMETRIC

Two sets of variables from the Picture Board.Sociometric were analyzed separately. In the first set, the child's choices of playmates were analyzed. The variables formed were: Diversity of Choices, Heterogeneity of SES, and Heterogeneity of Sex. The second set of variables refer to the child's status in the group, or how often he/she were chosen by other peers as playmates. These variables were: Sociometric Status, Heterogeneity of SES Status, and Heterogeneity of Sex Status. In the last two variables, the number of times the child was chosen by the opposite sex or SES peer was divided by the number of times he/she was available for choice by unlike peers.

ANALYSES OF SOCIOMETRIC CHOICES

The multivariate regression analysis testing for the degree of association between post test scores and pretest covariates was significant at the .0196 level of chance \sim

probability.

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Although the Heterogeneity of Sex variable contributed the most to the multivariate association, all three covariates were used in subsequent analyses.

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The results of the multivariate analysis of covariance

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applied to the 2 x 4 x 2 x 2 way design are reported in Table 4.3.

	J-ratio	Degrees of freedom	Probobili'3
TESTE FOR MAIN EPPINCES:			,
Treatment	. 7169	9 6 353	.6935
Center neeted in Treatment	1.1753	12 8 383	.2988
Social Economic Status(SES)	5.8954	3 4 145	.0008*
Бнх	2.7209	3 4 245	. 0467*
TESTS FOR INTERACTIONS:			
Treatment X SES	.8263	9 4 353	. 5942
Treatment X Sex	. 54 7	9 4 353	.8415
SF3 X Center in Treatment	.7678	12 4 383	. 6838
Sex X Center 46 Treatment	.9064	12 & 383	. 5406
UFS X Sex	. 3695	3 8 145	. 7750
Treatment X 558 K Sex	.8531	9 🖌 353	5677
SEB I Sex I Center in Trestment	.5452	12 1 183	.1057

The results of the multivariate analysis of covariance indicates no interactions nor treatment effects on the sociometric choice variables, but significant Sex and SES Main Effects(see Tables 4.4 and 4.5). The variables contributing to both of these multivariate effects was Heterogeneity of SES. This variable, Heterogeneity of SES, denotes the degree to which children choose playmates of the opposite social class. The adjusted post Heterogeneity of SES scores are reported in Table 4.6.



Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 1 Degrees of freedom for error - 147

TABLE 4.6

ADJUSTED POST HETEROGENEITY OF SES SCORES ON PLAY-SITUATION PICTURE BOARD SOCIOMETRIC CHOICES

SOCIAL	CLASS DIFFERENCES		SEX DIFFERENCES
Low SES	1.217		Males 1.133
Mid SES	.6735	•	Females .7416

These results are consistent with other research findings., Low SES children more often choose Mid SES peers as playmates than do Mid SES children choose Low SES peers. Males are more 8.0 likely to choose peers from the opposite SES group than are females. In other words, males are more heterogeneous in regard to social class than females.

ANALYSIS OF SOCIOMETRIC STATUS

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The multivariate regression analysis testing for the degree of association between pretest covariates and post-test status scores was significant at the .0642 level of probability.

Pre Status was the only covariate contributing to the over all association, although all three covariates were retained in the subsequent analyses. The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance applied to the $2 \times 4 \times 2 \times 2$ way design are reported in Table 4.7.

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RESULTS OF MARCOVA ON PLAY-SITUATION PICTURE BOARD SOCIONETRIC STATUS Covariates are pre-Status, pre-Heterogeneity of Sex Status, pre-Heterogeneity of SES Status

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•	F-ratio	Degrees of freedom	Prohe ility
TESTS FOR MAIN EFFECTS:			
Treatment	. 4899	9 k 353	. 881 3
Center nested in Treatment	2.1112	12 8 383	.0156•
Social Economic Status(SES)	.7276	3 8 145	. 5371
Sex	.5107	3 4 145	.6755
TESTS FOR INTERACTIONS:			
Treatment X SES	. 5078	9 k 353	. 8689
Treatment X Sex	.7555	9 1 353	.6578
SES X Center in Treatment	1.6657	12 & 36 3	. 0723
Sex X Center in Treatment	.4661	12 4 383	.9338
SHB X Sex	4845	/ 3 & 145	. 6936
Treetment X SES X Sex	· 597 5	9 h 353	. 7992
SES X Sex X Center in Treatment	.9751	12 1 383	.4721

An SES x Center nested in Treatment interaction approached significance but the only significant effects were Center nested in Treatment effects. The variables contributing to ' the SES x Center interaction are reported in Table 4.8.

Multivariate P-retio	1.6657 dfm 12 8 383	r < .0723
Veriables	Universate 7-ratio	Probability less than
Status	1.2615	2979
Heterogeneity of SES status	2.0926	.0847
Heterogeneity of Sex status	2.9940	.0221*

TABLE 4.8 VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SEE X CRITER RESTED IN TRACTORY IPTERACTION PICTURE BOARD SOCIONETRIC STATUS

> Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - Degrees of freedom for error - 147

Heterogeneity of Sex Status appears to have contributed the most to the multivariate interaction. The adjust post heterogeneity of sex status scores are reported in Table 4.11.

As significant center nested in treatment differences were evident, a multivariate test with one degree of freedom post hoc procedure was implemented to determine within which treatment conditions significant center differences existed. These multivariate results are reported in Table 4.9.

Ceptrant	Multivariate P-ratio	Degrees of Freedom	Probability
Center nested in Trestment	1.0024	3 8 145	. 3937
lenter nested in Trestment	2.4498	3 8 145	.0660
Senter pested in Trestment.	. 1503	3 6 145	. 5239
Center nested in Trestment	4. 3256	3 8 145	.0060*

TABLE 4.9

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The variables contributing to the multivariate differences

in T_4 are reported in Table 4.10.

•	. VARIAB	TAR LES CONTRIBUT THEATMENT	LE 4.10 ING TO CENTER SES A DIPPERENCES	TRO 101	•
	Miltivariate P-	ratio V.3.2	dt= 3 € 145	* <. cmb	
	Variablas	. Univa	eriate F-ratio	Probability le	es than
i.	Status	2.5	1554	• .1271	
	Reterogeneity of GES	b.a	600	.0408*	1
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	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	VARIAE Multivariate 7- Variablas Status Bescrogeneity of GES , Heterogeneity of Sex	VARIABLES CONTRIBUT VARIABLES CONTRIBUT TREATOENT Multivariate P-ratio V.33 Variables Univ Status 2.3 Heterogeneity of GES b.3 Heterogeneity of GES b.3	TARLE 4.10 VARIABLES CONTRIEUTING TO CENTER HES THEATHER TO CENTER HES Variables Univariate P-ratio Status 2.3554 Hesterogeneity of GEN b.3600 h.1237	TABLE 4.10 VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO CENTER MEDTED IN THEATOGENT & DIFFERENCES Nultivariate P-ratio V.32 df= 3 \$ 145 e <.cond Variables Univariate P-ratio Probability 10 Variables Univariate P-ratio Probability 10 Status 2.3554 .1271 Besterogeneity of GED b.2600 .04080 Identified for the second colspan="2">Output

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 1 Degrees of freedom for error - 147

The only variables contributing to center differences and/or SES by center nested in Treatment differences are heterogeneity of SES Status and Heterogeneity of Sex Status. These two sets of adjusted post scores are reported in Tables 4.11 and 1.12.

	LOW	888	. NED	91 8 5	COMBIN	50 6 1 56
	°,	°2	°,	s ⁰ 2	°1	°2
Freatment,	.0782	.0660	.0649	.0883	.0719	.0766
trestment.	.3419	. 1811	.0160	.1600	.1502	.1700
restment.	,1011	. 3714	.1748	.1689	.1468	.2658
Treatmenth	.2565	.0906	. 1013	. 1586	.1993	.1246

TABLE 4.11 ADJUSTED FOST ENTROLEMENTY OF SIX SOCIOMETRIC STATUS SCORES



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As can be noted in Table 4.11, Treatment T_1 (Classroom programs) children were less heterogeneous in regard to being chosen by opposite sex peers than any other group. Children in this treatment condition were more often chosen as playmates by "like" sex peers. Among low SES children, one center from each of the T_2 and T_3 conditions were the most heterogeneous in regard to being chosen by the opposite sex peer.

	LOW	8 2 8	MED 8		COMBI	ned kaes '
	с ₁	°2	°,	°2	°1	°2
	.1616	.1444	.2740	. 330k	.2149	,1854
restment	.1275	.1457	.0979	.2166	.1101	.1831
2	.1284	. 3401	. 3285	.1817	.2579	. 2575
Treatment	.2639	.2357	. 2284	.2255	.2508	.2306

TABLE 4.12

Low and Middle SES children in at least one center in T_3 (both) and Mid SES children in T_1 (Classroom programs) were extremely heterogeneous in regard to being chosen by unlike SES peers. On the average, however, the individual treatment centers were less heterogeneous in SES status than the centers in T_3 (both)

Treatment condition. More diversity between centers and among SES groups, i.e. individual differences in groups were observed in the treatment conditions than in the control centers.



Figure 4-E illustrates the Center nested in Treatment effects on both Heterogeneity of Sex Status and Heterogeneity of SES Status. In general, children are more heterogeneous in regard to SES than to Sex. Children in T_1 (Classroom programe) were least heterogeneous in regard to sex status. Children in centers in T_3 (both programs) and T_4 (Control) were most heterogeneous in regard to both sex and SES Status.



ANALYSIS OF CLASSROOM SOCIO-OBSERVATIONS

Each child whose data are included in the analyses of the classroom data had a minimum of one set, of pre and post observations and a maximum of three sets pre and post. Within each set, six different observations were taken. The variables were therefore computed over 6 to 18 observations per child.

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Eight variables were formed from the sets of classroom observations. Involvement is the mean level of social behavior over all observations. Peer Proximity and Peer Association are variables denoting the average number of children with whom the subject is playing over all observations. The subject must be playing at a level 5 or 6 of social behavior to be considered in peer association. Adult dependency refers to the proportion of observations in which the subject is interacting with an adult in the classroom. The two consistency variables refer to the length of interaction with the same peer over three consecutive intervals. And the two heterogeneity variables are the log of the proportion of observations in which the child is in association with an unlike peer as compared to the proportion of observations in association with a like peer.

With these latter variables and many of the variables from the Observation of Socialization Behavior Instrument, the log of the ratio of one proportion to another proportion is the

actual variable used in the analysis. This procedure is implemented to help stabilize proportional data for this multivariate parametric test. When discussing the actual magnitude of the differences between groups, however, the adjusted post scores are formed on the original ratio of the two proportions. This was done since the log metric is often unfamiliar to many readers.

The multiple regression analysis testing for the degree of association between post test scores and pre test covariates was not significant, with a probability level of .1574.

Although only one variable seemed to be significantly related to the post test scores, all of the pre test scores were included as covariates as there were ample degrees of freedom and a more precise test would result.

The results of the multivariate analysis of covariance applied to the $2 \times 4 \times 2 \times 2$ way design are reported in Table 4.13.

Covariates ars all pre-test scores of the classroom variables N=186						
•	F-ratio	Degrees of freedom	Probability			
TESTE FOR MAIN EFFECTS:						
Treatment	2.5032	24 6 404	.0002*			
Center mested in Treatment	4,2880	32 6 514	.0001			
Social Economic Status(SES)	1.8751	8 \$ 139	. 0686			
Sex	.9561	8 8 139	. 4730			
TESTS FOR INTERACTIONS:		4				
Treatment X SES	. 6055	24 6 404	. 93 03			
Treatment X Sex	1.2281	24 6 404	.2122			
SES X Center in Treatment	.9405	32 6 514	. 56 33			
Sex X Center in Treatment	.9912	32 1 514	. 4833			
SES X Sex	.8413	8 6 139	. 5680			
Treatment, X SES X Sex	.7751	24 4 404	7690			
SES X Sex X Center in Treatment	.5500	32 6 514	. 9798			

TABLE 4.13



No significant interactions were evidenced, therefore permitting a clear test of main effects. Both significant treatment and center nested in treatment main effects were observed. The variables contributing to these significant effects are reported in Table 4.14 and 4.15.

> TABLÉ 4.14 VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT NAIN EFFECTS ON CLASSROOM GOCIO-OBSERVATION VARIABLES

Hultiveriete	F-retio	2.5032 df= 24 8 404	, F 4.0002
Variables	,	Univeriete F-ratio	Probability lass than
Involvement Peer Proximity Adult Dependency Peer Association Consistency of Prox. Consistency of Assoc. Heterogeneity of sex Histerogeneity of SES		1.2219 2.6605 3.6312 2.8627 .6905 .3033 1.5544 .6052	. 3040 .0504 .0145 .0389 .5593 .8320 .2331 .6127

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 3 , Degrees of freedom for error - 146

TABLE 4.15

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT CENTER NESTED IN TREATMENT DIFFERENCES ON CLASSROOM SOCIO-OBSERVATION VARIABLES

Multivariate F-ratio 4.3880 df= 32 & 514 P<,0001

" Verieblee	Ur	ivariate F-ratio	Probability le	ee than
Involvement Peer Proximity Adult Dependency Peer Association Consistency of Prox. Consistency of Assoc- Heterogeneity of SES		1.2473 16.3674 1.1724 6.4912 3.8111 3688 4.1099 .6732	.2936 .0001 .3255 .0001 .0057 .8306 .0825 .6116	

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 4 Degrees of freedom for error - 146

The same three variables (Peer Proximity, Adult Dependency, and Peer Association), contributing to significant Treatment effects also contribute to significant Center nested in Treatment differences. Therefore the adjusted post test scores on these three variables are reported by center and treatment (see tables 4.16 - 4.18).

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•	·	Center 1	Center 2	<u>ان ا</u>	Treatment Grand Mean	
	T 1	2.544	2.943 -	.	2.139	
	T2	2.254	2.625%		2.472	
	T 3	3.154	3.230		3,195	1
	τ 1,	2.884	۱ <i>.</i> 692	- - . -	3.016	

TABLE 5.16 Adjusted Post Test Peer Proximity Means

Post hoc analyses suggest that significant Center differences exist in Treatment condition T_{i_i} only. As these center means represent both the lowest and the highest means of all other centers it is difficult to determine the appropriateness of this composite Treatment mean. Significant differences, however, exist in all three treatment conditions compared to the control condition. The T_3 condition (Both programs) had the most gregarious children as represented by the highest average number of children in proximity over all observations.

 T_1 (classroom program) children and T_2 (parent program) children had the lowest peer proximity scores. In other words, the centers implementing Both programs had fewer socially isolated children during the classroom observations than the centers implementing the individual programs only and the control centers. Children in centers offering Both classroom and parent programs exhibited the least isolated behavior or * played near the largest average number of peers.



As with the prior variable, post hoc analyses of the adult dependency variable suggest that significant center differences exist within T_{14} only. Although these center means are not the most extreme in the table, center one within $T_{\underline{h}}$ does have the highest adult dependency score. Center two within T_h exhibits a moderate amount of adult dependency. The overall Treatment mean for T_{ij} is the highest of all other treatments indicating that children in the control centers were the most dependent of all other children. Children in centers implementing T₂ (Parent programs) exhibited the least adult dependency in the classroom, with children in centers implementing classroom and both programs exhibiting a little more adult dependency. It should be noted that all adults were asked not to initiate interaction with children during the classroom observations unless the safety or interests of the children were at stake. Therefore, teacher-child contact reflected in this variable must have been initiated by the children.

 $\underline{\vdots} \quad \underline{\vdots} \quad \underline{\circ} \quad \hat{0} \quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 2$

·	Center 1	Center 2	Treatment' Ggand Mean
T	.7427	1.322	1.025
T ₂	. 1 380 🔪	.7433	. 61 16
² · ² 3	.6163	.6644	.6422
2	.6478	1.568	. 94 30

Adjusted Post Test Peer Association Means

Post hoc analyses of the peer association variable suggest that significant center differences exist in both T_1 and T_4 treatment conditions. As can be seen from Table 4.18, the discrepancy between centers in T_4 is much greater than in T_1 . Both means within T_1 are relatively large compared to the other center means, while the means within T_4 are moderately low and extremely high. One can note that the average number of children in associative or cooperative play is highest under the T_1 condition; centers implementing supplemental classroom programs, and lowest in the T_2 conditions, centers implementing supplemental parent programs. The contrast of the s differences between T_3 and T_4 is significant.

Although the Sex Main Effect on the classroom variables at P <.0686 cannot be considered significant under the criterion of P <.05, the variables contributing to this effect were investigated. Heterogeneity of SES (P < .0072) and Adult dependency (P < .0519) were contributing to the sex differences. Males (\bar{X} =1.900) were more heterogeneous in regard to interacting with children from the opposite social class than were females (\bar{X} =1.178). Females (\bar{X} =.0512) exhibited more adult dependency than males (\bar{X} =.0277).

ANALYSES OF THE OBSERVATION OF SOCIALIZATION BEHAVIOR(OSB) INSTRUMENT

The variables derived from the OSB were divided into six groups of variables for the multivariate analysis of covariance. These groups are:

- 1. Initiations and Responses
- 2. Verbal
- 3. Peer Interaction

4. Heterogeneity of Interaction

5. Impact

6. Affect

In each case, all of the pre-test scores were used as covariates for the testing of interactions or group differences on the post-test scores.

The variables formed from the rating scales in the OSB are in the form of mean ratings or in some cases, the difference between two mean ratings. The majority of variables, however, were derived from the time sampling of discrete behavioral categories. Various levels of complexity can be observed among these variables. At the simplest level, a variable may refer to the proportion of time a specific behavior occurs relative to total time, which is constant for all subjects. At the next level, ratios are formed of the proportion of time a specific behavior occurs relative to the proportion of time a different behavior occurs. At the most complex level combinations of variables are included so that the ratio may refer to the proportion of time a specific behavior occurs along with another behavior relative to when it does not occur in combination.

In all cases, whenever proportional data is included in analysis, the actual variable is the logarithm of the proprotion or ratio. The log is a more stable variable for this type of analysis. The adjusted post test scores are reported in the metric of the original proportion or ratio for ease of interpretation.

A list of all derived OSB variables and their conceptual definitions is provided in Appendix A. These variables were formed based on their specific relevance to this study.

In the following sections the results are reported separately for each group of variables.

Initiations and Responses

Seven variables were grouped in this category: three describing the initiation behavior of subjects, three describing the response behavior, and one variable representing the overall activity level, a combination of mean level of initiations and mean level of responses. The Multiple Regression Analysis to test for the degree of association between post-test scores and their respective pre-test covariates resulted in an F statistic of 1.8747 with P <.0005.

The initiation and activity variables contributed more as covariates than the response variables. All pre-test scores were included as covariates in the subsequent analysis. The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance applied to the 2 x 4 x 2 x 2 way design are reported in Table 4.19.

TABLE 4.10

RESULTS OF MANCOVA ON INITIATION AND RESPONSE VARIABLES OF THE OSS

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	F-retio	Degrees of freedom	Probehility
TESTS FOR MAIN EFFECTS:			,
Treatment	3.8109	21 4 354	.000I=
Center nested in l'estrant	3.9927	28 4 445	. 9001=
Sonial Economic Status(SES)	. 5942	7 4.123	. 7 597
Sex	1.4942	7 6 123	.1755
TESTS FOR INTERACTIONS:		•	•
Treatment X SES	. 8349	21 6 354	. 6762
Treatment X Sex	.7308	21 4 354	.8012
SES X Center in Treatment	. 6916	28 4 445	. 8819
Sex X Center in Treatment	. 86 34	28 4 445	. 6698
SES X Sex	1.5655	7 6 123	. 1519
Treatment X SES X Sex	. 4470	21 4 354	.9846
SES X Sex A Center in Treatment	. 8093	28 4 445	. 7459

No significant interactions were observed. The significant Treatment effect will be discussed relative to significant Center within Treatment differences. The variables contributing to the significant Treatment and Center differences are reported in Tables 4.20 and 4.21.

