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ABSTRACT
This study investigated the effects of short. term supplemental parent and classroom programs on the self-çoncept, socionetric status. social involvement, and heterogeneity of friendship and associations of day care childien 3.3 to 5 year of age. The treatment conditions compared: (1) a regular day care program (control): (2) a day care progran with supplemental classroom activities designed to enhance specific social interaction skills:
(3) a day care progran vith 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 prograns. 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; Classícoon Socio-Observations; and the Observation ap.d Socialization Behavior instrument (revised), a videotaped observational rating procedure. Significant differences across treatment conditions yere evidenced on a number of variables. The appendices include supplemental information on the instruments used, sample lessons frout classroom and parent programs, and descriptions of the centers involved. (ED)

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

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The two programatic inputs fmplemented in the various路 treatments were both developed at IIchigan State University. The parent education program was the Parents are Teachers Too program, and the classroom activities were the M.S.U. Sociodramatic Play Curriculum.

- 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 procèdure.

The sample consisted of 200 children enrolled in eight relatively lárge day care centersin Iower Aichigan. Their ages ranged from * 3.3 to, 5 years. Both Black and anglo children were involved

A multivariate analysis of covariance model was applied 1 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.'

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

Children in centers inpfementing "both" supplemental programs were the most heterogeqeous and gregarious of all. They directed their interactions to 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 proframs, as well as a gesṭalt that was especially evident in heterogeneous, gregarious, outgoing behavior.

Sex and socioeconomic group membersh1p (SES) differences were also evidenced. نales 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. Pemales 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 ch1ldren choose low SES peers.

Other relationships explored involved the interrelationships among self concept scores and peer interaction variables, and among variagles 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 conceptrs 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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Iivtroduction

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 1ifespan 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..... Thether the schools should or can accomplish this great task is questionable; nevertheless, present social tensions provide evidence that the task is not being accouplished.

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

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 atimulate 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 contfnuity between the home and school. This necessitatde some form of familial involvement in the child's activities as well as parent-teacher interaction and support.

Another important ingredient is subpopulational'mix, 80 that childrea are exposed to value, belief, and behavioral differences. Opportunities to observe and interact with those that are different will help the child gain experionces 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, heterogencify of friendship cheices and associations, sociometric otatus 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 programeatic component directed toward the development of positive social interactions (MSU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum)
3. children in day caxe centois witeh hevg a supplemental parent education program directed toward increasing positive parent-child and parent-teacher interaction (Parents are Teachers Too)
4. children in day care centers which have both the supplemental classroom and parent education programs. Secondatily, 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 Univeraity. They capitalize on the two syatems 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 fundemental goal or outcome is similar--increased social competency.
parents are teachers too:
The Parents are Teachers Too (PTT) program used in this atudy 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 commuication between the day care center and the home, (2) improving the quality of the parent-child interaction through increased parental wareness of differing interaction patterns and child rearing approaches,
and (3) enhancing cognitive and affective development of the child through participation in epecific activities with parent prepared materials.

Basic assumptions are: as parents interact more frequently with the child'eschool 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 probleqs 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 Nnterpersonal interaction and social learning both in the home and in other settings.

MSU SOCTODRASIATIC PLAY CURRICULUM:
The MSU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum is part of a larger socialization curriculum developed by Robert Boger, Tito Reyes and Joanne Lichtenwalner, and teated 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 provide a framewark for teachers to establish social environments and interaction techniques that encourage the learning of social skflis.

Specific sociodramatic settings are established with well developed sequences of experiences, apecific 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 sơcial interaction and guide children toward developing mutually rewarding (as well as socially acceptable) pattern of exchange. The primary mode of learning is through imitation of social models (bath peers and teachers) and social reinforcement including intrinsic reinforcement derived from success in controlling one's environment.

## SUMMARY:

$\therefore$ This research compares the relative effects of providing supplemental classroom and parent education programs in the ongoing day care experiences of children $31 / 2$ to 5 years of age. Of particular interest are changes in the children's pelf-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 comunities were involved and were randomly assigned to the four treatment conditions.