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VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT MAIN EFFECTS OF Initiation and response variables of the OSB

Multiveriete F-retio 3.8109 df= 21 6 354 . F € .0001

Veriablee	Univgriete F-retio	Probability less than
Activity level	. 1949	. 8998
Facilitative of Responses	2.2094	. 0902
Responsive Initiations	14.6945	.0001*
Imitiative	6.1073	.0001*
Acceptiveness of Responses	3.7166	.0133*
Responsivity	5.3557	.0017*
Durstion	2.8272	.0412*

Deggess of freedom for hypothesis = 3

Degrass of freedom for error = 129

TABLE 4.21

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT CENTER NESTED IN TREATMENT Differences on initiation and response variables of the OSS

df= 28 4 445

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Multiveriste F-retio 3,9927

/ Veriables	Univeriate F-retio	Frobability less than
Activity level	1.3831	. 24 34
Facilitative Responses	7.1714	.0001*
Responsive Initiations	15.2028	.0001*
Initiative	5.6750	.0004*
Acceptiveness of Responses	5.7082	· 000 3*
Responsivity	13.1707	.0001*
Durstion	12.4191	.0001

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis = 4 Degrees of freedom for error = 129

The same variables contributing to the significant Treatment Effects also contribute to the significant Center nested in Treatment differences. The following tables of adjusted post means will therefore be discussed relative to. both center and treatment differences.



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TABLE 5.22 Adjusted Post Test Responsive Initiation Means

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Post hoc Scheffe contrasts suggest that the significant center differences reside in T_2 and T_4 Treatment conditions. The centers in both of these treatment conditions exhibit extreme scores relative to the scores in other centers, making their contributions to Treatment Effects difficult to assess. It can be clearly noted that children in T_1° (classroom programs) initiated most often following an acceptance of another child's interaction. Children in T_3 (both programs) exhibited the lowest scores for responsive initiations. These differences relative to T_4 (control) are significant, although T_4 pores may not be representative in light of the large center differences.

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		Center 1	Center 2	Grand Mean
<u> </u>	Т	k 1.012	. 5978	.8360
	T2	. 0098	1 - 399	.7361
	T ₃	.7915	1.161	1.019
	T ₄	.7789	1.187	9549
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TABLE 4.2**3** Adjusted Fost Test Initiative Means

Treatment

Post hoc analysis suggests center differences within T_2 and T_4 on the variable Initiative. This time the more discrepent and the most extreme scores are noted within T_2 (parent programs). Both centers within T_4 exhibit relatively high adjusted post means. Comparing T_1 , T_3 , and T_4 ; the highest scores, representing children producing a large proportion of initiations relative to responsive or ongoing behavior, are evidenced in T_3 (both programs). Both T_4 (Control) and T_1 (classroom programs) conditions evidenced moderate Initiative scores.

·····	Center 1	Center 2	Grand Mean
T ₁	5.4 85	6.139	5.762
T2	7.081	2.617	b.767 .
т _з	2.261	3.153	2.811
T ₄	2.071	5.663	3.662
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TABLE 4.24 Adjusted Post, Test Acceptiveness of Response Means

Again post hoc analysis indicates significant center differences within T_2 and T_4 conditions. Neither pair of centers, however, contain the most extreme mean scores although the centers within T_2 are more discrepant than any other pair of centers. With this variable, denoting the acceptiveness relative to rejectiveness of children's responses to other children, the children in T_1 (classroom programs) exhibited the highest acceptiveness. Children receiving the T_3 (both programs) condition were least accepting but still accepted more than rejected. The T_2 and T_4 conditions evidenced moderate acceptiveness of response scores.

	Center 1	Center 2	Treatment Grand Mean
τ ₁	.9452	. 7542	.8642
т ₂	. 5721	. 2922	. 4258
т,	.5072	.2296	. 3359
TL	.1302	1.092	. 5456

TABLE 4.25 Adjusted Fost Reoponaivity Means

Post hoc analysis of the Responsivity scores suggest significant center differences between centers within T_2 and T_4 treatment conditions. The centers within T_4 (control)

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exhibit the most extreme scores relative to other centers. Children receiving the T_1 (classroom programs) condition had the highest responsivity scores followed by children in the T_4 (control) and T_2 (parent program) conditions. The T_3 (both programs) children had the lowest responsivity scores.

<u> </u>	Center 1	Center 2	Grand Nean
T 1	6.845	8.4 6 0	7.530
Ť2	4.450	7 .879	6.242
т ₃	7.756	9.533	8,852
T.	16.57	1.207	9,936

	T/	UDLE	. 26	
Adjusted	Post	Test	Duration	Mean

Significant center differences were only observed in the T_{h} (control) treatment condition on the Duration variable.

This variable, duration, reflects the non-interactive aspects of behavior. As it is negatively correlated with social behavior(r=-.2027), autonomy(r=-.2035), and activity level (r=.2956); it can be viewed as representing passive, non-social forms of behavior rather than involved play. ' With this interpretation in mind, it can be seen that all' treatment groups had lower duration scores than the control group, or exhibited more interactive play. The center means within the control group, however, are extremely discrepant making it difficult to accept the composite treatment mean '

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It can be noted that the children receiving T_3 (both programs) evidenced the next highest duration scores. T_1 (classroom programs) and T_2 (parent programs) children exhibited the lowest duration scores, playing interactively significantly more than the controls.

Verbal

Five variables were grouped within the verbal category of variables. Verbalizations denotes the relative amount of verbal interaction over all intervals compared to the nonverbal interaction, three variables represent various categories of verbalizations, and Fantasy denotes the amount of fantasy versus nonfantasy verbalizations. All of these variables are ratios of two proportions. The Multiple Regression Analysis was significant with an F-ratio of 2.0262 at P <.0027.

Only two of these variables were significant covariates, although all five were used in the subsequent analysis. The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance applied to the 2 x 4 x 2 x 2 way design are reported in Table 4.27.

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	₽-retio	Degrees	uf	froedce	Proba ilit;
TESTS FOR MAIN EPPECTS:					
Treatment	2.7301	15 4	351	L	.0006+
Center neeted in Treetment	1.9222	20 🛔	422	2	.0001*
Social Reonomic Status(SES)	1.4354	5 4	127	,	. 2160
R-ra	2.3690	5 4	127	,	. 04 31
TESTA FOR INTERACTIONS					
Treatment I SED	1.2010	15 4	351	L	. 2685
Troniment X Sex	.6475	15 4	351	L	. 8348
3E8 4 Center in Trostment	. 8266	20 4	422	1	. 681 5
Sex X Center in Trestment	. 7103	20 4	422	2	\$ 8167
TPS X Bex	.9866	5.4	127	,	-4287
Treatment X SES X Sex	. 7549	15 4	351	L	. 7275
325 X Sax X Center in Treatment	. 781 7	20 4	422	2	. 7365

TABLE 4.27 RESULTS OF MANCOVA ON VERBAL VARIABLES OF THE OSS Coverietes are all pro-test acores in the Verbal group of variables -----

No significant interactions were evidenced on the verbal variables allowing a clear assessment of main effects. Significant Treatment, Center nested in Treatment and Sex Main Effects exist. The variables contributing to these significant main effects follow in Tables 4.28 - 4.30.

TABLE 4.28

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT MAIN RYPECTS ON VERBAL VARIABLES OF THE OSS

Maltivariața P-ret	10 2.7301 df= 15 6 351	₽ <. 0006+
Veriablee	Univeriate F-retio	Frobability less than
Verbelisations	7.9765	.0001+
Task Verbel	2.1157	. 1014
Verbal	. 95 76	. 4150
Verbel Supportivenese	. 7931	. 4999
Fantasy	· 3.1211	. 0283•

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 3 Degrees of freedom for error - 131



TABLE 4.29

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO CENTER IN TERATHENT NAIN EFFECTS ON VERBAL VARIABLES OF 058 INSTRUMENT STIRLE F-TOLIO 1.9222 df= 20 6 422 F<.0100

Multiveriate P-retio	1.9222 df= 20 & 422	₽<.0100
Veriables	Univeriete F-retio	Frobability lose then
Verbelizetions	4.3639	.0018*
Task Verbel	2.2162	. 0707
Verbel Deminarics	1.3125	. 2687
Verbel Supportiveness	1.3870 ,	. 2420
Fantary	2.0115	0966

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 4 Degrees of freedom for error - 13i

TABLE 5.30

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SEX MAIN EFFECT ON VERMAL VARIABLES OF OSB INSTRUMENT

Multiveriate F-retio 2.3690 df= 5 & 127 F < .0431

Veriablee	Univeriete F-retio	Probability loss than
Verbelizetione	.0038	. 9395
Task Verbel	. 0002	. 9661
Verbel Dominance .	1.1472	. 2861
Verbel Supportivenese	2.6860 .	. 1037
Vantasy	7.1761	.0084 *

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 1 Degrees of freedom for error - 131

Two variables contributed to the significant Treatment Effects; Verbalizations and Fantasy. Verbalizations also contributed to significant center differences. The adjusted post-test means of these two variables are reported in Tables 4.31 and 4.32 respectively.

	Center 1	Center 2	Treatment Grand Mean
• 1	.9361	. 4916	. 7475
T2	. 0771	2.557 •	1 - 373
T ,	2.85 8	3.185	3.060
T _{i,}	1.367	. 8258	1.134

	TABLE 4.31					
•	Adjusted	Post	Test	Verbalisation	Neans	

Post hoc Scheffe analysis suggests significant center differences within T_2 only. As can be noted in the above table, center one within T_2 exhibits the lowest verbalization score of all centers while center two's mean score is moderately high. In spite of these discrepancies, however, the treatment mean for T_2 appears relatively representative compared to the magnitude of the means for other centers and treatment conditions. On the verbalization variable, children receiving T_3 (both programs) exhibited the highest proportion of verbal versus nonverbal intervals. Children in T_1 (classroom programs) were the least verbal with children in T_2 (parent programs) and T_4 (control) conditions evidencing moderate amounts of verbal interaction.

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	Contar 1	Conter 2	Treatment Grand Mean
T 1	· 1813	. 5632	. 4585
T ₂	. 6816	5877	.6325
T ₃	. 4568	. 3671	. 4015
TL	.9281	.6860	.8236

As there were no significant center differences evidenced on this variable, a clear Treatment Main Effect can be discussed for Fantasy. Although the magnitude of the Treatment mean scores differ very little, the means suggest that children in all Treatment conditions exhibited less Fantasy verbalizations than the control children. The only significant Schoffe contrast, however, lies between T_3 (both programs) and T_4 (control). Therefore children receiving T_3 fantasized less than children in T_4 . Children in T_1 (classroom programs) and T_2 (parent programs) conditions had moderate levels of fantasy verbalizations.

The variable contributing to the significant Sex Main Effect was also F antasy (P < .0084). The adjusted post test mean Fantasy score for males was .7112 while for females it was .4651. Males exhibited more fantasy verbalizations than females in the small group, play setting.

Peer Interaction

Eleven variables were combined in this category concerned with the quality of children's interactions. One variable, Gregariousness denotes the average number of children to whom the child is in interaction over all intervals. Social Behavior, Autonomy, and Social Leadership are mean ratings of the qualtiy of the child's behavior. Two other variables; Mutual Goal Directedness and Socially Unaware are frequencies of specific behaviors derived from the social behavior rating scale. The Peer Interaction and Facilitative of Interaction variables represent the relative amount of time the child is either in interaction with peers or continues interaction initiated by a peer. Aggression and Withdrawal are complex variables combining behaviors across categories. And lastly, the Physical Contact variable denotes the frequency of bodily contact when in peer interaction.

The Multiple Regress ion Analysis revealed a significant (P < .0293) association between all eleven pre-test covariates and the post-test scores. All eleven covariates were included in the subsequent analysis. The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance applied to the 2 x 4 x 2 x 2 way design are reported in Table 4.33.

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TABLE 4.33

RESULTS OF MANCOVA ON PEER INTERACTION VARIABLES OF THE OSS Coveriates are all pre-test Peer Interaction veriables

	F-retio	Degrees of freedom	Protectility	
TESTS FOR MAIN EPPRCTS:				,
Treetment	3.2294	33 6 340	.0001*	•
Center nested in Trestment	3.1359	44 6 442	.0001*	
Social Economic Status(SES)	1.0741	11 6 115	. 3883	
Sex	1.5117	11 6 115	. 1365	
TESTS FOR INTERACTIONS:	\checkmark	•		
Treetment X SES	. 4523	33 4 340	. 9965	
Trostment X Sex	. 6771	33 6 340	.9131	•
SES X Center in Treatment	,7267	44 6 %42	. 9039	
Sex X Center in Treätment	. 8406	44 6 442	. 1569	
SES X Sex	. 3176	11 6 115 0	. 9808	
Treatment X SES X Sex	. 5637	33 6 340 1	.9763	
SES X Sex X Center in Treatment	. 6051	4 6 442	.9791	
• '			•	

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VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT MAIN EFFECTS ON THE PEER INTERACTION VARIABLES OF THE OSB

Multiveriete F-ratio 3.2294

Veriables Univariate P-ratio Probability less the .0020* Gregatiouenees 5. 2271 5.2271 .6599 3.3292 1.3246 1.9419 .074 1.9193 5.1855 .7403 .5858 5.1227 v . 5783 Social Schevior .0219* Autonomy Social Leadership Peer Interaction .2694 .9747 Physical Contact .1299 .0021* .5300 .6254 Mutual Goal Directeinees Socially Unewers Aggression Withdrawel .0023* Facilitative of Interaction

Degrees of freedom for Hypothesis - 3 Degrees of freedom for error - 125

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TABLE 4.35

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT CENTER NEXTED IN TREATMENT DIFFERENCES ON THE FEER INTERACTION VARIABLES OF THE OSB

- Multiveriete P-retio	3.1359 df= 44 & 442	P < .0001
Veriables	Univeriete P-retio	Probability less then
Gregeriousnese		
Social Behavior	7,7740	.0013-
Automory	6 6012	. 5276
Social Landaughta	0.00/3	. 0001#
Social Leasership	. 3911	. 8147
rear interaction	3.0596	.0192
Physical Contact	2.4558	.04920
Hutual Goal Directadness	1.6861	1574
Socially Unaware	8.7709	00018
Aggreesion	1 11 10	.0001-
W1 thdrawa 1		. 35 30
Pagilitation of taxabled	2./314	·0321* · ·
rectitetive of interaction	2.5965	.02484

Degrees of freedom for Mypothesis - 4 Degrees of freedom for error - 125

All four of the variables contributing to the significant Treatment Main Effect also contribute to significant Center nested in Treatment differences. Therefore, each of these four variables will be discussed relative to center and treatment effects. The adjusted post-test mean scores for these four variables; Gregariousness, Autonomy, Socially Unaware, and Facilitative of Interaction, are reported in Tables 4.36 through 4.39.

TABLE 4.36

• •		Center 1	Center 2	Grand Mean
	^т 1 ,	1.837	1.496	1.692
	T.,	1.367	1.581	1.479
	т _з	1.739	1.543	1.618
	T _{i,}	1.508	- 1.285	1.412

Adjusted Post Test Gragariousness Means

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Although post hoc Scheffe analysis indicate significant center differences with T_2 , T_3 , and T_4 ; the actual magnitude of these differences does not appear to be extremely discrepant. Therefore, the treatment means will be discussed relative to Treatment Main Effects. As can be observed in Table 4.36 the means of children receiving T_1 (classroom programs) were the highest scores. Both the T_1 and T_3 means were significantly different from the Control condition. The children in T_1 and T_3 played with the largest numbers of children over all

intervals.

TABLE 4.37				
•	Adjusted Center 1	Post Test Autonom	y Means Treatment Grand Mean	
T 1	31542	3.575	3.556	
Ť2	3.873	3.400	3.625	
т _з	3.245	3.470	3.384	
T _L	3.418	3.656	3. 521	

Post hoc analysis indicate center differences only within the T_2 condition. These center means are not the most extreme, although Center one in T_2 evidenced the highest mean of all centers. The T_2 (parent programs) condition contains the highest Treatment mean of all treatments. Children in T_1 (classroom programs) evidenced the next highest Autonomy scores.

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	Center 1	Center 2	Treatment Grand Mean
7 1	. 0982	.2024	.1429
Ŧ2	. 0389	.0574	. Ok 86
T 3	. 0835	.0249	. Oli 74
T.	. 0281	.1413	. 0770

Significant Center nested in Treatment differences were evidenced in three different treatment conditions: T_1 , T_3 , and T_4 . As can be noted in the above table, in all three cases, the differences between the two centers is very extreme. No consistent Auspices effect can be determined however, as center two(franchised) has the higher score for socially unaware in T_1 and T_4 , while center one(non-franchised) has the higher score in T_3 . In spite of these extreme scores, an interpretation of the treatment means suggests that children in T_1 (classroom programs) were more often in unoccupied or solitary play than were children in any other treatment. The children in T_2 (parent programs) were consistently less often in such socially unaware states. The extreme differences between centers however, makes it difficult to assess the true treatment effect on this variable.

TABLE 4.38 Adjusted Post Test Socially Unaware Means

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	Center 1	Center 2	Treatment Grand_Mean
T 1	8.268	4.862	6.823
7 2	5 - 359	2.114	3.662
τ3	2.714	1.621	2.040
T.	2.051	2.762	2.358

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Post hoc analysis suggests significant center differences exist in only T_2 (parent programs) condition. These center means are not that extreme, however. It can be noted that children in T_1 (classroom programs) were the most facilitative of interaction. This variable represents the frequency of intervals in which the subject accepts or continues play at the associative or cooperative level relative to the frequency of intervals in which such play is carried on at lower levels of social behavior. Children in both T_1 and T_2 conditions had significantly higher facilitative of interaction scores than the control children.

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Heterogeneity of Interaction

Five pairs of variables were formed to assess intergroup attitudes of children as exhibited in the peer interaction play setting. One each of these variables represents the heterogeneity of behavior relative to peers of the unlike Sex and the other to the unlike SES. These variables are Heterogeneity of Initiations, Tolerance for unfamiliar behavior(a response variable), Heterogeneity of control(an impact variable), Differential voice tone and Differential physical tone. The first three sets of variables are ratios of the proportion of these respective behaviors that are exhibited to unlike peers versus to like peers. The two differential affect variables are mean ratings for Voice tone and Physical tone when the object of the interaction is an unlike peer compared to when the object of the interaction is undifferentiated (to all peers).

The Multiple Regression Analysis to test for the degree of association between pre-test covariates and post-test scores approached significance at $P \leq .0608$.

All pre-test scores on these variables were included as covariates in the subsequent analysis. The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance applied to the $2 \times 4 \times 2 \times 2$ way design are reported in Table 4.40.

TABLE 4.40

RESULTS OF MANCOVA ON HETEROGENEITY VARIABLES OF THE OGS Covarietee ere ell pre-test ecores in the Heterogeneity group of variables H=168

	F-retio	Degrees 41 froedom	Probebility
TENTO FOR MAIN EFFECTS:		<u>.</u>	
Treetment	1.6648	30 6 344	.0177
lenter postod in Treatment	2.4755	40 6 346	.1343#
locial Economic Status(SES)	1.5501	10 6 117	1305
Sex	. 7753	10 6 117	.6523
TESTS FOR INTERACTIONS:			
Freatment X 883	. 7541	30 6 344	. 8238
Prestant I Box	1.0527	30 6 344	. 3947
THE I Center in Tretment	.9325	40 6 446	. 591 3
ter Y Conter in Transmant	. 6884	40 6 446	. 9267
Den X Concel in Frequeshi	. 7666	10 4 117	. 6605
DRAD A DER	. 5838	30 6 344	.9622
SES X Sex X Center in Treatment	.9751	40 6 446	. 5169

No significant interactions were revealed therefore allowing a clear test for main effects. As can be observed above, significant Treatment and Center nested in Treatment Effects exist for the Heterogeneity of interaction variables. The variables contributing to the significant main effects are reported in Tables 4.41 and 4.42.

TABLE 4.41

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT MAIN REFECTS ON THE HETEROGENEITY OF INTERACTION VARIABLES OF THE 038

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Variables	Univeriate F-ratio	Probability less than	
Haterogeneity of Initiationa Heterogeneity of Initiationa Tolarance for unfamiliar Bet Haterogeneity of Control(Se Heterogeneity of Control (Si Differential Voice Tone(Sex Differential Physical Tone(C Differential Physical Tone(C)	r(Sex) 3.2396 (8ES) 2.7839 navior(Sex) .4644 navior(SES) .3536 () 1.4102 (SS) 1.Q665) .0699) .1987 Sex) 1.3757 Sex) 4.3064	. 0239* .0436* .7359 .7866 .2430 .3659 .9759 .8971 .2533 .0063*	

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 3 Degrees of freedom for error - 126


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VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT CRUTER NESTED IN TREATMENT MAIN REFFECTS ON THE HETEROGENEITY OF INTERACTION VARIABLES OF THE OSS

Multiveriete F-retio	1.4755 4	t= 40 6 34 6	₽ < .0343
Veriables	Univerieto	P-retio	Probability less than
Materomeneity of Initiations(Se	2,	. 284 3	. 8878
Materogeneity of Initiations(S)	15)	3.8219	.0058*
Tolerance for unfamilier Schavi	lor (Sex)	1.1057	. 3569
Tolerance for unfamilier Behavi	LOT (SES)	2.3429	. 0584
Materogeneity of Control(Sex)		. 7062	, 5892
Materoteneity of Control(SES)		2.9095	.0243*
Differential Voice Tone(Sex)		- 2146	. 9300
Differential Voice Tone(SES)		2.1575	.0776
Differential Physical Tone(Sea))	. 5635	. 6896
Differential Physical Tone(685))	3. 7681	. 0063°

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 4 Degrees of freedom for error - 126

Three variables contributed to the significant Treatment Main Effect. Only one of them, however, is a clear test as two others also contribute to significant Center nested in Treatment differences. These three variables: Heterogeneity of Initiations(Sex), Heterogeneity of Initiations(SES), and Differential Physical Tone(SES) are reported in Tables 4.43 - 4.45.

	Center 1	Conter ?	Treatment Grand Mean
T ₁	3.907	2.539	3.327
T ₂	5.423	4.654	5.021
τ,	6.724	8.697	7.941
Ψ.,	6.383	4.376	5.516

TABLE 4.43 Adjusted Post Test Heterogeneity of Initiations (Sex) Means



As no Center nested in Treatment effects were observed for this variable, the adjusted post treatment means can be discussed. As noted above, children in T_3 (both programs) exhibited the highest Heterogeneity of Initiation(Sex) scores. The children in T_1 (classroom programs) has the lowest post scores.

	Center 1	Center 2	Treatment Grund Mean
T	8.350	6.535	7.695
T2	4.101	5.877	5.318
т,	8.911	9.02?	8.979
T _{li}	10.190	7.8×1	9.177

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Post hoc Schaffe analysis suggests significant center nested in Treatment differences within T_2 only. These differences are relatively moderate, therefore the Treatment means will be discussed. All treatment conditions evidenced lower adjusted post scores on this variable than the control condition. Children in T_2 (parent programs) exhibited the lowest Heterogeneity of Initiations(SES) scores with children in T_1 (classroom programs) and T_3 (both programs) exhibiting moderate levels of heterogeneity of initiations(SES).

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	Conter 1	Center 2	<u> </u>
T 1	. 3476	.4282	. 3918
72	. 8543	. \$1 38	.6763
73	.2267	.4227	. 34 76
Ть	. 3512	. 3942	3698
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TABLE 5.55 Adjusted Post Test Differential Physical Tens (SES) Means

Post hoc analysis revealed significant center nested in Treatment differences in T_2 only. Although the mean for center one within this treatment condition is the highest of all other centers, the mean for center two is also relatively high; therefore, the treatment mean will be considered relative to the other treatment means. As can be observed above, T_3 (both programs) children evidenced the highest Differential Physical tone(SES) as compared to all other treatment conditions while T_2 (parent programs) evidenced the lowest scores. With this variable, since the scores are in the negative, the children in all centers and treatments produced more negative affect in their physical behavior when interacting with unlike peers than when interacting with undifferentiated peers.



Impact

The four variables that make up the impact category of behaviors represent the first attempt to operationalize a communication model that defines communication as behavior effecting the behavior of others. Therefore the impact variables assess the degree to which subjects' through their behavior effect other's behavior. Children with higher levels of impact theoretically, are more often attended to and therefore exert a stronger influence over others.

The four variables in this category are Intensity of Control, Positive control, Environmental Control, and Nonverbal Style of Communicating. The first variable is the mean rating of the intensity to which one makes an impact on others. Positive Control denotes the relative proportion of acceptances versus rejections that are effected. Environmental Control represents the general efficiency of communicution; the proportion of intervals in which impact or communication occurs versus the proportion in which it does not occur. And the last variable represents the proportion of intervals that are nonverbal versus verbal in which communication occurs.

The Multiple Regression Analysis to test for the degree of association between these pre-test covariates and their post-test scores was not significant (P < .1061).

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Although only one covariate reached significance, all four covariates were included in the subsequent analysis. The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance are reported in Table 4.46.

TABLE 4.46						
RESULTS OF MARCOVA ON INFACT VARIABLES OF THE OSS Coveristee ere ell pre-test scores in the Impact group of veriables						
	F-retio	Degrees of freedom	Protobility			
TESTE FOR MAIN EPTY TH						
Trestment .	4.2287	12 8 342	. 0001 •			
enter nosted in Trastment	2.7291	16 4 395	.0004*			
iocial Economic Status(OES)	. 3527	4 4 129	. 6974			
°i⊕ π	1.3290	4 4 129	. 2627			
TEATS FOR INTERACTIONS:						
Treatment X 823	. 4884	12 6 342	. 921 3			
Trootment I Ben	. 92 32	12 6 342	. 5237			
SES X Center in Treatment	. 8375	16 6 395	.6427 *			
Ges X Center in Trestment	1.1677	16 6 395	. 291 3			
GEC X Cen	. 7932	4 6 129	. 5317			
Treetment X GEB X Gem	. 4509	12 6 342	.9414			
SES X Sex X Center in Trestment	1.0308	16 4 395	. 4226			

TABLE 5.57 VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT MAIN EFFECT ON THE LIPACT VARIABLES OF THE 098

Multiveriete F-retio 4.2287 df= 12 & 342 p < .0001*

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Veriables	Univariato P-ratio	Probabiliry loss than
Intensity of Control	. 9149	. 4357
Positive Control	. 544.3	.6329
Environmentel Control	5.1256	.0022*
Nonverbel Style of Communicating	11.2891	. 0001*

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 1 Degrees of freedom for error - 132



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VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT CENTER NESTED in treatment differences on impact variables of the OSB				
Hultiveriete F-retio	2.7291 4f* 16 6 395	₽ < .0004*		
Variables	Univeriata F-ratio	Probability lass then		
Intensity of Control	2.4077	. 0526		
Positive Control	4.1540	. 0034*		
Environmental Control	1.0874	. 3655		
Nonverbal Style of Communicating	4.4997	. 0020+		

Degrass of freedom for hypothesis - 1 Degrass of freedom for stror - 132

Of the two variables contributing to significant Treatment Main Effects, only one also contributed to center nested in Treatment differences. A clear interpretation of Environmental Control is possible, however, the Nonverbal Style of Communicating variable must be discussed relative to center and treatment differences. The tables of these adjusted post-test means are reported in Tables 4.49 and 4.50.

TABLE 5.59 Adjusted Post Test Environmental Control Means						
	Center_1	Center 2		Treatment Grand Mean		
T 1	1.282	1.413		1.337		
•2	. 5619	. 509 3		. 5344		
т,	1.543	.9749		1.192		
74	.9132	. 9490		.9287		

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Post hoc Scheffe contrasts indicate significant differences between T_2 and all other treatment conditions. As can be observed in the above table, the children in T_2 (parent programs) evidenced the lowest environmental control scores. Children in T_1 and T_3 conditions had the highest scores. In other words, the children receiving the classroom programs or both programs exhibited a larger number of intervals in which they did communicate or did impact on other peers than did the children receiving the parent programs.

	Center 1	Center 2	Treatment Grand_Mean
171	2.495	.8589	1.801
-3-	2.587	. 7788	1.642
73	.4799	4310	. 4497
T ₄	. 7990	1.034	.9006 -

TABLE 5.50 Adjusted Poet Test Nonverbal Style of Communicating Means The post hoc analysis of this variable suggest significant center differences exist within T_2 only. As can be seen from the above table, these differences in mean scores for the two centers in T_2 are as great as are other differences in other treatment conditions. Reviewing the grand means for treatments and the post hoc analysis, it can be noted that children in the T_1 (classroom programs) and T_2 (parent programs) conditions had significantly higher nonverbal scores than the control children. Within these centers, children effected greater influence over other peers through the nonverbal mode than through the verbal mode. The children in the T_3 (both programs) and T_4 (control) conditions were more verbal than nonverbal.

<u>Affect</u>

Four variables were grouped in this category: Voice Tone, Physical Tone, Social Competency, and Emotionality. These are all mean ratings of perceived affect displayed across all intervals. The Voice Tone and Physical Tone variables reflect the affect associated with specific verbal and nonverbal behaviors. The Social Competency variable reflects the degree of concern expressed toward peers. Lastly, the Emotionality variable reflects the subject's level of happiness or sadness as expressed through Play behavior.

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The Multiple Regression Analysis testing for the degree of association between pre-test covariates and post-test scores was significant at the .0215 level of probability.

The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance applied to the 2 x 4 x 2 x 2 way design are reported in Table 4.51.

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Covariates are all pre-test scores in the Affect group of variables H=168

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THEME FOR MAIN EFFECTS:			
Treatment	7.2178	12 6 342	.0001*
Center neeted in Treatment	5.1133	16 6 395	.0001 *
Social Economic-Status(SES)	2.9025	4 6 129	.0244
Sex,	1.1660	4 6 129	. 3290
TISTI FOR SHIT AGTION :			
Trestment X SES	. 5763	12 6 342	. 8612
Treatment X Sex	1.2771	12 6 342	. 2303
SB5 X Center in Treatment	. 7724	16 6 395	. 7179
Sex X Conter in Treatment	. 7306	16 6 395	.7629
SES Í Sex	1.1145	4 6 129	. 3507
Treatment X SHE X Sex	.2597	12 6 342	.9945
SBS X Sex X Center in Treatment	1.0290	16 6 395	.4245



TABLE 4.52

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT WAIN REFICTS ON THE AFFECT VARIABLES OF THE 066

₹ <.0001* Multivariate F-ratio 7,2178 df= 12 & 342

Variables	Univariște F-ratie	Probability loss then
Voice Tone	1.8978	.1331
Physical Tone	4.2941	.0064*
Secial Competency	1.4141	. 2416
Inotionality	22.8747	.0001*
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Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 1 Degrees of freedom for error - 132

TABLE 4.53

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT CENTER NESTED IN TREATMENT DEFFERENCES ON AFFECT VARIABLES OF THE OGS

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Multivariate V-ratio	5.1133	4f-	16 6 395	*	₹<	.0001	

Veriables	Univariate F-ratie	Probability less than
Vol ce Tane	1.4613	.2177
Physical Tome	5.4906	. 0005*
Social Competency	1.8300	.1268
Emotionality	11.9181	.0001

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 1 Degrees of freedom for error - 132

TABLE 4.54

VARIABLES CONTRIBUTING TO SIGNIFICANT SES MAIN EFFECT ON AFFECT VARIABLES OF THE OSS

F<.0244*

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Hultiveriate	V-retio	2.9025	41-	4	\$ 129	

Univeriște F-retie	Probability less than
5.5522	. 0200*
3.0722	. 0820
. 5760	. 449'3
2.9361	0890 •
	Univeriște F-ratie 5.5522 3.0722 .5760 2.9361

Degrees of freedom for hypothesis - 1 Degrees of freedom for error - 132



Only one of the variables contributing to significant Treatment effects also contributed to significant Center nested in Treatment differences. This variable was Emotionality. The other significant variable contributing to Treatment Main effects was Voice tone. The adjusted post test mean scores for these two variables are reported in Tables 4.55 and 4.56.



TABLE 4.55 _ Adjusted Post Test Voice Tome Norms

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As no center differences were evidenced in the analysis of this variable the Treatment means can be directly compared to note relative differences across treatment conditions. A post hoc analysis of the treatment effects indicate significant differences lie between T_1 and T_4 conditions. As noted in the table above, the children in T_1 (classroom programs) exhibited the highest Voice Tone means. These children conveyed a more positive affect in their voices than the control children. Children in T_2 (parent programs) exhibited the next highest means for Voice Tone; the children in T_3 (both programs) and T_4 (control) exhibiting the lowest mean scores.

	Center 1	Center 2	Grand Not
T ₁	3.768	3.701	3.740
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T ₃	3.256 8	ar 3 .206	3.225
T _{l4}	3.216	3.632	3, 395

Adjusted Post Test Encliquality Mean

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Post hoc Scheffe analysis indicates significant center nested in treatment differences exist within T_2 and T_4 conditions. As can be observed in the above table, the two centers in the T_2 condition both had relatively high Emotionality scores, while the two centers in T_4 have one high and one relatively low mean. Comparing the grand means for Treatments, the children in both T_1 (classroom programs) and T_2 (parent programs) conditions exhibited the highest post mean scores for Emotionality. These were significantly higher than the mean score for the control treatment in spite of center differences in T_h .

As significant Main Effects for SES was also evidenced, the variable contributing to this effect is reported in Table 4.57.



Low SES children conveyed a more positive affect in their verbal exchanges than did Mid SES children.





SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ANALYSES

TREATMENT MAIN EFFECTS

Classroom Variables

1. Children in the T₃(both programs) condition were the most gregarious in the classroom observations, playing in proximity to the largest average number of children.

2. Children in T₂(parent programs) exhibited the least amount of adult dependency in the classroom observations, followed by the T₁(classroom program) and T₂(both programs) children. Control children exhibited the most dependency.

3. Children in T_1 (classroom program) had the highest peer association scores on the classroom observations of all treatment conditions. Thus these children played at the associative or cooperative levels of play more frequently and with more children than any other group. Children in the T_2 (parent programs) condition had the lowest scores for² this variable.

Initiation and Response Variables

1. Children in T_1 (classroom program) initiated most often after responding to a peer in an accepting manner. T_3 (both programs) had the lowest responsive initiation scores.

2. The children exhibiting the largest proportion of initiations relative to response or ongoing behavior were in T_3 (both programs). T_1 (classroom program) and T_{l_1} (control) children had moderately high initiative scores.

3. T₁(classroom program) children followed by T₂(parent programs) children exhibited the highest ratio of acceptiveness to rejectiveness of responses.

4. The highest responsivity scores were noted in the T_1 (classroom program) condition followed by the T_2 (parent programs) and T_1 (control) conditions.

5. T_{h} (control) children exhibited the highest duration of interaction scores. Thus these children, followed closely by T_{3} (both programs) children, exhibited more noninteractive play as represented by the larger proportion of intervals in ongoing play relative to interactive play.

Verbal Variables

1. Children in T₃(both programs) exhibited the highest proportion of verbal vs nonverbal intervals. Children ' in T₁(classroom program)' were the least verbal with children in T₂(parents programs) and T₁(control) exhibiting moderate amounts of verbalizations, being more verbal than nonverbal.

2. Children in all Treatment conditions exhibited less fantasy verbalizations than control children. The greatest differences lie between T_3 (both programs) and T_1 (control) groups; T_3 children exhibiting the leastamount of fantasy verbalizations.

Peer Interaction Variables

1. T_1 (classroom program) and T_3 (both programs) children were more gregarious than control children. Children in all treatment conditions played with larger numbers of children per interval than control children.

2. Children in T_2 (parent programs) had the highest autonomy scores followed by T_1 (classroom program) and T_1 (control) children.

3. The children who were the most facilitative of interaction were in T_1 (classroom program), followed by a substantially lower level by T_2 (parent programs) children. Thus children receiving the classroom programs facilitated play at an associative or cooperative level more often than any other group of children.

Heterogeneity of Interaction Variables

1. T_3 (both programs) children had the highest heterogeneity of initiations to the opposite sex of any group. T_1 (classroom program) children were the least heterogeneous in regard to initiating to the opposite sex.

2. Other than the control children who scored highest, T_3 (both programs) and T (classroom program) children were more heterogeneous in their initiations to the opposite SES than T_2 (parent programs) children.

3. Children in all conditions exhibited more negative affect in their physical behavior when interacting with unlike SES peers than when interacting with undifferentiated peers. T_3 (both programs) children were the least differentiated and T_2 (parent programs) children the most differentiated.

Impact Variables

1. Children in the T_2 (parent programs) condition exerted the least environmental control or influence on others while children in T_1 (classroom program) and T_3 (both programs) conditions exerted the most influence.

2. T_1 (classroom program) and T_2 (parent programs) children communicate in the nonverbal mode more than in the verbal mode and significantly more than do control or T_2 (both programs) children. T_3 and T_4 children exert influence or communicate in the verbal mode more than the nonverbal mode.

Affect Variables

1. T₁(classroom program) children convey a more positive affect in their voice than control children.

2. T_1 (classroom program) and T_2 (parent programs) children express more positive emotions in their play than T_3 (both programs) and T_h (control) children.

SES MAIN EFFECTS

1. Low SES children more often choose Mid SES peers as playmates on the Play Situation Picture Board Sociometric than do Mid SES children choose Low SES peers.

2. Low SES children convey a more positive affect in their voice than Mid SES children.

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SEX MAIN EFFECTS

1. Males are more likely to choose peers from the opposite social class on the Play Situation Picture Board Sociometric than are females. Thus, males are more heterogeneous in regard to social class than are females.

2. Males are more heterogeneous in regard to interacting with children from the opposite social class during the classroom observation than females.

3. Females exhibit more adult dependency during the classroom observations than males.

4. Males exhibit more fantasy verbalizations than females.

INTERACTIONS

1. A significant three way interaction of Treatment X SES X'Sex was evidenced on the Brown IDS Self Concept Referent Test variables.

a. Within the low SES group, females had equal or better self concept scores than males across all treatment conditions. Within the Mid SES group, however, females had better self concept scores than males in the T_2 (parent programs) and T_3 (both programs) conditions only. Mid SES males in the T_1 (classroom program) condition had extremely high self concept scores, higher than any other group.

Mid SES children on the whole had higher self scores than Low SES children. An exception to this were the low SES children receiving the T₂(parent programs) condition who exceeded all groups but the male Mid SES group.

b. With the mother referent of the Brown Test, Mid SES children scored higher than Low SES children in all groups except for females receiving the parent and classroom programs.

Females had higher mother referent scores than males in all groups except in the Low SES T₃(both programs) group and the Mid SES T₁(classroom program) group. Mid SES males in the T₁(classroom program) condition had the highest perceptions of their pothers feelings toward themselves.

c. Discrepency scores on the Brown Test assessed the degree to which children differentiated between feelings about self and perceived mother's feelings about themselves. Females in the T₂(parent programs) condition differentiated the least regardless of SES. In general, males had more differentiated feelings than females, although both Low SES and Mid SES females in T₁(classroom program) were more differentiated than their male counterparts.

2. Although the following results only approached significant ($P \leq .07$), an SES X Center nested in Treatment Interaction was evidenced on the Sociometric Status variables. Both Low and Mid SES children in T_1 (classroom program) were the least heterogeneous in regard to being chosen by opposite sex peers on the Play Situation Picture Board Sociometric. Some Low SES children in T_2 (parent programs) and T_3 (both programs) conditions were the most heterogeneous in sociometric status based on sex.

 T_3 (both programs) children were the most heterogeneous in regard to being chosen by opposite SES peers on the Play Situation Picture Board Sociometric. Mid SES children were more heterogeneous in status than low SES children in T_1 , while SES groups differed less in other treatment conditions.