## 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 ledito develop actual behavior which is confined withina much narfower range-the range of what is customary and acceptable for him according to the standards of his group". (Ch11d, 1954). "The essence of socialization is the person's internal regulation of his own behavior in ways that are adequater to the interpersonal situation and to the larger social order." (B1ken \& Handel, '1960)

The process 1s 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 and imitates behaviors of others (Inkeles, 1968). In any case the socializee is an active agent, selectively assimilating and incorporating information in unique configurations. .

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 bis 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 patiterns.

The specific areas of socialization that are the focus of $p$ this atudy are the development of social attitudes and skille,

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 reflocted 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. Thestrelative images are in a continual state of evolution, shaped by relationships with aignificant others and opportunities to compete with peers (Cottrell, 1969).

Iwo ampecte of the self are in current usage: (1) tha self am-abject defined as a group of paychological processep, that govara behavior and adjustment; and (2) the self as oblect. or the organized collection of attitudea, bellefs, and feelings a person hae about himsolf (Ooller, 1971). Both converge as a genera ed social-motivational influence on the child's behavior. The child must feal secure with himself before he can venture into new social experiences and effectively engage in creative endeavors (Kiester, 1973). Educational achievement is greatily influenced by the sclf-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 (Watternbers 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), Popitive elf concepts appear to facilitate positive social interaction and social skill development. Reciprocally, peer acceptance, ánd friendship contributes to self acceptance and esteem. A cyclic pattern evolves one building and maintaining the other.

## Intergroup Attitudos

Children at very young ages (below the age of four years) learn to discriminate between ethnic groups, social classe and behavioral charactoristics of others. Social interactions are often influenced by these cognitions and evaluative attitudes
are formed based on early and continuing experionces (Heas, 1970). Proshansky (1966), in an excellent review of the development of intergroup attitudes presents a three-atage procebs for the development of ethnic attitudes.

Stage 1. Ethnic Awareness begins to take shape during the preschool years as a perceptual differentiation. Visible differences in skin color or behavioral traite 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 procass of establishing a sense of self. Minority group membership predisposes many children to early ethnic awareness.

Stage 2. 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 ahowed a stronger preference for sex than ethnicity.

Stage 3. 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 ifterature on racial integration provides ambiguous information; with elementary school children, cooperative and equal status interracial schooi 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 clementary 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 activitie facilitated friendehip choices across class lines for middle-class children only. Lower clase 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 1mproved (Reese \& Morrow, 1973).

Both Proshansky (1966) and Sowder (1972) note that ethnic orientations and preferences in preschool children may not 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. ${ }^{\text {i }}$ In fact, teachers report children respond more to individual behavioral differences than ethnic differences in day to day interactions. Be avioral. characteristics of individual children are not ger alized to the ethnic group as a whole:

Supporyng 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 Parontal Involvement Models

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

## Parepts are important not only because of the total length of time they are avaliable to interact with their children but

 because of the tremendous importance familial bonds are in influencing the totality of the child's experiences, beliefo, 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 $1960^{\prime} s$ es the nation became more aware of the inadequacies of the educational agstem In educating all children (Coleman, 1966). The impact of the family and home environment appeared greater thas 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 appeare 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 homa. As Bronfenbrenner (1969) notes: "The ch1ld'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).

Dased on ach rationale, most federally funded carly childhood programs (Day Care, Head Start, Title I) have been required to include some type of parental involvenent in the ongoing program.

But ners invitation for parental participation and actual involvement in the echool or day carc center are two very different phenomena. By and large, the parente who mont often make contact andor become involved with their child' achool voluntarily are confident, active, upeardly mobile, problem free parents (Chilman, 1974). The parents who would theoretically reap the most benefit from association with the achool environment and who require the most support are the most difficult onee to reach.

Head Start and funded intervention programs have experimented with a variety of approaches that seek out parental contact by providing opecific parent programe. 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 abs 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 ekills) and on parental behaviors (attitudes and language interaction); and Home tutoring approaches capitalize on modeling as the learning paradigm for parente but usually amphasize change in cognitive functioning of children. These progras have reported gignificant gains on children's intellectual.moasures (Schaefer, 1965, Weikart, 1969; Gordon, 1969.).

It can be asgumed 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 bibs (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., 19\%1).

Radin (1972) reports sigaificant 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 discuseions. 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 parente used the materials; however, it was suggested that parents needed highly atructured, specific taske in order to have an impact on their children's cognitive functioning.

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

Structured activities also had a greater impact than discussion techniques in the first field testing of the Parents are Teachers Too Program in oix Head Start claseroome in rural Mchigan (Boger, Kuipers \& Beery, 1969). The PTI program was compared to a structured language program (Loveless \& Kelly, University of Hawail head Start Evaluation and Researct Conter, 1968), a placebo group (discussion), and a pure cont=ol c.oup. Children of those mothers receiving the two specific. language programs evidenced greater gains on the ITPPSI total and verbal scores. Mothere in the two language groups used aignificantly more specific language in explaining the task on the Hess-Shipman Toy Sort Task and used more complete sentences on the MSU Tell-A-Stcy test. Although these prograns stressed language and cognitive skill acquisition; changee in the seneral quality of
the mother-child interaction vere reflected in increand self-concept scores of the children of participante.

This phenomena of change toward more positive self-feelinge in children of participants was again evidenced in a recept Implementation of the Parents are Teachers Too progrem 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 criticisim of grouporiented parent education programe. In recognition of this concern, the above study inveatigated 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 groupa 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 babygitting and transportation an explanatory variable in influences on parental participation.

## Summary

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 (loffman, et. al., 1971). As parents are significant models for children to learn from, it is indeed necessary to oupport parente in

1. expressing good feelinge about the school or center
2. reenforcing the child's achievements
3. showing interest in the child's activitiea
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 parente in order to offect change in the home and in the relationship between the parent and child.
2. parente need eupport perhaps in the way of at least babyaitting and tranaportation in order to secure attendance at parent meetinge.
3. parents should be actively involved in the activities planned at parent meetings to provide structure for interaction with their children at home.

The Parents are Toachere Too program implemented in the present - atudy incorporates these conclusions while emphasizing the social-emotional needs of the child in providing activitiee to oncourage positive parent-child interaction.

Background of Peer Interaction Models
The second most important socializing influense on the young child is the peer group. The peer group provicias an important arena for developing social interaction skills, roletaking, and sex appropriate behaviors. Through competition and soci:1 feedback the child reevaluates self judgments oi: competence and self esteem, and builds more realistic attitudes about himeelf (Dinkneyer, 1965).

Early studies investigating social development (Maudry \& Nekula, 1939; Bridges, 1933; Parten, 1932) note a positive relationship between age and amount and quality of prosocfal: peer interaction. Age related changes in sensory-notor capacities, cognitive functioning, and the development of impulse control influenc 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 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.

Rudimentary forms of these skills are formed by age three. The preschool years are therefore critical to eatablishing patterns of rewarding and effective interaction.

A medium that capitalizes on social interactive akilis and role-taking is sociodramatic play. Smilansky (1968) was the first to distinguish between the more common dramatic play - symbolic play with roles and imitative verbal and nonverbal activities; and the higher level sociodramatic playelaboration 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 chree areas of development; creátivity, intellectual growth, and social skills (see Smilansky, 1968). In this effort 34 classon of preachool and kindergarten Isaeli children were obser:ed. Three treatment groups with disadvantaged childrez •rije compared to a culturally disadvantaged and on advantac: it sentrol grcip. Teachets rated the children's verbalizations and lovi of play b=iore and after treatment. The moct siénficant 1ne Jrcnants were observed in the pdy:tive model. whern ninildren received both opportunities to observe and discuss common
experiences plus guidance in developing dramatizationt of their experiences as sociodramatic play. Disadvantaged children were found to lack sequence in their activities and conversations and to have nore difficulty in dramatizing play situations: Although disadvantaged children inproved 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 attainuient based on sex or I.O.