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II. INTRODUCTION TO SECONDARY ANALYSFS

The second section of this chapter reports the results of various secondary analyses that were implemented to further investigate initial differences among groups and interrelationships among variables. Of particular interest were:

- A. Potential reasons for the consistent center differences in the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance Tests.
- B. Intercorrelations amon? variables noting relationships between:
 - demographic characteristics and self concept and how self concept may be related to peer interaction.
 - 2. the various variables assessing inter-group orientations and attitudes as reflected in sociometric choices and play involvement of peers in both the classroom and the small group play setting.

A. RESULTS OF ANALYSES OF DEDOWAPHIC CUAPACTURICTICS OF FAMILIES BY CENTER

Center differences with T_2 and T_4 conditions were frequentobserved, especially on the OSE variables. Because of this, chi square analyses were implemented to determine if the families in these centers were significantly different on basic demographic characteristics. The results of the analyses will

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be reported within each treatment condition separately.

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Centers nested in T2

A very basic difference between these two centers was the ethnicity of their clientele. C_1 was 92% black, while C_2 was 31% angle and only 12.57 black. Although this fact in itself may relate to how the children in the centers responded to the treatment, it is not possible with the present data to test specifically for these interactions, as ethnic membership is not crossed with centers. However, no ethnic differences on demographic characteristics were observed with the sample as a whole.

There were no significant differences between these two centers on mother's part or full time employment, mother's occupation, mother's education, the ordinal position of the child, the number of children in the families, family status of single or two parent families, and father's education or occupation. The only differences were in the highest category of income (\$200, or more per week). C_1 had fever families in this category than C_2 . Basically, the families in these two centers were very similar, except for ethnicity.

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Centers nested in T4

These centers were very similar on the ethnic background of their families. C_1 was 70% anglo and 30% black, while C_2 was 30% anglo and 20% black. Greater differences were observed on the organization and length of establishment of these two centers; C_1 being the oldest, largest, and best staffed of all centers in the sample.

There were no significant differences between these centers on the number of single and two parent families, the number of children in the families, the ordinal position of the child, the family income, fathers education or occupation, mother's part or full time employment, and mother's occupation. Significant differences were observed between the two centers on the number of mothers with college degrees. Nore mothers in C_1 had college degrees than C_2

Treatment

Significant differences across treatment conditions were observed on mother's education. Both T_2 and T_3 had more mothers with high school or less education than T_4 . Likewise, more mothers were semiskilled in T_2 compared to T_4 . No differences were observed on mothers' part or full time employment, family income, and fathers' occupation and education. Children in T_2 were less likely only children and more likely older children in the family than children in T_4 . Children in T_3 were more likely from single parent families, while T_4 had more than expected two parent families. Similar comparisons were made with T_1 and T_4 . None of these were significant.

In summary, the profiles of the families in T2 and T_3 compared to T_4 and T_1 were similar to characteristics of low SES families. The families of children in the control centers, based on these family characteristics, were generally of higher social and economic standing. How this influences the children's behavior on the dependent measures is difficult to assess, but basic SES differences on the dependent variables were usually not significant.

B. RESULTS OF ANALYSES OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S PRE-TEST SCORES

Ethnic Background

As ethnicity was not controlled in this study by inclusion as an independent variable, various basic chi square analyses were carried out to see if ethnic groups differed on demographic characteristics.

No significant differences were observed between black and angle children based on sex, age, months since child entered the day care center, SES group membership, distribution by single or two parent families, distribution across maternal occupational and educational categories mother's part or full time employment, child's ordinal position and number of children in the family. Easically, no ethnic differences were revealed in these analyses of contingency tables.

Various analyses of variance tests were implemented using pretest data to note differences between black and anglo children on some of the main dependent variables. Anglo children had significantly higher mother referent scores ($p \leq .0282$), but no differences were noted on the self scores. Anglo children had lower activity levels during the small group play session (p < .0353). Black children were not only more active, but also exhibited more rough and tumble play as reflected in significant differences between the two groups on Aggression scores (p < .0002). The involvement, peer proximity, and environmental control variables approached significance at p < .08. Anglo children played in proximity to larger numbers of children, while black children had higher involvement scores during the classroom observation and exerted more environmental control during the play session.

Social Economic Group Liembership

Significant differences were found between social economic status groups on basic demographic variables. These chi square analyses confirm the existence of differential patterns of family life that characterize SES groups.

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Nore low SES families were single parent families while more mid SES families were two parent families $(X^2=42.68)$. The child from a low SES family was more likely the second, third or fourth child in the family, while children from mid SES families were more likely the only child in the family $(X^2=11.12$ for ordinal position; $X^2=16.23$ for number of children in the family).

No significant differences between SES groups were observed on mother's part or full time employment but other characteristics of the mother's education and occupation were significantly different. More often low SES nothers were in semi-skilled positions and had high school or less education. Hid SES mothers were more likely professionally employed and had college degrees.

In a supplementary analysis of the pre-test data, SES differences were observed on self concept scores ($P \le .0324$). Hid SES children having higher self concept scores than low SES children. After treatment, as reported in the Fulti-

variate Analycis of Covariance tests, a SES x Sex x Treatment interaction was evidenced. In noting Figure 3-C, the Mid SES children still had higher post self scores than the low SES children in all Treatments except T_2 (Parent programs). Low SES children in this treatment condition exhibited more positive feelings of self esteem than other low and mid SES children.

Family Status

As a large number of children in the sample came from single parent families, characteristics of the mother's education and occupation were compared for single and two parent families. No significant differences were found on mother's part or full time employment $(X^{2_m}.47)$. Differences by occupation and education were significant. Mothers in single parent families were less likely to be professional and more likely semi-skilled employees. Mothers in two parent families were nore likely in professional positions and less likely semi-skilled $(X^2-11.22)$.

Similar patterns were observed across educational levels. Although the significant differences were based on the distribution of mothers in the high school plus occupational training

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category and the college degree category. Nothers of single parent families were less likely to be college graduates although they were more likely than mothers in two parent families to have high school plus some training. In fact, many of these mothers way be currently in college or training programs (λ^2 =16.82). Nothers of two parent families were more likely college graduates. No significant differences were observed in the number of children in these two types of families.

Jo differences were found between single and two parent families in the analyses of some of the basic dependent variables on the pre-test data. For instance, no significant differences were found on self concept scores, status scores, involvement, social behavior, activity level, peer proximity, aggression, environmental control and others.

C. INTERRELATIONSHIPS ANONG VARIABLES

Self Concept

In this study, self concept has been measured by the Brown

IDS Self Concept Referent Test, a photographic projective technique that elicits a choice between two bipolar adjuctives on a list of 14 attributes about the self. The higher the scores, the more positive the child's feelings about himself. The relationships between the self scores and basic demographic characteristics of families and other dependent variables were explored through the ANOVA, Pearson's Product loment Correlations and Multiple Regression techniques.

Relationships between demographic characteristics and Self Concept

Using the pretest data, analyses of variance were implemented to note differences between groups on child's self concept. To significant differences were observed based on ethnic group membership or family status. A significant difference(P...0324) was noted between social economic status groups. Tild SES children exhibited higher self concept scores than low SES children. This same relationship was observed in a significant negative correlation between self concept and SES value(r=-.2168). Thus, the lower the family's status, the poorer the child's self concept.

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Relationships Between Socionetric Choices, Play Dehavior, and Self Concept

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The only significant relationship between self concept and the sociometric variables was with Sociometric Status(r=-.2339). The negative relationship suggests that children with higher self concepts were chosen less frequently as playnates on the Picture Board Sociometric. No significant relationships were evidenced with the social behavior variables, but a negative relationship was also observed between self concept and Facilitative of Interaction(r=-.2377). Thus during the play \sim session, children who facilitated play at associative and cooperative levels of social behavior were children with poorer self concepts. Likewise, the Peer Interaction variable was negatively related to self concept(r=-.1379). This variable represents the average number of cuildren in interaction per interval during the play session. A similar variable from the classroom observation, Peer Proximity was positively related (r=.1171). Proximity, however, represents play at all levels of social behavior while Peer Interaction represents play at the more involved levels only. Thus the children with poorer self concepts exhibited more interactive play and with larger numbers of children. A negative relationship also exists for self concept and Nonverbal Style of Interaction (r=-.2033). Children with poorer self concept scores more fre-

quently influenced others in the nonverbal vs verbal mode. Verbal scores per se were not significantly related to self concept.

With the more affective variables, self concept was positively related to Autonomy(r=.2588) and Social Leadership (r=.1976). A positive relationship also exists for Differential Voice and Physical Tone to the opposite sex(r=.1658 and .1871 respectively). Children with higher self concepts exhibiting more differentiation in their behavior to the opposite sex. Heterogeneity of Control (SES) was negatively related to self concept(r=-.1702). Thus children with poorer self concepts exhibited more control over the interactions across SES lines.

A multiple regression analysis predicting self concept scores using pre-test data was significant at $P \leq .0001$ accounting for 28% of the variance. The results of this analysis are reported in Table 4.58.

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RESULTS OF MULTIPLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS PREDICING PRE SELF SCORES.

P≤.0001 F-ratio = 3.556Multiple R = .5294 $\mathbf{R}^{\overline{\mathbf{2}}}$ Probability -F-catio Variable .082 .000 13.438 Facilitative of Interaction .138 .002 9.818 Autonomy .009 .177 6.969 Status .199 .042 4.219 SES value .218 v**.066** 3.441 Initiative 242 .034 4.569 Emotionality .255 . .111 2.568 Activity level .263 .203 Verbalizations 1.637

(Variables entered in a step-wise regression)

In this analysis Facilitative of Interaction and Autonomy were the most significant predictors of self concept scores. Other significant predictors were: Status, SES value, Initiative, and Emotionality. The child's age and variables reflecting experience in group care were not significant predictors of self concept.

These results suggest that self concept as measured in this study was not related to age, maturity; or experience, but rather to specific affective states as reflected in 'autonomy and emotionality and associated with SES group membership, and patterns of interacting with the social environment.

In summary, although self concept was not related to many of the family characteristics except SES group membership, it was related to play behavior variables. Negative correlations with status and peer interaction variables suggest that children with poorer self concepts were more active at associative and cooperative levels of play and in effecting the behavior of others through the nonverbal mode. Also, children with poorer self concepts displayed less differentiation in their voice and physical tone when interacting with the opposite sex.

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The Measurement of Inter-Group Attitudes

In this study inter-group attitudes have been operationalized by a variety of variables denoting differential behaviors towards peers of the opposite sex or social economic status compared to behaviors toward peers of the same sex or social economic status.

On the Play Situation Picture Board Sociometric, both the child's heterogeneity of choices and heterogeneity of status

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is measured. During the Classroom Observation heterogeneity of associations is measured as the proportion of time at associative or cooperative levels of play with unlike peers compared of the proportion of time with like peers. From the Observation of Socialization Behavior Instrument(OSB) five sets of variables measure the child's differential behavior toward unlike peers: Heterogeneity of Initiations; Tolerance for unfamiliar behavior, a response variable; Heterogeneity of Environmental Control; Differential Voice tone; and Differential Physical Tone.

Using the pretest data only, as representative of baseline behavior, the relationships among these variables were investigated. A Pearson's Product for lower Correlation Coefficient was derived for pairs of these variables on all of the subjects who had both pairs of data. The number of subjects varied from 160-168. These correlations are réported in Appendix D. Those relationships that are significant at $P \leq .05$ are discussed in the following sections.

The Relationship Between Child Background Characteristics and Heterogeneity

There was a positive relationship between Heterogeneity of Initiations to opposite sex peers and age (r=.1917). No other heterogeneity variables, however, were significantly correlated

with age. Total experience in group care was positively related to Heterogeneity of Sex Status (being chosen as a playmate by an opposite sex peer, r=.1390) and Heterogeneity of Initiations to opposite SES peers in the play setting (r=.1505), but negatively related to Heterogeneity of SES Choices on the Picture Board Sociometric (r=-.1250). This latter relationship suggests that with increased experience children are more likely to be chosen by opposite sex peers but less likely to choose opposite SES peers as sociometric choices.

The amount of time that the child has been enrolled in the particular Day Care Center as reflected in months since child entered was positively related to Heterogeneity of Sociometric Status(SEX), Tolerance for unfamiliar behavior of opposite sex peers and Heterogeneity of Control(SEX and SES). Thus familiarity with specific children did aid in the expression of neterogeneity.

Social Economic Status was positively related to Heterogeneity of SES Choices(r=.3625) and Heterogeneity of Control(SES) (r=.1787). As increasing SES values reflect lower social economic status, Low SES children were more heterogeneous in choosing and-influencing Hid SES peers than were Mid SES children.

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Relationships Detween Sociometric Choices and Play Dehavior

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The Picture Board Sociometric variables did relate positively to Heterogeneity of Associations in the classroom. Children who choose opposite SES peers as playmates on the Picture Board also play with opposite sex and SES peers in the classroom.

Heterogeneity of sex is strongly related to heterogeneity, of SES in the classroom observation(r=.9)48) suggesting that children who tended to play with opposite sex peers also played with opposite SES peers. This was not the case in the small play setting where two boys and two girls one of each SES group played together. In the play setting, Reterogeneity of Initiations to the opposite sex is positively related to Tolerance for the unfamiliar behavior of the opposite sex (r=.1725) but negatively related to Tolerance for the unfamiliar behavior of the opposite SES (r=-.1559). Children who respond to the opposite sex do not respond to the opposite SES(and vice versa) as reflected in negative correlations between Tolerance for unfamiliar behavior Sex and SES(r=-.24).

Positive relationships between initiation and response scores indicate that children who are heterogeneous in responding to opposite sex or SES peers also initiate to opposite sex and SES peers. However, negative correlations between Heterogeneity of Initiations(Sex) and Tolerance for unfamiliar

behavior(SES), and Tolerance(SEX) and Tolerance(SES) suggest that children either interact with opposite sex or opposite SES peers but not both.

An examination of the pretest ratios reveals that on four of the five sets of heterogeneity variables from the OSB and on the classroom variable, children are more heterogeneous toward peers of the opposite SES than they are toward peers of the opposite sex. Only on differential physical tone was this pattern not maintained across all classroom, SES, and sex groups.

The difference in the magnitude of these scores suggest that children's sex attitudes are more strongly engrained than attitudes toward SES groups. Thus this information coupled with the direction of the relationship between the heterogeneity of initiation and response variables, suggest that children play across SES lines in order to play with "like" sex peers, but do not play across sex lines in order to play with "like" SES peers.

The differential voice and physical tone variables were positively related. Children with high Differential Voice Tone (sex) had high Differential Physical Tone (Sex) (r= 2598). Similarly for Differential Voice and Physical Tone (SES) (r=.399). However, Differential Physical Tone sex and SES is strongly related to Social Behavior(r=.4361 and r=.3108 respectively). Children with more Socially mature levels of play are more differentiated in their physical play to "opposite"

versus "like" sex and SES peers. These positive relationships also existed for Involvement in the classroom (r=.1511) and Autonomy (r=.1885) although at lower magnitudes.

Multiple Regression Analyses were implemented to predict Heterogeneity of Initiations during the small group play session. using both demographic characteristics of children and social interaction variables as independent variables. Both the regression equations predicting Heterogeneity of Initiations (SES) and (Sex) were significant at P < .001. The results of these analyses are reported in Tables 4.59 and 4.60.

TABLE 4.59

RESULTS OF MULTIPLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS PREDICTING PRE HETEROGENEITY OF INITIATIONS (SEX)

Multiple R = .4588 . F-ratio - 3.3389

P<.001*

Variable	F-ratio	Probability	- R ²
Sex '	9.628	.002*	.061
Gregariousness	7.266	.008* -	.015
Age .'	5.0142	.027*	.134
Dif. Voice Tone(Sex)	3.3867	.068*	.155
Het. of Control(Sex)	2.6275	.107	.169
Tolerance(SES)	1.4511	.230	.177
Months entered	.7412	. 391	.181
Het. of Control(SES)	.5625	.454*	.185
Het. of Initiations(SE	S) .8187	.367	.189
Ethnic	.`5583	.456	.193

(variables entered in a step-wise regression)
TABLE 4.60

RESULTS OF MULTIPLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS PREDICTING PRE HETEROGENEITY OF INITIATIONS(SES)

Multiple R = .5578

F-ratio = 6.3233

P **<**.0001*

Variable	F-ratio	Probability	R ²
Tolerance	16.4612	.0001*	.099
Environmental Control	10.4091	.002*	.159
Het. of Control (SES)	6.4967	.012*	.194
Peer Interaction	5.6334	.019*	.224
Het. of Assoc. (SES)	4.3365	.039*	.247
Dif. Voice Tone (Sex)	4.1449	.044*	.268
Het. of Choices (Sex).	3.7149	.056*	.186
Ethnic	1.9019	.170	.296
Age	1.8087	.181	. 305
Het. of Control (Sex)	1.3083	.255	.311

Different variables and a different ordering of variables predicted Heterogeneity of Initiations across Sex lines than across SES lines. As the earlier results would suggest heterogeneous behavior to be more difficult to observe across sex lines, the variables predicting these behaviors were of special interest.



As noted in Table 4.59, sex and age were the only demographic characteristics that significantly predicted Heterogeneity of Initiations(Sex). Both were positively related meaning that females were more hetergeneous in initiating to males and increasingly so with age. This relationship may be reflecting maturity. The significant play behavior variables were , positively related. Thus gregariousness and the display of more differential affect in the voice predict initiations to the opposite sex. Both behaviors reflect autonomous, secure personalities. Therefore the results of this regression , analysis suggest Heterogeneity of Initiations(Sex) to be related to social maturity.

On the other hand the significant predictors of Heterogeneity of Initiations (SES) were all play behavior variables. As they were all positively related to Heterogeneity of Initiations (SES) it would appear that children who respond and initiate across SES lines are those who are able to effect behaviors in others and play with a large number of children. These variables are more reflective of success in social interactions or social competency rather than maturity.

In summary, positive relationships among heterogeneity variables across instruments confirm to some degree the existence of patterns of inter-group attitudes. Children who choose playmates on the Picture Board Sociometric across SES lines also play with unlike SES peers in the classroom.



Children who choose opposite sex peers tend to impact on opposite sex peers in the small group play setting.

During the classroon observation children did not seem to differentiate between opposite sex and SES playmates. Children high in Heterogeneity of Sex were also high in Heterogeneity of SES. However, in the small group play setting, differential behaviors were observed; children more frequently crossing SES lines in order to play with "like" sex peers. A positive relationship also existed between quality of play as reflected in Social Behavior and Involvement scores and differential affect expressed through the voice and physical play behavior. Increased social involvement was related to increased differential affect. Thus with the pretest data the expression of intergroup attitudes was stronger with more autonomous, socially . interactive children.

Factors predictive of initiations across sex lines were age related and behaviors reflective of social maturity. However, factors predictive of initiations across SES lines were not age related but rather behaviors reflective of social awareness and social skill competency.



CHAPTER FIVE

DISCUSSION, SURMARY, AND IMPLICATIONS

Introduction

The primary objective of this research study was to investigate the effects of supplemental parent and classroom programs on the self concept, heterogeneity of friendship choices and associations, sociometric status, and heterogeneous peer group involvement of Day Care 3 1/2 - 5 year olds, and to note if these potential differences are related to the Sex or social economic group membership of the children.

In order to accomplish this objective, the operationalization of a variety of concepts was necessary. The resultant instrumentation and data gathering procedures offered an excellent opportunity to investigate the interrelationships between self concept and social interaction variables, and among various heterogeneity variables that were designed to reflect inter-broup orientations and attitudes. Preliminary analyses of these interrelationships were implemented to be included in this report. A later section of this chapter will be devoted to exploring these findings. The primary thrust of this chapter, however, will be devoted to the question of the effects of the intervention programs on the dependent measures, and how these results can be applied for the practitioner.

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SUMMARY OF EFFECTS OF TREATMENTS

T₁ Supplemental Classroom Activities

The supplemental classroom activities that were implemented in the centers in T_1 were those that make up the <u>H.S.U. Sociodramatic Play Curriculum</u>. This is a social interaction curriculum that emphasizes and reinforces the development of specific social skills. The teacher sets the stage for positive social interaction by selecting specific props and equipment and specific types and numbers of children, and then orchestrates the interaction by playing specific roles of modeling, re-directing, and reinforcing appropriate behaviors. By doing this in the context of dramatic play themes, the child is progressively introduced into more and more complex social roles requiring increased social interaction skills.

The effects of this treatment were consistent with the results of an earlier evaluation of a more comprehensive two-year socialization intervention program, of which the Sociodramatic Play program was a part (Boger and Cunningham, 1974). Children receiving the classroom programs were gregarious, both in the classroom and play setting. During the classroom observation, these children played more cooperatively (at level 5 or 6 of social behavior), more frequently, and with the largest numbers of children.



These children were extremely responsive to other peers. T₁ children had the highest Acceptances of Responses and Responsivity scores. They also initiated following responses more than other groups at all levels of play, but especially at associative and cooperative levels of social behavior, thus facilitating interaction.

 T_1 children exerted the most environmental control, exhibiting proportionately more influence over other children, relative to not influencing others, than other groups. These instances of influence were more often nonverbal, while control children exerted influence more through the verbal mode. At this age, one may expect interactions to be more verbal, but the environmental control variable denotes interaction as behavior effecting responses in others. In such a context, it would be easier to effect a response if one initiates through the verbal mode. The fact that T_1 children exhibited the highest environmental control scores, and in the nonverbal mode, suggests a high level of skill in initiating peer interactions.

Looking at the affective variables, T₁ children expressed themselves with the most positive voice tone, and had high emotionality scores. These children exhibited a positive, confident milieu in their social exchange.

Although T₁ children on the whole did not show an increase



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over controls in their self concept scores, one group of children did exhibit extremely high self scores. These were the middle SES boys. Perhaps since these children would have many of the prerequisite skills needed for successfull peer interaction, the impact of this program in supporting boys' participation in sociodramatic play activities was reflected in increased self concept scores. These activities were not as unique for girls, who would already be engaging in dramatic play. In fact, for girls, increased male involvement may be equalizing their traditional dominance of play in this area of the classroom and therefore impact negatively on their self concepts.

Low SES boys, on the other hand, may need a longer period of time to enable this treatment to impact on self esteem. Hany of their social behaviors may be more extensively reshaped by the specific behaviors being reinforced in this program, thus further differentiating their self scores from their middle SES counterparts. The fact that their pre- to posttest scores did show an increase over the period of the intervention provides evidence that they did benefit from the program.

On the less positive side, these T₁ children were least heterogeneous in regard to being chosen as playmates by opposite sex peers. In fact, dit almost appears as if children in this treatment became more aware of sex differences.

In summary, children receiving the supplemental classroom activities exhibited highly interactive, gregarious play. They were extremely accepting in their responses to others, and facilitated social interactions at more involved levels of play. They had the ability to influence others, often through nonverbal means, and expressed positive aftest in their verbalizations and in their general emotionality.

T₂ Supplemental Parent Programs

T₂-included centers that provided a supplemental parent education program, <u>Parents are Teachers Too</u>. This program consisted of a series of 12 weekly parent sessions, where parents and teachers worked together in an informal manner, discussing child development topics, making play materials for the parents to use in specific activities with their children at home, and interfacing home activities with programs of the center. The goal of this program was to increase positive parent-child and parent-teacher interactions, and to aid parents in enhancing their role as "teacher" of their children.

As this was the first evaluation of the Parents are Teachers Too program's impact on the social interaction skills of children, the child behaviors expected to reflect positive interactions with parents were those more affective variables

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that directly influence the child's peer interactions through improved feelings about self. -These expectations were fulfilled.

Children in this treatment displayed autonomous, independent, emotionally positive play behavior. This treatment affected the self concept scores of low SES children in particular. This is a noteworthy accomplishment, as low SES children possessed significantly poorer self concepts than mid-SES children initially. Although a significant Treatment x Sex x SES interaction was evidenced on the self concept variables, both males and females in the low SES T₂ group had the highest adjusted post self concept scores. Mid-SES children in this treatment condition had moderately high scores, but not as high as males in the classroom programs or females in both programs.

Children receiving the parent program treatment exhibited the least amount of adult dependency during the classroom observations. They also had the highest autonomy scores of all other groups and expressed more positive emotions in the play setting as reflected in emotionality scores.

Children in centers offering the parent program were more heterogeneous in sociometric status in respect to being chosen as playmates by opposite sex peers, than controls, but T₃ (Both programs) children were the most heterogeneous.

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Along with being very autonomous in their peer interactions, these children were also very responsive to others' initiations, and had a high proportion of acceptances to rejections of responses. Although they had low initiation scores, they did facilitate interactions, initiating in response to peer overtures. Along with T_1 (classroom programs) children, T_2 (parent programs) children exerted influence through the nonverbal mode more than controls or T_3 (botn programs) children, who were more verbal. On the other hand, T_2 exerted the least environmental control or influence over others, and played at associative or cooperative levels of play less than other groups of children.

In general, these children had much 'more positive self concepts, especially low SES children, and exhibited markedly more positive affect in their play behavior. Being more autonomous and less dependent on adults, these children exhibited confident, responsive play behavior with peers. The effects of increased parental involvement in the educational process on affective-social behavior was most evident and clearly positive.

T₃ Both Programs

The treatment condition offering both programs were centers that implemented both the classroom curriculum and

parent education program. As this was a considerable feat for any center to mobilize, the researchers were skeptical that positive results would be noted in such a short period of time. However, in spite of implementation difficulties, the children in these centers exhibited the most gregarious, neterogeneous behavior of all.

In comparison both to the control group and the individual programmatic treatmonts T_3 (both programs) children were the most heterogeneous. They exhibited the highest lleterogeneity of Status in regard to being chosen as playmates by opposite sex and SES peers, initiated to opposite sex peers more than other groups, and conveyed the least differentiation in their voice tone when interacting with opposite SES peers compared to undifferentiated peers.

lid-SES females within this treatment had high self concept scores and high mother referent scores. Although mid-SES females may have experienced decreased dominance in the sociodramatic play treatment that may explain low self concept scores, the increased parental attention and reinforcement of play behavior in this combined treatment may have compensated for any depressing effects new interaction patterns in the classrooms may have caused. Thus, mid-SES females in T_3 exhibited high self concept scores. T_3 children initiated relatively more than others in the play setting and also exerted high degrees of influence over

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others. However, in contrast, they played at less interactive play, as reflected in duration scores. They verbalized more "than other groups, displaying extremely high verbalization scores. These children were also very gregarious, playing with large numbers of children.

In summary, children in centers offering both classroom and parent programs exhibited the most heterogeneous behavior, behavior suggestive of positive attitudes toward the opposite sex and SES. Although these children did not exhibit the same level of development of social interaction skills as the T_1 children, nor the self confidence of the T_2 children, they did exhibit socially sensitive, mature play. Their heterogeneous, gregarious behaviors reflected social competency and open attitudes toward peers.

T₄ Control

Children in control centers, where no supplemental programs were implemented, exhibited the highest fantasy verbalization scores. They also had moderately high initiative and responsivity scores, and were superior in the heterogeneity of their initiations to children of the opposite SES. On the other hand, children in this treatment condition were the most dependent on adults during the classroom observation and

exhibited the least amount of interactive play.

Although control children rarely scored highest on any variable, they did score in the moderate range of values frequently. On the other hand, even these moderate scores must be interpreted with caution, as this treatment condition consistently exhibited center nested in treatment effects. Because of this it is difficult to assume that the treatment means are very representative of control centers in general. In many cases, the means for one center were extremely low, and for the other moderately high, relative to other center means.

An analysis of the center clientele showed few differences between the two centers, although the organizational structure of the two centers, was very different. C_1 within this treatment was a well-established, highly supported center, that had a high level of professionalism. In contrast, C_2 was relatively newly established, struggling to achieve parental and community support, and approached the minimum end on a scale of professionalism and staffing ratio.

SUEDIARY

Sex and Social Class Differences

Few differences in children's play behavior could be attributed to sex or SES group membership. In general, males and low SES children were more heterogeneous across SES lines. Hales more often than females chose peers from the opposite SES group on the Picture Board Sociometric, and interacted with unlike SES peers in the classroom. Low SES children more often chose mid-SES peers on the Picture Board Sociometric, and displayed more positive affect in their voices when interacting with mid-SES peers in the play setting than their mid-SES counterparts.

Females appeared to have better self concepts than males but displayed more adult dependency in the classroom.

The relationship between self concept and peer interaction

Among these 3 1/2/ to 5 year olds, self concept scores were negatively related to sociometric status and peer interaction variables. Children's self concept scores were positively related to autonomy and social leadership, but negatively related to peer interaction variables. Thus, the less confident, less autonomous children were the ones that were gregarious and facilitated interaction at more cooperative.

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Levels. Children with higher self concepts were less cooperative, more differentiated in the affect expressed in their / play behavior when interacting with "unlike" SES and sex peers, and were less often chosen as playmates on a sociometric task. At this egocentric stage of development, children with higher self concepts are perhaps more demanding, less socially oriented than children with less well established feelings of selfesteem. The children with high self, concepts may have the potential for positive peer interaction, as reflected in autonomy and social leadership scores, but do not have the same needs for social exchange as children with poorer self concepts.

Treatment effects on self concept

Prior to intervention, mid-SES children had higher self concepts than low SES children. Similar results occurred after treatment for all groups except for centers implementing parent programs. In these centers, the low SES children's self concept scores exceeded their mid-SES peers. This result supports earlier research (Boger, Kuipers, et al, 1969) indicating that increased parental interest in the child's activities is likely to make a more positive impact in low SES families (where the amount of parent-child interation may be more depressed) than in mid-SES families.



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In general, females had better self concepts than males. This trend was reversed in centers implementing classroom programs, and especially in the mid-SES group. The self concepts of males increased as they became more involved and successful in sociodramatic play activities. Females, however, traditionally dominating sociodramatic play, may have experienced a loss of ability to dominate in light of increased male involvement. These new social patterns may have had a depressing effect on females' self concepts. Any such negative effects were not evidenced in females receiving both programs. Increased parental and especially maternal attention and reinforcement may have compensated for any reduction in self esteem emannating from a loss of superiority in the classroom.

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Relationships between demographic characteristics, play behavior, and the expression of inter-group attitudes prior to treatment

Increased age and experience in group care were related to increased heterogeneity across sex lines as reflected in sociometric status and initiation and response patterns to opposite sex peers. Mowever, this was not the case with heterogeneity across SES lines. In fact, experience was negatively related to sociometric choices across SES lines.

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Factors that predicted initiations across SES lines were social interaction variables. Although not a significant predictor, SES value was positively related to both Heterogeneity of SES choices and Heterogeneity of Control (SES), which were strong predictors of Heterogeneity of Initiations (SES). It appears that the low SES children or those who express poorer self concepts and are more gregarious and socially interactive reflect more heterogeneous behaviors toward opposite SES peers. The expression of Heterogeneity to opposite sex peers may be a function of age and maturity, but the expression of heterogeneity to opposite SES peers is more likely related to skill and success in interacting with peers.

Treatment effects on inter-group attitudes

Children in centers implementing both classroom and parent programs exhibited the most heterogeneous behavior on the post test measures. As attitudes toward opposite sex peers appeared more firmly engrained than attitudes toward opposite SES peers on the pretest data, it is interesting to note that children receiving input from both programs exhibited the highest Heterogeneity of Initiations (Sex) scores. Children receiving inputs from both programs were also more heterogeneous in regard to being chosen by opposite SES peers

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on the Picture Board Sociometric. They also displayed less negative affect in their physical behavior when interacting with unlike SES peers than any other group. All groups, however, displayed more negative affect in their voices and physical behavior when interacting with "unlike" peers than when interacting with undifferentiated peers. Thus, rudimentary forms of intergroup attitudes are already observable in young children 3 1/2 to 5 years old. Increased social skill competency along with positive socio-emotional states does aid in the expression of heterogeneous behaviors.

Treatment effects on child's social interaction behaviors

In conclusion, both supplemental classroom activities focusing directly on social interaction skills, and supplemental parent programs emphasizing parental support and reinforcement of the child's interaction with the physical and social environment can have positive effects on children's social attitudes and styles of interacting with peers.

The <u>Parents are Teachers Too</u> program impacted on the affective development of children as reflected in less adult dependency, increased self concepts, increased autonomy, and the display of gregarious responsive play behaviors.

The <u>H.S.U. Sociodramatic Play</u> program, on the other hand, enhanced specific social interaction skills. These children

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exhibited the most cooperative interactive play. They both responded to and initiated peer interaction at the highest levels of social behavior. Their ability to influence other peers suggested a high level of social skill development.

Children in centers implementing both programs reflected some of the behaviors representative of individual programs, but mainly reflected a gestalt that was greater than the effect of either treatment individually. At times, an interactive effect seemed to occur, parent inputs complementing the inputs from the classroom activities or compensating for the possibly negative effects of changes in the ongoing reinforcement patterns of peer-peer or teacher-peer interaction in the classroom.

These children were the most verbal, gregarious, and heterogeneous, i.e. they directed their interactions to a wide variety of peers, and successfully interacted with these peers as reflected in high environmental control scores. These are more complex behaviors that may require more intense exposure to adult models as well as the reinforcement and support that results from parent-teacher collaboration in responding to children's behaviors.

I.IPLICATIONS \

Early group experiences for children have traditionally been viewed as an arena for enhancing social development. Both the child's skills and motivational base, however, influence social interactions. Particular social attitudes and patterns of exchange result. It is important, therefore, that attention is paid not only to the child's affective needs but also to the specific social skills necessary for successful peer interaction. This is particularly pertinent if such interactions involve a demographically heterogeneous group of peers.

When parents become involved with teachers in a cooperative effort toward enhancing children's development in specific areas, it appears that four-year-old children become more autonomous and independent of adults. This more secure base may increase the potential for positive peer interaction, but does not necessarily result in an increase in cross-group interactions. Specific social skills and attitudes are needed in order for this to occur.

The supplemental classroom activities presented in this short intervention thrust were aimed at enhancing specific social skills prerequisite for cooperative peer) interaction. Children receiving this treatment did indeed show an increase in their cooperative, facilitative play.

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Increased skill in social exchange, however, did not change the direction of these interactions. These children were less heterogeneous than children in other treatments. The implication, therefore, is that enhancing social skills or affective states alone does not necessarily increase the range or nature of cross-group social interactions.

Those children expressing the most gregarious, heterogeneous behaviors were in the breatment condition receiving both the classroom and parent programs. The joint inputs from both the home environment and the classroom, including the support and modeling of the most significant adults in the child's life, did have an impact on the child's expression of heterogeneous play behavior. Replication studies and follow-through evaluations will be necessary, however, before these effects can be fully assessed.

Based on the pattern of the results of this study, it can be suggested that the model including "both programs" is most viable for increasing children's social awareness and the expedition of social interaction across demographic groups. By impacting on both the child's affective/motivational base and social skill competency, the stage is set for more cooperative and heterogeneous social interactions. Each program, however, has its

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individual merits in increasing positive peer interaction. Educators may do well to analyze the specific needs of their children in deciding on programmatic inputs. These data support the position that parent programs can increase children's positive affective state more effectively than classroom programs, but classroom programs seem to enhance social interaction skill development more efficiently.

Beyond Present Inputs

Because of limitations in the way children 3- Appears view the world, it is difficult to effect the way children choose to use their social skills (Boger, et. al. 1974). At this egocentric stage of development, one would expect children to be more concerned with their own needs and wants and to use their social skills to satisfy these needs. Thus children from 3-5 years of age find it difficult to suppress predispositions toward egocentric behavior for the sake of others. With secure feelings of self, specific skill competency, and an atmosphere where specific reinforcement and feedback is provided for the child to associate his behavior with the needs of others, more mature levels of social interaction may '

Significant adults in children's lives can help children go beyond the skill acquisition level and focus

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additionally on how newly developed skills are applied. Although the Sociodramatic Play Curriculum includes these dimensions, short periods of implementation may only impact on basic skills. Bronfrenbrenner & others (Chilman, 1974) suggest that the total atmosphere of the home and school setting over a relatively long term are critical in fostering attitudes and patterns of interaction. Thus, the impact of the social atmosphere on the interactions that occur needs further investigation. Likewise subpopulational mix factors, as elements of the setting, need to be examined to determine how they contribute to social interaction and the expression of inter-group attitudes.

The relationships between pretest measures of self concept and peer interactions reported in this study also support an egocentric perspective for this period of development. The children with the poorer self concepts were the ones who displayed heterogeneous, gregarious play prior to intervention. The more autonomous, more self confident children were less often chosen as playmates by their peers and facilitated play at more cooperative levels less often. Thus, the most secure children were not the most socially oriented. Perhaps because of their security and egocentrism they did not have the same needs to cooperate and interact with other children as did the

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less secure children. A possible implication of these findings for the development of inter-group attitudes is that children with poorer self concepts are the ones more likely to interact across group lines. These interactions provide the experiences that contribute to later attitudes. Therefore, the nature of these experiences are critical in not only determining children's own feelings of worth but in determining the valence of their inter-group attitudes.

Further Research Needed:

This study is an initial attempt to both operationalize and intervene in the early development of inter-group attitudes. The results reveal observable differences in the inter-group attitudes of 3 1/2 to 5 year old children as reflected in their sociometric choices and play behavior. These attitudes are not only different for opposite sex vs. opposite SES peers, but males appear more heterogeneous than females. Sex orientations appear to be a function of maturity while SES orientations are more strongly related to social skill competency.

After the short term intervention, the heterogeneity scores of children in T_3 (both programs) were consistently higher across instruments than for other groups of children. This suggests that the combination



of both supplemental classroom and parent programs can affect children's inter-group attitudes. These attitudes are reflected in sociometric status and peer group involvement scores.

As no other intervention precedent has been found . in a review of the literature to collaborate these findings, replication studies are recommended. These results would suggest that it is in fact the combination of inputs from both teachers and parents, the most proximal and significant role models the child has at this age, that is the unique catalyst for change -- teachers providing the opportunity for reinforcement of specific play behavior, and parents, creating an atmosphere of increased interest and support in the child's activities. Future research should explore the content of these inputs more specifically. Methodology issues have traditionally been blocks to research in the area of the development of inter-group The present study's use of sociometric tests attitudes. and methodologically sound approach to assessing attitudes as reflected in behavior. With these and other advances in methodology, perhaps the complex interactions of a greater variety of environmental conditions and social behaviors and orientations can be assessed.

As suggested earlier, subpopulational mix factors as elements of the environment are also critical in

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in determining the Kinds of experiences children can have, These experiences then influence the development of inter-group attitudes. Further research continues to be needed toward exploring aspects of socioeconomic and ethnic mix ratios in both the enrollment and staffing patterns of early childhood centers. The consistent center differences observed within the Parent program treatment could not be explained based on differences in the center management practices nor characteristics of the families, except for ethnicity. The impact on both children's and parent's behavior of being in a mixed versus homogeneous group is difficult to project at this point. The implications for the development of inter-group orientations and attitudes will not be known until investigations develop more definitive relationships between environmental conditions and social behaviors.

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APPENDIX A

Instrumental References

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The Brown IDS Self-Concept Referents Test

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Instructions to Subjects and Administration Procedures

Introductory Guidelines:

-- Never repeat an S's answer.

- -- Never repeat a question. Return to it at the end of the section.
- -- Never mix up sections.
- -- Ask the teacher before the test begins:
 - -- Does the child have a mother figure?
 - -- Should the child be given the picture at the end of the test?

Prior to photographing S, the following standard instruction should be given by E:

"Well now, we're going to take a picture of you. Get ready . . . when I count to three, I'll snap your picture.

Are you ready now? 1, 2, 3 . . ." (Notice that no instruction to "smile," etc., has been included. This is purposefully left ambiguous in order to obtain a spontaneous facial expression, and is especially important since giving this instruction would clearly bias responses to the happy-sad item.)