The MSU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum was developed and first implemented in the context of a larger socialization treatment condition in a longitudinal research atudy on the socfal skill development of preschool children (Boger and Cunninghaif; 1970). In this research and development effort two cohorts of 32 children each participated in a two year preschool program. The inftial 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: takinf: turns, sharing, cooperating, verbalizing needs, and tolerating other children's patterns of interaction.

The sample consisted of 64 children comprising a balanced $2 \times 2 \times 2$ way design. One dimension was that of treatment, wherein
the socialization-curriculum was compared to in triditional * two-yeer preschool program. In addition, three demographic variables were included ar independent variables; sex, race, and 8R8 with two levels ach. The dependent measures included both cognitive and social interaction dimanione of behavior. Baseline data ware secured with the folloming, Instrumants: 1) videotapeg/ratings of mother-child fanilial1zation tacks; 2) Cincinnati Autonomy Test Battery, 3) Binet Rating Scale, 4) Inventory of factors affecting test performance, 5) House-Tree-Person Pest, 6) MKther-ch11d interacition On the Toy Sorting and Eight. Block Soft Task; 7) Pather-child interaction on a Nine Block Sortlng.Task. Continuous clases room and videotaped observations of peer interaction in experimental bituations were conducted throughout the two year period. Post progr̀m measures included the Cincinnati Autonomy Teat Battery, Binet Rating, Scale, and the Inventory of Pactors. -
Prelininary analyses of covariance noted significant treatment v8. control differences. The treatment group had more interactione 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 refections as compared to withdrawals, and her more 1 verbalizations with a more positive affect than did conicols. In contrast the control group seemed to be moxe passir: $\therefore i$ rejecting of interactions (Boger and Cunninghan, 197L; 'r..se initial results support. the theory that differentied viriiulization
behaviors exist in the preachool years and that intervention during this time can have a positive impact on emerging social akills.

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 atructured sociodramatic play settings with carefully planned eequences of activities.

Marshall (1961) found that a child's ability to get along with peers and his etatus 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 (Batler, 1971). By establishing the rules and
expectations of the seting, by carefully intervening to facilitate social learning, and by modeling critical verbal and nonverbal behaviors, the teacher can actively influence the child's developmant 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.

## 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 randomily assigned one center per treatment. Subjects are nested withinf 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
treatment. The matrix for this design is as follows:


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 eecure centera with a socioeconomic balance thet did not reflect racial inequities, i.e. low SES Blacks and mid SES Anglos. Conters 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.

## Examiners

A11 of the observations and individual testing procedures were conducted by trained members of the Institute for Pamily and Child Study gtaff. Graduate students in Pamily and Child Sciences at MSU assumed the main responsibility for data collection. Four testerstwere hired for individual testing who were not enrolled at MSU but who held degrees in Education, Sociology or Paychology 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.

## Facilitiea

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, measurfing 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 show 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 divisiong 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 detērmined 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
to satisfy. The centers selected offered the best balance in enrollment of those centers available and willing to participate. Once selected, the centers were randomly assigned to treatment conditions based on their center auspices-Pranchised or non-franchised.

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 Fipure 3.C.

FIGURE 3.C


Size
The size of each center as reflected in licensed capacity and enrollment is illustrated in Table 3.la\&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.

TABLE 3.la

| SIZE OF CENTEFS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CENTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Average |
| Licensed <br> Capacity | 68 | 56 | 47 | 120 | 107 | 96 | 96 | 107 | 87.12 |
| Enrollment | 70 | 100 | 70 | 120 | 166 | 149 | 135 | 132 | 117.75 |

TABLE 3.16
AVERAGE GIZE OF CENTERS NE:STED IN TREATMENTS

| Treatments | $T_{1}$ | $T_{\imath}$ | $T_{3}$ | $T_{4}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Licensed <br> Capacity | 76 | 87.5 | 77 | 108. |
| Enrollment | 125.5 | 101 | 118 | 127.5 |

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

TABLE 3.2
ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION OF CENTERS

| Centers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| ANGLO | $9 \%$ | $98 \%$ | $90 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $92 \%$ | $80 \%$ | $82 \%$ |
| BLACK | $90 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| 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.