After the exposure has been made, E waits fifteen seconds, then pulls the developed print from the developer compartment of the camera. During this time interval, E may speak with S to establish rapport. After fifteen seconds, E says to S:

"Well, look at that (pointing to print). That's a picture of you. That's a picture of (child's name). This is really you because you are (child's name), and there you are in the picture." (E points to S's image in the photograph.)

To ascertain the effectiveness of the induction, E then asks S:

"Can you tell me who that is in the picture?" (E must obtain a response indicating that S knows that is is he in the photograph; either "That's me," or child states his own name or simply points to himself. If S does not recognize himself in the picture, E repeats induction above. E must obtain a statement from S indicating that he recognizes himself in the picture before proceeding further.)

E seats S at a table suitable in height and size for a young child, and places the photograph on the table top, directly forward of S and beneath his head in about the same position as a dinner plate is usually placed.

E should seat himself directly opposite S at the table and then say the following:

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"Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about (child's name)."

E then points to the picture, placing his own finger on it, and proceeds to ask the set of questions in the context of the "self" referent. E must restate the introductory stem before asking each question and must point to the photograph each time he asks a question.

"Now can you tell me, is (child's name) happy or sad?" E proceeds through all items in the "self" referent in this manner. It is important that E explicitly point to the picture before asking each question, thereby repeatedly directing S's gaze and attention to it. It is also important to continually restate the question stem in the objective case: "Is (child's name) happy or sad?" This procedure establishes a set in which the child is induced to "stand back from himself," and to gain a perspective of himself as an "object" in the photograph. This should also assist S to assume the role of another toward himself.

After responding to all items on the "self" referent, the "mother" referent is introduced by E:

"Now that was very good, (child's name). I'd like to ask you a few more questions. This time I'd like to ask you a few questions about (child's name)'s mother. Can you tell me . . Does (child's name)'s mother think that (child's name) is happy or sad?"

E proceeds through the entire set of items in the "mother" referent context. Again E must point to the photograph and repeat the appropriate stem before asking each question. The fourteen items asked under the "mother" referent are identical to those asked under all other referents. Only the referent itself is to be varied.

Upon completion of the two referents ("self" and "mother"), the examination is terminated. E should thank S warmly and bring him back to his room. (If cleared through the teacher, E can give S the photograph and tell him he can keep it and show it to his friends and teacher if he wishes to.)


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Scoring Sheet for Brown -- JDS Self-Concept Reference Test

Example of question format: 1.

Is Johnny Gallagher happy or and?
 Does Johnny Gallagher's mother think Johnny

Gallagher is happy or sad?

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4.	Likes to play with other kids-doesn't like to play with other kids	1, 0	, 1, 1)
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6.	Good-bad	1, 0	1, 0
،،	Likes to talk a lot-doean't Like to talk a lot	, 1, 0	1, 0
8.	Smart-stupid	1, 0	1, 0
9.	Scared of a lot of things-not ucoved of a lot of things	0,1	0, 1
10.	Scared of a lot of people-not scared ' of a lot of people	0, 1	0, 1
11.	Likes the way clothes look-doesn't like the way clothes look	1,0	1, C
12.	Strong-weak	1, 0	1, 0
13.	Heal thy-sick	1, 0	1,0.
14.	Likes the way his face looks - doesn't like the way his face looks	1, 0	1, 0

"Note: Score values parallel order in which adjectives are presented.

Classroom Socio-Observations

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Classroom Socio-Observation

The classroom socio-observational technique was developed to assess the social involvement and play activity of children in the classroom setting. It was developed by Jo Lynn Cunningham and Tito Reyes, Family and Child Study Center, Thechigan State University.^{1, 2} The present procedures are an adaptation of the original instrument.³

General Procedures

The children will be grouped at the time of the observation in order to establish balanced groups of 12 children that include: 3 Low SES Boys, 3 Mid SES Boys, 3 Low SES Girls, 3 Mid SES Girls. Additional groups of 12 children each will be formed until all of the children in the sample are observed. Children may be included in more than one group in order to establish balanced groupings.

Three (3) consecutive observations (one set) are made near the beginning of the free play period and another set of three (3) observations are made toward the end of the period. Approximately 10 minutes should lapse between sets of observations.

¹Cunningham, J. L., and Reyes, R. F. The sociometry of preschool children. Unpublished paper, Michigan State University, 1969.

²Special thanks are given to Kristin Anderson for her help with the preliminary testing of this technique.

³The present adapted version was developed by Mary Andrews, Institute for Family and Child Study, Michigan State University, 1973. The setting for the observations will be a classroom that includes a variety of activities for free play (i.e. blocks, house corner, manipulative toys, etc.). This setting should be familiar to all of the children. One (1) teacher will be present to supervise the children during the observation. Her interaction with the children should be minimal.

Name tags or a number or letter code should be placed on each child (taped or pluned) prior to the observation. Such tags will aid the examiner in identifying the children.

Form

The form used for recording observations is a drawing of the floor plan of preschool classroom(s) with major play areas indicated. It is suggested that a list of all children in the class with their identifying code letters be attached.

Recording Observations

For each observation, a systematic recording is made of the play location and involvement of each child. Start at one end of the room and record each individual as quickly as possible.

"Each child must be recorded once and only once. Therefore, if a child moves to another group after an observation is recorded of his activity, he is not recorded again, even though the other children in the new group are recorded if they have not been previously observed.

As soon as the entire class has been recorded and checked, proceed with the second and then third in the set of three consecutive observations.

Codes

The recording of each item is as follows:

AREA

Major activity areas are indicated on the observation form.

INDIVIDUAL

A...N = Subjects (unique identifying letters are assigned to each child)

- X = Teacher
- Y = Other adult

PLAY INVOLVEMENT

- 1 = Unoccupied behavior: The child apparently is not playing at all, at least not in the usual sense, but occupies himself with watching anything which happens to of momentary interest. When there is nothing exciting taking place, he plays with his own body, gets on and off chairs, just stands around, follows the teacher, or sits in one spot glancing around the room.
- 2 = Solitary Play: The child plays alone and independently with toys that are different from those used by the children within speaking distance and makes no effort to get close to or speak to the other children. His interest is centered upon his own activity, and he pursues it without reference to what others are doing.
- 3 = Onlooker Behavior; The child spends most of his time watching the others play. He often talks to the playing children, asks questions, or gives suggestions, but does not enter into the play himself. He stands or sits within Speaking distance of the group so he can see and hear all that is taking place. Thus, he differs from the unoccupied child, who notices anything that happens to be exciting and is not especially interested in groups of children.
- 4 = Parallel Play: The child plays independently, but the activity he chooses naturally brings him among other children. He plays with toys which are like those which the children around him are using, but he plays with toys as he sees fit, without trying to influencé the activity of the children near him. Thus, he plays beside, zather than with, other children. This activity is characterized by physical proximity and similarity of activity with reference to other children.



- 5 = Associative Play: The child plays with other children. They may be borrowing and lending play materials or following one another with trains and wagons. There are mild attempts to control which children may or may not play in the group. All engage in similar, if not identical, activity. There is no division of labor and no organization of activity. Each child acts as he wishes and does not subordinate his interest to the group. There is interaction between children, but no common goal.
- 6 = Cooperative Play: The child plays within a group that is organized for the purpose of making some material projuct, of striving to attain some competitive goal, of dramatizing situations of adult or group life, or of playing formal games. There is a marked sense of belonging or not belonging to the group. The control of the group situation is in the hands of one or two members who direct the activity of others. The goal and the method of attaining it necessitate a division of labor, the taking of different roles by various group members, and the organization of activity so that the efforts of one child are supplemented by those of another. The critical distinction is the goal-directedness of the group.

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Play Situation-Picture Board Sociometric

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PLAY SITUATION-PICTURE BOARD SOCIO ETRIC TECHNIQUE*

Each child is photographed in a front pose of head and shoulders. The child is wearing a name tag with first name and initial. These photographs should be taken of the entire class just prior to gathering the Sociometric data. The pictures of the children are placed on a fiberboard (approximately 2 ft. by 2 ft.) in two rows of four photos, one row of five pictures, and equally spaced. The board is positioned such that it stands alone or in a near-vertical position on a child-size table where S and E sit.

The total sample of eligible children from the center are divided into groups based on sex and SES: Group 1 - male low SES 2 - male med. SES 3 - female low SES 4 - female med. SES

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A random assortment of three pictures from each group will be placed on the board prior to the testing session. The S's picture will be added to the existing 12 pictures. If the S's picture was one of the original 12, an additional picture from the same sex/SES prouping will be added to the board for a total of 13 pictures.

To facilitate this random selection process for each S, (N) lists of 12 code numbers each will be formulated ahead of time. The code numbers will correspond to subject class code numbers that are printed on the back of each picture.

This procedure is necessary in order to provide each subject with a field of choice that maintains equal probability that a like or different sex and SES peer win be chosen. The placement of the pictures on the board will be random or without pattern.

*This procedure was adapted from the instrument developed by Robert P. Boger, Head Start Evaluation and Research Center, Michigan State University, 1967.

It is assumed that each E is familiar with the children and should have spent enough time with the class roster and pictures to be able to help the S identify each photo on the board without referring to class lists or other aids. (Name tags may help E identify the children) This familiarization procedure in which the B discusses each photo with the S is extremely important and should be done systematically in such a way as to not inadvertently leave certain childrens' names or pictures out of the familiarization procedure.

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When the "choice-session" begins E places the board so that it is directly in front of S (the bottom of the board resting on a low-level table with the center of the board approximately 15" from the child).

1. <u>S's are first asked to find their own picture</u>. <u>S's should then</u>, or after a little prompting, <u>point to other children or name other</u> <u>children to whose picture E then can point</u>. B controls pointing or naming only to the extent of making sure that all pictures are pointed at and named before requesting any choices.

2. Following this, S is told the following:

"We're going to play a game using some pictures. Here are some pictures of things to play with, I want you to look at each one and pick out those you would like to play with the most."

E then goes through the six dual-play pictures one at a time naming and describing each toy or situation. Encourage the child to enter in. Then say:

"Which one would you like to play with most? Let the child spread them out on the floor or manipulate them in any other way he wishes; but encourage him to peruse the pictures and select one. Then say: "Which others would you like to play with?" Continue this until he has selected <u>three of five pictures</u>. (If a child refuses to choose three, go ahead with the sociometric choice items with the pictures he has chosen and then come back to the selective process, spreading the remaining pictures out on the table or the floor and again encouraging S to choose the remaining play situations.)

3. Take the selected situations and in the order of choice (i.e., first choice first) say:

"Now here is how we play the rest of the game. You said you would like to play with these, so we'll put your picture here."

E takes S's picture from the choice board and attaches it to the picture. (For example, if the picture is of two ponies, then S's photograph would be placed above one.) Then say:

"Who would you like to have play with you?" If the child responde completely, say no more. If the child responds by pointing or by name, encourage him to find and put the picture on the play card as you did his. If he does not respond at all, say: "Look here at the pictures--who would you like to play with you on <u>°</u>?" (Fill in the name of the play situation i.e., the ponies).

After the child's selection on each play situation the selected peer's picture and the S's picture are returned to the board prior to the next selection.

If the S names more than one child or points to two photos, the E should ask the S which peer he would <u>most</u> like to play with. Only a single choice per play situation is acceptable.

If the S responds with a child's name whose picture is not present on the choice board, the E should say: "<u>There are other children that you</u> would like to play with. But, look at the pictures of these children; who would you like to have play with you?"

RECORDING AND SCORING

The following instructions apply to the attached record form:

- 1. Place only those pictures on the choice board that are listed on the recording form. The pictures should be randomly mixed so that the original groupings are indistinguishable.
- 2. The six play situation cards are listed on the recording form. Place the number one after the play situation chosen first, two after the second choice and three after the third choice.
- 3. Each child's photograph should be coded with his class code number (on the reverse side) at the time the pictures are taken. The peer choice code can then be recorded in each case by turning over the photo and copying the number in the sppropriate blank.
- 4. Voluntary versus non-voluntary responses will be recorded according to the following standard. If a child responds to a sociometric question (in the play situation section, this would include the statement, "look here at the pictures, etc.") verbally, by pointing or by selecting a photograph voluntarily without further probing or urging, his response is scored as voluntary. Any response gained through further prompting or probing is scored as "urged." Please check one or the other for each sociometric question posed. When more than one photo is chosen and the S is requested to choose only one, this may be a voluntary response if S complies immediately.



PLAY SITUATION -- PICTURE BOARD

SOCIOMETRIC

Record Form

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Field of Choice (List of children present on the picture-board) 

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Observation of Socialization Behavior

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Observation of Socialization Behavior

The present Instrument is an adapted version of the original <u>Observation of Socialization Behavior (OSB)</u>, an observational rating technique for videotape observation. The original version was developed by Robert P. Beger and Jo Lynn Cunningham, Head Start Research Center, Michigan State University.¹ The present version was developed by Jo Lynn Cunningham, Robert P. Boger and Mary Andrews, Institute for Family and Child Study, Michigan State University.

General Procedure

This observational rating was designed for use in free-play (unstructured) situations only. It may be used either with or without a teacher present in the situation.

Behavioral ratings of an individual child are made each 20 seconds during the observation. Each frame (representing 20 seconds) is rated as an individual unit. Therefore, the child's behavior at a previous time should not influence the ratings made for any subsequent interval, except insofar as the context of a preceding interval must be considered for adequate interpretation of a unit of behavior (primarily verbalization or inferred motivation).

Rating of videotaped situations is facilitated if the videotape unit has an automatic signal tone attachment for recording purposes. Such an attachment may be used to provide an audio signal at the designated 20-second intervals.

¹Boger, R. P., and Cunningham, J. L. Observation of Socialization Behavior. Unpublished instrument description, Head Start Research Center, Michigan State University, 1969.

The form developed for use with the videotaped interaction situations contain two rating frames per 20-second interval. The first frame must be completed as a time sampling of behavior at the signal tone each 20 seconds. The second frame is only completed if no peer interaction occurs in the first frame but subsequently occurs during the 20-second interval. This second frame is therefore reserved for the first observed peer interaction each 20 seconds. If a level 5 or 6 of social behavior with peers occurred during the first frame - no further observational rating is required during the 20 second interval (frame 2 will be crossed out). Likewise if no peer interaction occurs during the interval, the second frame will remain blank (crossed out).

The information included in each frame consists of:

1. Interaction

Responses Initiations

2. Object of interaction

3. Level of involvement

4. Peer impact

5. Verbalization

6. Verbal fantasy

7. Voice tone

8. Physical behavior

9. Physical tone

10. Social behavior

11. Autonomy

12. Leadership

13. Social Competency

14. Emotionality

The format for recording an observational segment is shown in Figure A.



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The categories and descriptions for each code follows:

Interaction and Involvement

Response

- A acceptance: covert or overt awareness and acceptance of another's initiation.
 - 1 intense overt acceptance
 - 2 moderate acceptance
 - 3 covert or weak acceptance
- R rejection: covert or overt awareness and rejection of another's initiation.
 - 1 intense overt rejection
 - 2 moderate rejection withdrawal submission
 - 3 covert or weak rejection p
- N no awareness of another's initiation, no acknowledgement
- 0 ongoing behavior (no apparent initiation or responses to initiations)
 - 1 intense overt behavior
 - 2 moderate behavior
 - 3 covert or weak behavior

X / behavioral transition - initiation imminent

Initiation - introduction of self or change in activity prompted by self

- 1 intense overt initiation
- 2 moderate (normal level) initiation
- 3 passive initiation, covert or tentative attempt to initiate.

Object of Interaction (more than one object can be recorded)

- A-N =letter code of each peer with whom <u>S</u> is involved (two peers may be recorded)
 - G = group involvement with all three other peers: initiation or response not directed to any special individuals
 - T = adult
 - M = materials. The objects provided specifically for play purposes (including personal articles of apparel on self)

E = environment, objects not intended for play but present in the

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<u>Impact codes</u>: The consequence of <u>S</u>'s behavior as reflected in the behavior of other peers.

Impact recorded separately for each peer.

A - acceptance of \underline{S} 's behavior

- 1 intense overt acceptance
- 2 moderate (normal level) of acceptance
- 3 -, covert or hesitant acceptance
- N no impact, no acknowledgement or awareness of <u>S</u>'s behavior
- R rejection of <u>S</u>'s behavior
 - 1 intense overt rejection
 - 2 moderate (normal level) of rejection
 - 3 covert, mild, or hesitant rejection

Verbalizations

SL = shows solidarity: raises another's status; gives help or reward
TR = Tension release: jokes, laughs: squeals, shows satisfaction
AG = Agrees: shows passive acceptance: understands, concurs; compiles
SU = Gives suggestions or directions, implies autonomy for others
OP - Gives opinion, evaluation, or analyses: expresses feeling or wish.
OR = Gives orientation or information: repeats, clarifies, confirms
AR = Asks for orientation: information; repetition, confirmation
AP = Asks for suggestions, direction, possible ways of action.
US = Disagrees: shows passive rejection or formality: withholds help
ST = Shows tension: ask for help: withdraws "out of field" (swearing)
AN = Antagonism: deflates other's status: defends or asserts self: name calling: (swearing at someone)

MM = Mumbling (unintelligible)

X = No verbalization

Fantasy

- F = Fantasy verbalization
- NF = Nonfantasy verbalization

Voice Tone.

+ = positive affect conveyed by voice tone

Q = neutral voice tone: no affect conveyed

- = negative affect conveyed by voice tone

Social Behavior

1 = Unoccupied behavior:

The child apparently is not playing at all, at least not in the usual sense, but occupies himself with watching anything which happens to be of momentary interest. When there is nothing exciting taking place, he plays with his own body, gets on and off chairs, just stands around, follows the teacher, or sits in one spot glancing around the room.

The child plays alone and independently with

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4 = Parallel play:

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groups of children.

6 = Cooperative play:

The child plays with other children. They may be borrowing and lending play materials or following one another with trains and wagons. There are mild attempts to control which children may or may not play in the group. All are engaged in similar, if not identical, activity. There is no division of labor and no organization of activity. Each child acts as he wishes and does not subordinate his interest to the group. There is interaction between children, but no common goal.

The child plays within a group that is organized for the purpose of making some material product, of striving to attain some competitive goal, of dramatizing situations of adult or group life, or of playing formal games. There is a marked sense of belonging or not belonging to the group. The control of the group situation is in the hands of one or two members who direct the activity of others. The goal and the method of attaining it necessitates a division of labor, the taking of different roles by various group members, and the organization of activity so that the efforts of one child are supplemented by those of another. The critical distinction is the goal-directedness of the group.

Physical Behavior

- <u>Contact</u> (coded in relation to the object of the interaction. Peer interaction takes precedence over involvement with materials or environment)
 - C = contact: physical contact between subject and object or another peer.
 - NC = No physical contact with other peers or objects

Behavioral tone

- + = behavior which is socially acceptable or positive in connotation. (holding hands, patting, sitting side by side)
- 0 = neutral motion: physical behavior which does not convey either positive or negative connotations. (building, running)
- = behavior which is not socially acceptable or is negative in connotation. (pushing, hitting)

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Recording Observations

For each frame a code must be applied to each available space. If no verbalization or initiation is observable, an "X" is coded in that position. All other spaces require an observational interpretation of the behavior occurring. The only exception to this rule is the rare case in which the person being observed leaves the scene (is out of camerá range). In such cases, "X" for the entire frame or any part thereof is permissible.

Coding of each category is done by writing in the appropriate code (for responses, level of involvement, object of interaction, impact, autonomy, leadership, social competence, emotionality, verbalization, social behavior) or by circling the appropriate code symbols (for fantasy, voice tone, physical behavior, and behavioral tone).

Frame 1 (required)

When the signal tone is heard marking a 20 second interval, the behavior occurring immediately after the tone is observed. All observations within a single frame refer to this one behavioral interaction. Frame 1 must be completed each 20 seconds for the entire play session.

Frame 2 (optional depending on interaction)

If Frame 1 does not contain a 5 or 6 level of social behavior, then prepare to record the first peer interaction that occurs in the 20 second interval.

Frame 2 is only completed if a peer interaction occurs during the interval, otherwise an X^{J} is placed through the entire frame.

If a peer interaction occurs, record the behavior as a single interaction with all codes applying to that "bit" of interaction. (The verbalization, physical behavior, social behavior, inferred motivation and impact are all contingent on the interaction sequence).

Whether the interaction begins as a response or an initiation, it is the total sequence of interaction that is observed and rated.

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Reliability .

Interobserver reliability is established by two independent observers simultaneously recording the behaviors of the same child in the same intervals on their respective recording forms. Intraobserver reliability is established by a single observer relating a previously observed tape.

Two methods of computing reliability are used, one based on total blanks and the other based on total recorded positions. Each type of reliability should be computed for the entire instrument and also for wach separate scale. Minimum suggested reliability indices are given in Table B-1.

Points for figuring total instrument reliability are assigned as shown in Figure B-2. Procedures for computation of interobserver reliability are as follows:

Total Blanks

Count and evaluate the total number of possible codes, regardless of whether anything was recorded within that area for that time interval or not. This method credits the observers with agreements for those instances on which they agree that no recordable behavior occurred, i.e., both recorded an "X" for that category of that interval. Formulas used for figuring reliability by this method are as follows:

% reliability = <u>Agreements (Number of points)</u> ...Number of frames x 23

Total Recorded Positions

Count and evaluate only those positions in which one or both observers recorded something other than "X". The formula for figuring reliability by this method is as follows:

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% reliability = <u>Agreements (Number of points)</u> Agreements plus disagreements (Number of points possible for positions in which either observer recorded any code)

TABLE B-1

Minimum Suggested Rater Reliability Indices for Observation of Socialization Behavior

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Total Blanks	ř. 80	.85			
Total Recorded Positions	.60	.70			





Assignment of Points for OSB Rater Reliability



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Parent Permission and Information Sheets

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Project Agreement Form

I, the undersigned, as parent or guardian of ______, a child in attendance at the ______day care center,

by my signature agree:

- that my child may participate in the Social Development project approved and administered by the professional staff of the Institute for Family and Child Study at Michigan State University;
- (2) that I understand that the Social Development project has been judged by the professional staff to be in no way harmful to the children involved and in no way an invasion of the privacy of the families;
- (3) that I understand that participation in this program will not interfere with the regular program in which my child is enrolled and that no additional benefits or effects are guaranteed;
- (4) that it is my understanding that each research project in which my child might be asked to participate will be explained to me and that I may withdraw my child from participation at any time if such involvement is unacceptable to me without in any way affecting his enrollment in the preschool program in which he is enrolled;
- (5) that all results will be treated with strict confidence, that all individual children will remain anonymous in reporting any results, and that all results will be handled in a professional manner.

By my signature I indicate that the research has been explained to me in detail and that I understand that any further questions that I may have about the research project will be answered by the teacher, the research coordinator, or the director of the Institute for Family and Child Study.

Date:

Signed: _____

Witness: _____



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CHILD'S SOCIAL EXPERIENCES

Present Day Care Enrollment:

- 1. How many hours per day does your child attend the center?
- 2. How many days per week does your child attend the center?
- 3. How many months per year will your child attend the center?

Past Day Care or Nursery School Experience:

- 1. How many months has your child been enrolled in Day Care for the <u>full day</u> before September 1, 1973?_____
- 2. How many months has your child been enrolled in Day Care for <u>part of the day</u> before September 1, 1973?_____
- 3. How many months has your child been enrolled in Day Care or Nursery School 2 or 3 days per week before September 1, 1973?_____
 - 4. How many months has your child been cared for in a home situation with a <u>Sitter or Relative</u> during the day before September 1, 1973?

Does your child participate with other children in a group outside of School? Check () those activities that he/she participates in.



The child meets in such groups as above_____hour(s) per week.

Most of the child's playmates at home are: _

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_____brothers and sisters _____other relatives _____friends/neighbors

Most often the children that my child plays with at home, are:

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When not at school my child spends approximately (circle one)

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STAFF INFORMATION

4.

- 1. Number of Teachers employed _____ Number of Aides employed _____ Number of Other support people _____
- 3. Are there written qualifications for hiring Directors, Teachers, or Aides? _____yes____no If yes or if established but not written, please briefly note basic qualifications for each position.

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Who plans the	weekly schedule of	activities?		
Who decides on	the placement of c	hildren in gro	oups or clas	ses?



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Institute for Family and Child Study		Home Manag	ement House,	Unit #2
Information about the staff member as Program assignment	ssigned to	h participate	in the study	7:
	`	Age	<u> </u>	
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The lleasurement of Social Status

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THE NEASUREMENT OF SOCIAL STATUS.

Carson McGuire and George D. White The University of Texas *Research Paper in Human Development Ro. 3 (revised), Department of Educational Psychology, The University of Texas, March, 1955.

Indices of social status and family life style are described in the Freegot paper and directions are given for their calculation. An index is simply an empirical construct, derived by a scientist, to estimate values of a variable which is found is construct, derived by a scientist, to estimate values of a variable which is found is construct, derived by a scientist, to estimate the "position" of a person with regard the real world. A status index approximates the "position" of a person with regard to one of the frames of reference people employ to place one another: (i) socioto one of the frames of reference people employ to place one another: (i) sociodeconomic level, (ii) social class participation and reputation, (iii) family or individual life style. (12, pp. 3-32; 5, pp. 199-200) Human behavior tends to vary somewhat according to status. The relationship between "what one feels, thinks, and does" and "where one fits in," howver, is not between "what one feels, thinks, and does" and "where one fits in," howver, is not priste to sex, agr-grade, and social status are learned according to place and priste to sex, agr-grade, and social status are learned according to behaviors appro-

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between "what one feels, thinks, and does" and 'where oue itse one. Social roles are a functional appect of status. Role behaviors appropriate to sex, age-grade, and social status are learned according to place and through time. And there are added learned differences arong persons adhering to an ethnic group or a religious sect, or belonging to a color caste which is marked by visibility factors. As a consequence of role experiences according to status. systematic variations in cognitive discriminations, in cathectic attachments, and in welue-apprehensions appear and persist unless changed to accompany a shift in status (social mobility). Hence discrepancies in status indicate potential differences in role behaviors and in pythological attributes.

An index is useful in placing subjects in subclasses of sample populations for various kinds of behavior research. Comparisons can be made among the several submamples in an investigation to determine just what are the probably sources of

wariciton in hohavior. In broad terms, the sources of variation can be locked upor as biological discrepancies (age, ser), cultural patterns (life styles, ethnic grosocial characteristics (status, role), and psychological attributes (e.g., motives attributes). A number of studies completed at The University of Texas have denonarceled that status classifications are helpful in research (2,3,6,10,14) and that of the is inverted in vork with people.

Channer frinces, at least the ones described-here, are based upon questions of months with the property of a seeking to "glace" one another. Note persons in firectly "find out about" other people to apphasimate their social position beforline monthing with them. Questions ouch as "what do you do?" "where do you work?" "Affect do you live? "where do you go to achool?" and "what church do you go to!" affect do you live? "where do you go to achool?" and "what church do you go to!" affect in mony different ways. The queries usually are designed to fit people if the reference of restance groups (6, pp. 162-163) and of the other person.

Each infort depends upon a combination of ratings from three or more scales. It would an innex only three steps are required. First, the individual or the "outer parter!" of the family to be placed is rated on each component scale. Sect the rollors are multiplied by appropriate veights (determined in previous studies) and the products are sumed to secure a total index score. Third, a table for estimating states from total index scores is employed for an approximation of charm probably scaled or life style.

The inits of shorted characteristics of the been developed by Wanner and his co-workers at Chicago (11,12). Modifications of the original index have been could at Torves (2,3,10,14). The total index score usually depends upon ratings of the matrix matrix, (t) Uvelling area, (11) house type, (111) occuration. while a person of family chooses to live in the residential areas of a city (Yb) or a torm (2). The last two have to do with socioeconomic status which is translated (ser social class position and reputation. The index accus to supply a good estimate of social class position of an individual or family when the estimate of the factories (7,14) or by Warner's method of evaluated participation (12' in Texus, a good deal of work has been done with the standard ISC in a large

city. Center (6,7,14), and in a smaller community. Fertown (2,7,8). The interview and rate the residential areas and to assess the range of dwelling units. Table I shows the standard form of the index. Components to by rated are described in the Agrendixes to the paper. Some modifications of the original Warner IBC have been made as a consequence of research experience.

TABLE 1

INDEX OF STATUS CHARACTERISTICS -- STANDARD FORM

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Weights in a status index, always add up to 12. Total index scores renge from 12 to 84 when the components are summed. Estimates of status in terms of social class level are made by consulting Table IV.

A modified intex of social status, or ISS, is useful when it is not possible to obtain ratings for ivellings area and house type. The index has been employed in studies where people come from a number of communities. Where chooks have been made the ISS shows are fairly high correspondence to the ISC and shatus planers.ta usually are correbuted by interview data. Table II shows the exponents and the individual the individual to be classified.

TABLE II BDEX OF SOCIAL STATUS -- SHORT FORM

0... Occurring ... Rate 1 to 7 on CC scale ... Weight -- x 5 S... Source of Income . " 1 to 7 on SI scale ... " -- x 1 E... Etucation ... " 1 to 7 on ED scale ... " -- x 3

The weights sum to 12 and the total index scores can range from 12 $(h^2 g^2)$ to θk (102) when the component ocores are summed. Estimates of status in terms of social class participation and reputation are made by consulting the standard conversion table, shown as Table IV in the present report.

An index of value orightations, or IVD, has been constructed to estimate variations in life style of individuals or the "status parent" of a family. A person's way of life--his orientation to the world about him, his behavior and his appreciative and moral standards--does not necessarily correspond to his social status. From original proposals made by McGuire and Martin B. Loeb, a suitable index has been developed and tested at Texas (5). Like other indices, the IVD iscan

indrinutent empirical construct which approximates certain essential aspects of the reality being studied.

end in the intelly differstyles but possible discrepancies should be kept in mind play when necessary. The loginant value-attitudes are the prescrubed ones since A in this tersus-size who changes status upword or downward--always has to learn new some lower-modil- and many upper-lower people. "Farlant life styles are charactercond which are given lover level approval at the "common man level," that is, among they are held by the most poverful element in the majorfly of commanities, the . A of symbol figures from a reference group which is suid to share value-attitudes or while other intuins and accouplish a shift in life style. relations, social class terms often are orientations, social class terms often are Fr vet or crybubited (as delinquent or criminal) and adherence in the lover-lover itize of ethic groups or religious sects, where adherence to a tradition brings upper--- lig class. Alterative value orientations are modifications of the dominant the upper class, exert latent control for they often are hidden and only brought into eland things mon-among and and the impositions of sanctions. Since there is a value-prientations in conton. The <u>superplainate</u> value orientations, ascribed to because initrants talk about syntoi figures who represent ways of living. A set Life styles, in any community, usually can be identified from interview data

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The index of value ordentations, or IVD, depends upon ratings for (1) education, (11) religious affiliation, (11) occupation, and (17) source of income. The first two oral ments assess probable differences in beliefs, attitudes, and values which guide pendation. The last two have to do with the subjectionship base which make a life style possible. Table 111 sets forth the components to be rated along with approgriste weights. The total index score can be ergloyed to estimate probable life style of a subject in terms of symbols of his value orientations, or it cample used to product possible future life style if aspirations are known. (3)

TABLE OF VALUE ORIENTATIONS

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cls: " status or of life style made by using the table are only approximations. the verghts add to 12 and the total index values (non vary frim 12 (high) to 8b style if components are rated approximately. To be comparable to other indices. or into descriptions of probable life skyle. Hellingshead's "prestige judge" (r. pp. 25-45) or Warner's "Evaluated yarticiyation" constitute with reality. a research person can have persons of families placed by protably correct 60 or 90 per cent of the time. conversion table can be employed. It should be remembered that the predictions of terms, can employ life style concepts. Table IV. (low). Life styles can be inferred by entering the contingency table shown as can 's converted into letters to denote relative status level, into social class terms, version table developed by Warmer and his associates (12, p. 183). Index second (12, pp. 36-39, 47-117) procedures. Table IV is a modification of the original con-Index Score 57-66 5-57 5-57 1 12 Weights of components in all the indices have been adjusted so that a conjon The index can be employed to estimate a past, a present, or an aspired life Scae persons prefer to employ class-typed terms; other, to avoid status Pelstlve Stilus • 1: 11 **H** 10 7 U ¥ P ł GENERAL CORVERSION TABLE FOR STATUS INDICES (LL) Upper Class <u>ક</u> Frediction Social Ciasa Upper-Loves Lover-Middle Upper-Middle Ē Ē Ē MALE IV and Intervals of Break Points Indeterminancy (52-53). (2**3**-2^h)-12--22 25--33 (63-66) 54--62 31-37) 67---84 38--50 To test the correspondence of the Life Style® ordinate Super-Levi ant Alternate Doginant Duri nant Ę ş Err: Jes in Correlation Intervals 16 pina 17- 21 72-76 77 ::1nus 12-16 27-31 52-26 62-66 5-14 67-71 57-51 52-56 37-41 32-35 4

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TABLE VIII

SOURCE OF INCOME

inherited saving and investments; "wid money" reputed to provide basic income.

turned wealth; "new money" has provided "transferable" investment income.

3. "Prolify, fees, royalties, includes executives whe receive a "sMare of profit"

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incone from "odd jobs" or private relief; "sharecropping" or seasonal work.

Public relief or charity; non-respectable incomes (reputation).

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ittended high school, completed grade nime. but did not graduate from high school, for persons born prior to 1900, grade eight completed.

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Left elementary or junior high school before completing grade eight; for per-

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OCCUPATIONS:	LEVELS	AND	KINDS*

_	Professionels	Proprietors	Bustnes amon	White Collar	blue Collar	Service	Firm People
•	Lawyer, judge, physician, eng- ineer, professor, school supt. #tal	Large busineanes valued at \$100,000 or more depending on community	Ton executives, President, etal of corporations, banko, public utilities	CPA; editor of newspaper, mag- azine; executive secv. of status organization		4	Gentleman far- mer or land owners who do not supervise directly their property
2.	durses, teachers, librarians, and others with 4-yr. college degree	Business valued at \$50,000 to \$100,000	Asst., office, 6 dept. monager or supervisors; some mfg. agents	Accountant; in- surance, real estate, stock salesmen, edi- torial writers	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Land Operators who supervise properties 6 have an active urban life
3,	Professionals without 4-yr. college degree	Business or equity valued from \$10.000 to \$50,000	Managers of scall branches or buyers and salesmen of known mchdge.	Bank clerks, auto colesmen, postal clurks, RR or Tel. agt, or supervisor	Small contrec- tor who worke or supervises his jobs	<u></u>	with "hired help"; operators of leased prop- erty who suprvs.
4.		Business or equity valued from \$5,000 to \$10,000	(Stenographer, bo ricket agent, sal in dept. stores,	ookkeeper; Les people et al)	Foreman; Waster carpenter, plec- trician, etal; RR engineor	tailor, RR conductor; watchmkr.	operators of rented property hiring "hands"
3.		Business or equity valued from \$2,000 to \$5,000	(Dime store clerk grocery clerks; phone and beauty	tele- oper. et al)	Apprenticato skilled trades; repairmen; med. skilled workers	barbers; LVN's, brakemen	farms: foreman; owners of farms who "hire out" Sharecroppars;
6.		Business or equity valued at less than \$2,000	· ·	(Semi-skilled fr production works tants to skilled housemen, watch	actory and era; asoin- d trade; waru- men)	trk. driv- ers; wait- er, waitres gas stn: attnt, aide	established farm laborers; subsis s tence farmers.
7.	"Reputed Lawbreak	ers"	· ·	(Heavy labor; or mine or mill has unskilled worke	dd-job en; nds, rs)	Domestic hlp. busboy scrubwomen, janitor hlp	nigrani workers "sguatters 6 nesters"



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List of Variables

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VARIABLE LIST

BROWN'IDS SELF CONCEPT REFERENT TEST VARIABLES

- 1. Self score: number of positive responses / total number of responses
- 2. Mother score: number of positive responses / total responses
- 3. Discrepancy score: number of items with differences. between self and mother
- 4. Number of omits

PLAY SITUATION PICTURE BOARD SOCIOMETRIC VARIABLES

- 1. Diversity of choices: number of different peers chosen
- 2. Heterogeneity of SES choices: number of unlike peers chosen
- 3. Heterogeneity of Sex choices: humber of unlike peors chosen
- 4. Sociometric status: frequency of being chosen / number of times available for choice
- 5. Heterogeneity, of SES status: frequency of being chosen by unlike peers / number of times available for choice by unlike peers
- 6. Heterogeneity of Sex status: frequency of being chosen by unlike peers / number of times available for choice by unlike peers

CLASSROOM SOCIO-OBSERVATION VARIABLES

- 1. Level of social involvement: mean level of involvement over all intervals
- 2. Peer proximity: average number of children in proximity over all intervals
- 3. Adult dependency: average number of intervals in interaction with adults

4. Peer association: average number of peers at 5 or $_6$ level of play



- 5. Consistency of peer proximity: duration of proximity per peer
- 6. Consistency of peer association: duration of interaction per peer
- 7. Heterogeneity of peer association (Sex): proportion of interaction with unlike vs. like peers
- B. Heterogeneity of peer association (SES): proportion of interaction with unlike vs. like peers

OBSERVATION OF SOCIALIZATION BEHAVIOR VARIABLES

- -1. Gregariousness: mean number of peers in interaction per interval
 - 2. Voice tone: mean affect of voice
 - 3. Physical tone: mean affect of physical behavior
 - 4. Social behavior: mean level of social behavior
 - 5. Autonomy: mean level of au conomy
 - 6. Social leadership: mean level of social leadership
 - 7. Social competency: mean level of social competency
 - 8. Emotionality: mean level of emotionality
 - 9. Intensity of environmental control: mean level of acceptance (impact codes)
- 10. Activity level: mean level of responses and initiations
- 11. Familiative initiation: initiations after acceptances vs. rejections
- 12. Responsive initiations: initiations after acceptances or rejections vs. pure initiations
- 13. Initiative: number of intervals with initiations vs. without
- 14. Heterogeneity of initiations (Sex): proportion of initiations to unlike vs. like peers
- 15. Heterogeneity of initiations (SES): proportions of initiations to unlike vs. like peers

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to rejections Responsivity: proportion of intervals responding 17. vs. not responding Duration: proportion of intervals in con-going 18. behavior vs. responding Tolerance for unfamiliar behavior (Sex): acceptances 19. to unlike peers vs. like peers Tolerance for unfamiliar behavior (SES): acceptances 20. to unlike peers va. like peers 🐁 Peer interactions proportion of intervals in peer 21. interaction vs. no peer interaction Verbalization: preportion of intervals with verbal-22. ization vs. no verbalization

Acceptiveness of responses: proportion of acceptance

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- 23. Verbal task ofilentation: task verbalizations vs. non-task verbalizations
- 24. Verbal dominance: proportion of intervals with suggestions vs. all other verbalizations
- 25. Verbal supportiveness: positive verbal vs. negative verbal affect
- 26. Fantasy: proportion of intervals in fantasy verbali- " zations vs. non-fantasy verbalizations
- 27. Physical contact: proportion of intervals in physical contact vs. no physical contact
- 28. Mutual goal directedness: proportion of intervals at level 6 social behavior vs. all other levels of social behavior
- 29. Socially unaware: proportion of intervals at level 1 or 2 social behavior vs, all other levels of social behavior
- 30. Positive control: proportion of accepted impacts vs rejected impacts
- 31. Environmental control: proportion of accepted or rejected vs. neutral impacts

32. Heterogeneity of control (Sex): proportion of acceptances from an unlike peer vs. acceptances from a like peer in the impact codes.