TABLE 3.3
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CENTER POPULATION RECEIVING
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

| CENTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ADC | $33 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $55 \%$ |

All of the centers enrolled children aged $21 / 2$ through 5 years and offered services for $101 / 2$ to 16 hours per week day.

Three out of four of both the franchised and non-franchised centers had existing forms of parentaì, participation upon foining 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 con-. sisted 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 ${ }^{\circ}$ rovided 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 condítion. Only those children within the center whose data is used in the analyses are included in this sample description.

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

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Social Economíc Status (SES)
The criteria for delineating social economic group membership were adopted from the short form of the McGuire and White (1955) research tool, The Measurement of Social Stätus (See Appendix $(A)$. Weighted scales copposed of the social status components for occupation, source of fncome, and education were evaluated for the principal wage earner of the family. For corditions 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 tffè median, or the mother's index score was selected as the characteristic for the child's SES value.

The information needed to determine SES membership was secured from the parents in the form of a general information sheet. The even distribution by GES group membership for the entire sample is reflected in Table $3.4 \mathrm{a} \& \mathrm{~b}$, with $50 \%$ of the sample considered low SES and $50 \%$ middle SES. As the process of ascribing SES membership to a family provided a, continubus 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 $51( \pm 3)$ 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.

Table 3.5


## Ethric 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 3.6adb, $70 \%$ 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 $100 \%$ anglo, $T_{2}$ was more evenly divided, $50 \%-50 \%, \mathrm{~T}_{3}$ was approximately $35 \%-65 \%$ black to anglo, and $T_{4}$ 25\%-75\% black to anglo.
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Age
The children's mean age as of Jan. 1,1974 was fairly 8
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 ( $\mathrm{N}=185$ ) than younger than four years ( Na 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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## 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 ontire sample.

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## 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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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 dáy care centers and treatments. Treatment conditions 2 and 4 had the largest percentage of single parent families (70\%) as.
compared to two parent families (30\%) while treatment conditions 1 and 3 had a more even distribution betyeen single and two parent families (see Tables 3.11adb).

TABLE 3.11.



TABLE 3.11 b



## 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 3.1labb). 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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Maternal Education \& Occupation
A large percentage of the mothers of children in the sample had attended or completed college. As illustrated in
a Tables 3.13asb, 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 Pigure ranged from $3 \%$ to $14 \%$ for mothers with less than a high school education.

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|  | 1 |  | 2 | 3 |  | 4 |  |  |  | 6 |  | 7 |  | 8 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| High achool | 3 | 19.2 \$ | 28.33 | 4 | 20.00 | 4 | 9.30 | 5 | 19.23 | 4 | 14.81 | 2 | 8.33 | 8 | 25.00 |
| Hich ectrool. Occupational fralniag | 4 | 15.39 | 312.50 | 5. | 25.00 | 5 | 11.63 | 2 | 7.69 | 4 | 14.81 | 8 | 33.33 | 7 | 21.88 |
| Bow college | 11 | 42.31 | 937.50 | 5 | 23.00 | 18 | 61.86 | 1 | 26.92 | 10 | 17.04 | 9 | 37.50 | 10 | 31.25 |
| College degrea | 5 | 19.23 | 312.50 | 3 | 15.00 | 10 | 23.26 | 7 | 26.92 | 5 | 18.52 | 3 | 12.50 | 2 | 6.25 |
| Asvencen legree | 0 | 0.00 | 4.16.67 | 0 | 0.00 | 6 | 13.95 | 2 | 7.69 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 3.13 |