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- 33. Heterogeneity of control (SES): proportion of acceptances from an unlike peer vs. acceptances from a like peer in the impact codes
- 34. Aggression: proportion of intervals with negative physical tone with peers, vs. proportion with positive or neutral physical tone with peers
- 35. Withdrawal: proportion of intervals at level 1, 2, or 3 of social behavior with passive responses, vs. proportion of intervals at level 4, 5, or 6 of social behavior with passive responses
- 36. Facilitative of interaction: proportion of acceptances or ongoing responses at level 5 or 6 of social behavior vs. proportion at all other levels of social behavior
- 37. Nonverbal style of communicating: proportion of intervals with acceptances or rejections in the impact codes with no verbalization vs. proportion with verbalizations
- 38. Differential voice tone (Sex): mean affect of voice in interaction with unlike peers, less mean affect of voice in all interactions
- 39. Differential voice tone (SES): mean affect of voice in interaction with unlike peers less mean affect of voice in all interactions
- 40. Differential physical tone (Sex): mean affect of physical behavior in interaction with unlike peers less mean affect in all interactions
- 41: Differential physical tone (SES): mean affect of physical behavior in interaction with unlike peers less mean affect in all interactions

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Results of Tests for Internal Consistency .

Classroom Socio-Observations Observations of Socialization Rehavior (OSB)

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Those variables from the Classroon Socio-Observations and Observation of Socialization Behavior (OSE) Instrument that were in the form of a rating scale were tested for the internal consistency of these ratings. An analysis of variance technique entitled Noyt's Test of Internal Consistency was applied. This analysis provides a reliability coefficient in the range of 0 to 1. The results of these analyses are reported below.

Classroom Socio-Observation

Consistency over three consecutive observations.

Variable	Reliability Coefficient
Pre Social Behavior	.31
Post Social Behavior	~ • 80

Observation of Socialization Behavior

Consistency over 30 intervals - Pre test data.

Variable	7 Reliability Coefficient
Social Behavior	.92
Enotionality	.73
Social Competency	• 39
Social Leadership	
Autonomy	.92
Behavioral Tone	• 37
Leval of Response	.80



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Sample Lesson





Lead-up to Doctor's Office Dramatic Flay

Activity:

Listening task with stethoscopes

Objectives:

- 1. To acquaint children with stethoscopes before use in a dramatic play situation.
- 2. For children to learn that ticking sounds can be heard through a stethoscope.

Materials:

1. Two stethoscopes

- 2. One loud ticking clock or oven timer
- 3. 2 doctor's bags

Procedure:

Put the stethoscopes and clock on a table during free play. A teacher should be at the table to show the children how to use the stethoscopes. As children begin to take an interest, the teacher might say, THIS IS CALLED A STETHOSCOPE. MOST DOCTORS HAVE ONE. YOU CAN LISTEN TO SOUNDS WITH IT. THE ENDS OF THE STETHOSCOPE FIT INTO YOUR EARS LIKE THIS (Teacher demonstrates); THEN YOU UCE THIS OTHER END TO LISTEN TO SOUNDS LIKE THE TICKING OF THIS CLOCK. WATCH. (Hold the stethoscope up to the face of the clock and show a surprised facial expression when you hear the ticking.) Encourage the children to listen to the clock. NOW IT'S YOUR TURN. SEE IF YOU CAN HEAR IT.

After the children have heard the ticking clock through stethoscopes, tell them, DOCTORS ALSO USE STETHOSCOPES TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE'S HEARTS. CAN YOU HEAR MY HEART BEAT? Show the children how to hold the stethoscope to their chest. YOU MIGHT ALSO WANT TO LISTEN TO A FRIEND'S HEART-BEAT. Some children may not want to have other children listen to their hearts, so caution children to ask their friends if it's okay before they approach another child. ASK MARY IF YOU CAN LISTEN TO HER HEARTBEAT. If Mary says no, the teacher should say, matter-of-factly, MARY DOESN'T WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO HER HEART RIGHT NOW. YOU CAN LISTEN TO MY HEART IF YOU WANT TO, OR MAYBE TOM WILL LET YOU LISTEN TO HIS HEART, IF YOU ASK HIM.

The stethoscopes and clock should be out for the children to explore and manipulate during free play for the week prior to Doctor's Office dramatic play. Many children will be intrigued with the stethoscopes, especially on the first day that they are out. The teacher needs to reassure the children that they will all get to have a turn to listen and that the stethoscopes will be out all the rest of the week for them to play with. The teacher should try to limit the number of children at the table to no more than four to five at a time: two children can watch while two other children are using the stethoscopes. If many more children are at the table, tempers grow short and the wait becomes too long for most children. Redirect children to other activities whenever possible. JOHN AND SUE, YOU CAN LOOK AT A BOOK OR DO A PUZZLE WHILE YOU'RE WAITING TO USE THE STETHOSCOPES. I'LL CALL YOU WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN. If a lot of children are waiting to use the stethoscopes, the teacher can also shorten the length of time each child uses the stethoscopes by having the children only listen to the clock on the first day. She can show them how to listen to heartbeats the second day. The teacher should also be aware that some children may only want to watch others use the stethoscopes the first few days before trying it themselves.

Other places to listen for sounds are on: -- aquarium glass

-- window or wall

-- table

-- body parts

Try other areas of your room to see if there are sounds there.

Socialization Curriculum

Activity: Doctor's Office Dramatic Play.

Objectives:

- 1. To help the child develop skill in initiating interactions with others.
- 2. To help the child develop skill in responding to the interactive attempts of others.
- 3. To help the child develop the self control necessary to deal with the unfamiliar behavior of other children.
- 4. To help the child develop the self control necessary to allow another child or adult to continue toward his goal.
- 5. To help the child develop the skills and self control necessary to share toys and materials and to play in association with other-children.
 - 6. To aid the ohild in building the skills necessary to work with other children toward a mutual goal.

Materials: Doctor's Office

Oote (2) or beds marked on floor with macking tape Fillows (2) (optional) Henkets (2) (optional) Two white shirts for the decorrers are bands Shelving or stand for doctor's equipment Stethoscopes (2) Syringes (1) Gauge strip bandages or steips of sloth Cummed labels cut into various sizes (for bandaids) Cotton balle (2) Doctor's base (2) Fathroom scale (optional) Splints (2) - optional Flay thermometers (optional)

Initiag room

- Child-sdzed chaire (3 or 4) La brince of suchf Storybooks about doctors and nurses



Procedure:

The Doctor's office should be set up in a second dramatic play area. It should not take the place of the regular housekeeping area. The props should be set up before the children arrive. It is best to start with only a few basic props the first day and add one or two new props each day. For example, the first day include 2 stethoscopes, 2 gringes, strips of gauge or cloth for bas dages and two doctor's bags. The second day add gummed latels in a tandaid tox, the third day add splints and cotton balls, the 4th day add bathroom scale, the 5th day add finshlights and place thermometers if desired.

The number of children playing in a Doctor's office should be limited to 4 at a time: P doctors, P patients. However, the teacher may also want to set up a small "waiting room" where a few other children can read books while waiting to see the doctors. The books in the "waiting room" should include oli magazines and/or children's books about doctors and nurses berread from a local library.

Une of the teachers' most important roles will be to model and explain appropriate role behavior of doctors and patients for the children. Sometimes the teacher will only have to give a suggestion, and at other times she/he may have to be a pretend patient or doctor. This will vary with the group of children playing in the area. No matter what methods the teacher uses the main goal is to get children to interact with each other and play cooperatively.



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Following are $su_{i,k}$ ested statements for the tacher to make depending upon the situation. The child may be outside of the dramatic play and need an <u>entrance</u>. He may be in the ongoing play and need help in <u>continuing</u> the play, or the child may need to <u>exit</u> from the play.

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Entrance and exit from the situation will be dependent on the limits of the play. That is, the activity was designed for four children. If there are not four children playing, the teacher should use one of the entrance suggestions or create abother. If there are more than four children in the play or a child needs to let another have a turn, an exit-statement should be node. If most of the play is solitary, i.e. each phild fixing his own arm with bandages, a <u>continuance</u> statement should be made to stimulate int is action; he ween the children.

Suggested teacher intiractions:

Entrance to play situation:

- YOUR BABY DOESN'T LOOK VERY WELL TODAY. HAS SHE BEEN EATING? I THINK YOU SHOULD TAKE HER TO A DOCTOR. COME ON I'LL GO WITH YOU. (Teacher goes with child to play area.)
- 2. SCHOOL'S STARTING NEXT WELK FOR YOUR CHILDREN. HAVE
- YOU MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DOCTOR FOR A CHECK-UP FOR THEM? I'LL HELP YOU MAKE THE APPOINTMENT. LET'S GO SEE (OR CALL) YOUR DOCTOR. (Teacher yoes with child to make appointment or helps him call on play telephone.;
- 3. (Teacher who is involved in dramatic blay) BEFORE I
 GO TO WORK TODAY I BETTER GO GET A CHEOKEUF. (Teacher goes to doctors treat) DOCTOR. I NEED A CHEOKEUF.
 MULL CAN YOU SEE ME?
- 4. (Teacher in house area.) I be C'I AND AND AND TODAY,
 I THINK I'LL SEE THE DOGTOR. M. L. HPRTS (T. limps and holds less while walking to doctors office.) DOOTOL CAN YOU FIX IT? (To protone this type filley are any or all of the following statements after arrival.)
 ALSO, MY ATEM HORTS HERE... Do YOU HAVE A PAND-AIL FOR MY CUT HERE? DO YOU THINK I ARED A SHOP TO STAY WELLT BEFORE I LEAVE CAN YOU WIGH ME?

Continuance of play:

- 1. NURSE, PLEASE WEIGH AND MEASURE THIS PATIENT, WHEN SEND HIM IN TO SEE THE DOCTOR.
- 2: DOCTOR, I NEED HELP FIXING THIS PATIENT. WOULD YOU HELP ME WITH THIS BANDAGE?
- 3. BUT DOCTOR YOU BETTER ASK MIM IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE ARONG WITH HIM.
- 4. BUT DOCTOR AREN'T YOU GOING TO TELL LIE FATIENT WHEN MEDICINE HE NEEDS TO PAKE ROMAN

Exit from play situation: `

- 1. I THINK YOUR BAF ? WILL DE OK NOW. YOU CAN TAKE HEL HOME NOW.
- 2. I'M DON' (ITH YOUR CHECK-UP IT'S OF FOR YOU TO TO BACK TO WORK.
- 3. IT'S YOUR (To child playing doctor) MORN WE LAVE A DAY OFF. YOU CAN HANG YOUR COAT UP SON.
- 4. DOOTOR, FINISH WITH THAT PARIARY. LO HAVE OTHER PATIENTS TO SEE. IN STR. FOR OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

Sample Lesson

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Parents Are Teachers Too

LOTTO GAMES

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Mix'N Match Lotto Games

Lotto games are fun to play alone. However, your child will benefit most when you play the game with him. Mother and Dad can bring out many clues children might miss in an attempt to match the cards.

Lotto games are another way children learn important problem solving skills. While playing lotto a child learns that when he faces any kind of problem there are important clues right there in the event that will help him find the answer.

As you play these games, encourage your child to name the picture and talk about the cards as he is placing them on the appropriate squares. By identifying and describing the similarities, differences, colors and shapes of the objects children expand their use of language and increase their vocabularies. By observing the different cards, children sharpen their ability to identify shapes which will eventually help them distinguish letters and words.

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HOW TO MAKE A LOTTO BOARD

Lotto boards and cards can be made from tag board or any kind of heavy cardboard. Cut the board 6" x 9" and the cards 3" x 3". Arrange the six cards in two rows of three on the lotto board. With a ruler and heavy magic marker draw the lines onto the board that will divide the space into the six squares. Using identical objects or pictures paste matching items onto both the card and the board, Similar objects can be used for one lotto game. For example, one-board could be made for a young child with things found in a desk like rubber bands, paper clips or used stamps, Another game could be made with foods like dried peas or beans. Arranging gummed/stars into different patterns is another way to/ make a game /that would be challenging to an older child.

SAMPLE LOTTO BOARD



SAMPLE LOTTO CARDS



LOTTO GAME DIRECTIONS

Mix & Match

Spread out all the boards and all the playing cards, Ask your child to match the cards to the board as if working a puzzle.

Bingo

Place the boards and playing cards upside down and each player picks one board. Take turns playing the role of the "caller" who picks up a card and names it. The person who can match the card called on his board can claim it. Continue playing the game until one person wins the game by matching and covering all the pictures on his board.

Scramble Race

Place all boards in easy reach of all players. Mix and deal playing cards in equal amounts to each player. All players try at the same time to match each of their cards on the boards as fast as they can. The first person to match all of his cards is the winner.

Classification Game

Place all playing cards face up. Ask your child to find all cards that have something in common. For example, ask your child to find all the cards with objects that are food and could be eaten. Or, ask him to find all cards that have objects that are one color.

Concentration

This is a real favorite with children—they'll stick to it long after you're exhausted. Select or pass out the playing boards to the players. Turn all of the cards upside down on the table and begin to draw cards, one person at a time. If the card you select matches one on your board, then take another turn. If it doesn't match call out the name of the object and place it face down again. The other players must be alert to remember where the cards they will need are—so concentrate!

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DESIGNING A LOTTO GAME TO MEET THE INTERESTS OF YOUR CHILD

Playing lotto requires that children use and develop matching skills to be able to distinguish between same and different objects or pictures. A very young child needs a game with large quality differences and older children are challenged by patterns and associations that are more difficult to see and understand.

Try to consider your child's interests and abilities when making the lotto games that you will be using with him. It is important to understand that children first begin to think in terms of real concrete objects and can then deal with thinking that involves abstract ideas.

The following are examples of different kinds of materials that can be used in making lotto games. The materials on the list are organized according to the kind of thinking required in using the game. They are listed in order of difficulty beginning with materials appropriate for younger children.

Simple real objects (macaroni, beans, peas) 1.



Simple shapes, symbols and pictures (stars, numbers) 2.



Objects or pictures placed in different patterns 3.





Association concepts

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things that go together-dog to doghouse

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b. parts of a whole-window in a house

-leaf and tree





Appendix C

Pescriptions of Centers in the Sample



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CWYER 1

Center 1 was a non-profit, federally licensed Day Care facility supported in part by the United Fund and the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. It provided a sliding scale fee structure admitting children of single families or families in need of assistance first. No transportation was provided. The licensed capacity was 63 children, with 70 children enrolled. The center was located within the downtown area of a large city as a part of a larger community center. The Day Care Center, had been in existence for 20 years, two years at the present site.

The physical facilities were especially designed for day care use, and were complemented by the other facilities of the community center (i.e. large gym, meeting rooms, kitchen, etc.). This was especially convenient for parent meetings.

The center's clientele was 90% black. The two teachers presenting the parent program were also black. The director of the center participated but in an advisory capacity.

The center had an active parent-represented Day Care Committee that formulated policy and authorized child-involved activities.

Previous parental involvement programs at the center consisted mainly of open houses, special parties, and periodic meetings that were reportedly very well supported by the parents.

During the course of the Parouts are Teachers Too program, a strike of some of the employees of the community center occurred. This disrupted the teaching effort and therefore parent meetings were postponed temporarily.



CENTUR 2

Center 2 was a private, non-franchised center supported solely by fees and tuition. It had a licensed canacity of 56 with approximately 100 children enrolled, many part-time. The center was a remodelled ranch-style home, located in a suburban area of a large city. It had been in operation for 2 1/2 years.

The center's clientele was 30% anglo, with about 15% receiving social services' aid to dependent children.

The owner/director supervised the educational program and placement of children along with her administrative duties. Self-contained classrooms were staffed with trained teachers and aides. Although no formal curricula were adopted the teachers had a variety of resources available to them. Classrooms were well equipped and space effectively utilized.

Children from three classrooms participated in the study. Teachers or aides from each of the rooms participated, although children rotated through one dramatic play area. Center 3 was sponsored by a private, non-profit association that operated two centers in this large industrial city. It had a licensed capacity of 47 children, enrolling 70 children, many part-time. The center was located in a church, and consisted mainly of a large open classroom and a few smaller Sunday school rooms. It had been in operation for 2 years. The main source of financial support came from tuition and fees, although a type of sliding scale was available for needy families.

CULTUR 3

The center's clientele was majority arglo, with 31% black. Both anglo and black staff participated in the parent program. The center's executive director assumed the leadership with the parent program, while the head teacher was involved in both programs. A volunteer teacher supervised the children's program with the help of the head teacher.

Although the center was roverned by a board of truspees with parental representation, in general parent involvement at the center was minimal. Attendance at previous parent meetings and carties was reportedly poor.

An inservice training program was being implemented during the year to upgrade staff expertise. Limited materials and equipment were available for educational programming. General staff rapport, however, was excellent.

CENTUR 4"

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Center 4 was a public, non-profit center, supported by y various organizations and the United Fund. It had a licensed capacity of 120 children all full-time. The center provided a sliding scale fee structure with the majority of the families receiving partial subsidies. Children from single parent families were given enrollment priority. The clientele of the center was mixed 60% anglo - 40% black. Many of the families had more than one child **eng**olled and enrolled for a number of years.

The center was located in an old mansion between the residential and downtown areas of a large industrial city. The building was furnished to reflect a warn, homey atmosphere. The center had been in operation for eight years. It had a large number of support personnel.

A non-teaching head heacher provided leadership to the educational programming along with a director-administrator. The center had a large number of resources, equipment, and supplies available for programming, although no formal curricula were adopted. In general, intra-staff and parent-staff rapport was excellent.

CHATER 5

Center 5 was a private franchised center solely supported by tuition and fees. It had a licensed capacity of 107, with 166 children enrolled, many part-time.

It was located on the fringes of an urban area in a new building especially designed as a day care center. It had been in operation for just over two years. The center had a mixed clientele of approximately 60% anglo, 40% blac! families. Staff from both ethnic backgrounds participated in the programs. The center changed directors during the project implementation, but as this was anticipated, the incoming director assumed the responsibility for the parent program at the outget. A change in head teacher for the children's program also occurred near the beginning of the program implementation. Excellent staff rapport helped ease the transitions.

Parent involvement at the center was minimal, although parent cooperation and interest in the center was reportedly fairly high. No formal curricula were ever adopted at the center, although the Peabody language kit materials were available.

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Center 6 was a private franchised center supported solely by fees and tuition. It had a licensed capacity of 96, with 149 children enrolled, many part-time. The center was located on the outskirts of a large industrial city in a building specially designed as a day care center.

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The center's clientele was 92% anglo; with only a few black and chicano families. The staff was 100% anglo.

Children were divided into two large open classrooms. Children from both of these groups participated in the study. Head teachers from both proups supervised the sociodramatic play program. These teachers were well qualified, and cooperated in the use of the curriculum. To other curriculum models were adopted at the center, although Peabody language hit materials were available and the Director was making other resources available for the teachers.

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Center 7 was a private, franchised center, supported solely by fees and tuition. It had a licensed capacity of 96, with 135 children enrolled. It was located on the fringes of a residential area in a large industrial city. The physical facility was a building specially designed as a day care center, and transportation was provided. It had two large open classrooms with a number of areas separated by folding doors. Equipment and materials were limited. The center was in operation for 3 1/2 years. The center's clientele was 30% anglo, 20% black, with a large number of families receiving aid to dependent children.

The center had a large amount of turnover in enrollment during the period of association with the project. During the year, the director's position also change?.

This center experienced difficulty in soliciting parental cooperation as required by the research project. Children from both of the classrooms participated in the study.


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Center 3 was a private, franchised center that was solely supported by tuition from both families and the Department of Social Services for those families eligible for ADC. It had a licensed capacity of 107 children, with 132 children enrolled. Transportation was provided. 7 The center was located on the fringes of the industrial area of a large city. It had been in operation for approximately 1 1/2 years.

The physical plant was very new and especially designed as a day care center. Large open spaces were flexibly subdivided as classrooms., Children from three classrooms participated in the study.

The center was in a state of flux during the year of participation as a result of the novement of three different directors into the administrator's role. This instability in the administration did not seem to affect the program's implementation, but did place additional strain on the teachers. An initial step was taken by the staff during this time to form a parent board, but it was not yet active.

Provious parental involvement at the center was minimal, consisting of open houses, parties, and field trip support.

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