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|  | $\mathbf{T}_{1}$ | $\begin{gathered} T \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | $T_{3}$ | $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 18 | 18 | A. 8 | 1.1 | 11 |
| Leas than 12 years | 59.80 | $3 \quad 5.17$ | $6 \quad 13.04$ | 11.49 | $15 \quad 6.76$ |
| Leas than 12 yacre * Occupational training | 23.92 | 23.45 | $0 \quad 0.00$ | $1 \quad 1.49$ | 52.25 |
| H19 echool | 611.76 | 1322.41 | $9 \quad 19.57$ | 68.96 | 34 15.32 |
| Migh achool * Occupetional training | 713.73 | $12 \quad 18.97$ | 715.22 | 1319.40 | $38 \quad 27.12$ |
| Some collase | 1937.25 | 2136.21 | $12 \quad 26.09$ | 2740.30 | $79 \quad 35.59$ |
| College degree | 815.69 | $7 \quad 12.07$ | $10 \quad 21.74$ | 1319.40 | $38 \quad 17.12$ |
| Advanced degree | 47.04 | 11.72 | 24.35 | $6 \quad 8.96$ | 135.86 |

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 tha last three categories semi-professional or managerial and professional. (See Tables 3.14 ab ). On the other trand $41 \%$ to $77 \%$ of the mothers

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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 unushal 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 mother's and father's 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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Fathers' occupations varied greatly in all genters, and treatment conditions. Nearly equal numbers were semi or medium skilled as were semiprofessional and professional in all centers and treatments. (See Tables $3.16 a \mathrm{hb}$ ).

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## Source of Day Care Fees

In Tables $3.17 a \& b$ the fee distribution of families across centers and treatment conditions is illustrated: In -the franchised centers, families either received aid for dependent children ò 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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The four franchised and four non-franchised centers were each randomly assigned one center per treatment condition. The Treatments were as follows:
${ }^{\prime} T_{1}$--Day care center program with supplemental classroom activities. (ASU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum)
$\mathrm{T}_{2}$--Day care center program with supplemental parent program. (Parents are Teachers Too)
$T_{3}$--Day care center program with supplemental classroom activities. (USU Sociodramatic Play Curriculum and. Parents are Teachers Too) '
$T_{4}-$ Regular day care center program (control).
In those treatment conditions incorporating supplemental programs, the Day Care Center'directore and II.S.U. project coordinator planned for the asalgnment of Day Care Center olaf 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 8
of classroom experience at the preschool level were appointed program coordinators. These two students were responsible (fre 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.
2. During pretesting, the university staff (profect director, project coordinator, program coordinators) met with the entire dey care center staff at each center to explatn the purposes and objectives of the research study and to enlist cooperation in iaplementing the testina procedureo and randomly ansiened treatment concitions.
3. All teating, wan done by thined peracnuel from the Lnotitute 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 ISU sociodramatic play program supervised àll 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, ilSU.
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.

## IIPLEIIENTATION SCHEDULE



## PROGRAM INPLETENTATION

## 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.

The program coordinator worked with these staff members in the class room 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 pley thiri week-wociod--matic play and a anning for the next there.

The four play thewo were: (1) Boricticaty S.u. (2) Bakery/ Donut Shop, (3) Grocery, and (4) Doctor'o office. This aequence of themes provided a gradual flow into more complea social interactions requiring increasing verbal skill.

The sociocramatic 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 'reachers 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 pecessary for each parent workshop were gathered and prepared at the university by the research project ataff. 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 sesalon, teachers evaluated the previous weok'a mectiag and diecussed their concerns and refloctions on the progrose of the progran. The new tbeson wao explained and background information relayed.

Each PTT lesson infludes 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 proufde 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 refezence to their child's growth and development. This philosc piny was continually emphasized throughout the procram, cal:1-f upon





 several games or toys to be constructed. The lessons are structured arc $\cdots$; ihese basic themes:

1. tactile esperiences. 6. art
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3. purists 8. science and math
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5. book3 10. flannel boards

At the parent mociings these activities were explained and the parents were given the materials neccssary to assemble the games and toys. The construction of the play materials offered
an opportunity for informal social interactipa 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 of ten 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 mateylals 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.

Any parent who could not be present at the evening workshop wag given an opportunity to pick up the materials and instructloss for the leosong from his/her child's teacher. Teachers and directora providod written and verbal rominders to the patents cach week concerning the schodule and agenda for each workshop. - Babysitting and refreshechto wore alwayo avallable and parents could arrange for tansportation with the center staff if needed.

## instrumentatioin ${ }^{f}$

The data for this study were collected using a series of four instruments. Two of these instruments were difect observational techniques, one was a pleture 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. 1. OBSERVATIONAL TECHNIQUES ${ }^{\circ}$

Observational records have been used to stat: ina social position of individual children in the group (ik :anll o McCandless, 1957) as well as to note paractẹr, :- patterns of Interaction (Priten, 1932; Bogec and Cl: $-1 n: \therefore$ An, 1971). With this method, : ime or cvent sam $\frac{1}{i}: i_{0}$ techntives are used to gather a sample of behaviors relative to a afecific time period or aituational cacounter. Both live and vireotaped obnervatione can revenl chparable roaulta dopending on the complexity and scope of the behaviors of intereat and the quality of the media (Paulson, 1972).

Diroct Observational procedures can Be concerned with behaviore as they occur elther under aaturalistic or controlled situations. Baturalistic, meaning the every day environment and controlled implying a specially designed or structured enviroment with the potential for eliciting specific behaviors of interest. Controlled situations limit the range of
enviromental 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-iffe environments. Natural observations in selected situations (e.g., sandbox, classroom during free play) provide some comonality of experience while contributing minimal confounding due to the observational procedures themselves (Oller, 1972).

This present study incorporates two types of direct 1 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 $8 \times 10 \mathrm{ft}$. roon that han 8-12 medtum alzed bores available as play materialo.

## A. CLASSROOM SOCLO-OBSERVATIONS

The classroouf observation $1 s$ 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 randomy choten to play together in a classroom or section of a classroom: Since the existing classroom'composition of ithe participating centers
did not contain equal representation from all demographic groups, this procedure was inplemented 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 enviroment.

Procedure: 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, onlookef behavior, parallel play, associative play and cooperative play. These dimensions were derived from Parten's study of social development (1932). A geries of three consecutive obeervations are taken at the boginning of the play period and another three toward the end of the 30 -ninute period. Bach child in the sample is obaerved on two and sometimes threc soparate days.

Gontent: The variabled derived from the clasaroom nocio-observations are:

1. level of cocial involvoment--mean of social behrvior ratings over all intervals.
2. peer proximity and association-average number of children in proximity or in interaction with $\underline{S}$. over all intervals.
3. heterogenelty 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 oocial involvement over three consecutive intervals.

Reliability: The training procedures implemepted 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 Univerbity campus and conducted independent but aimultaneous observations of children in classrooms of 3 and 4 year olds to establish reliability. The actual inter-observer agreement attained was 99\%.

An internal consiatency coefficient of .81 (pre-tgoc) and .80 (post-test) was observed on the variable, level of social behavior over three consecutive observations.

## B. OBSERVATION OF SOCIALIZATION BEHAVIOR

The observation in the mobile claogroom providos a sampleof children'a behavior in an open-field otandardized oetting. 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 oftuation io dealgned to allow as wide a range of behavior ab posolble, thereby providing an opportunfty for the children to manlfest preferred modes of behavior or behavioral "otyles". The children are not directed in their behavior in the play oftuation and the materialo present (boxes) provide no inherent play mode. 'There 18 no overt indication of behavior expectations, and there $i_{8}$ no attempt to guide, limit, or structure behavior" (Doger and Cunningham, 1970).

A1 of the children are brought into the mobile classroom prior to data collection to become familiar with the setting and equipment. Then upon antering the room for the play sessign, the children are read a brief statement explaining that they cap play in any. way they want 80 long as they don't hurt each other. They are also reminded to play behind the expand\&ble gate. The adult observer $1 s$ 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 samplifg procedure. At 20-8econd Intervals a mechanical beep 1s superimposed on the audio portion of the tape. Baters record the first behavioral interaction at each 20-second mark, thus securing a titne 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 childcen and groups can be made based on proportion of time speft at various behaviors, (2) the most important behavior of interest, peer, interaction, can be observed even though it may occur ht . 0 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 fateraction as proscribed by the rating procedure. Three and up to four playbacks were usually required to complete the rating process.

## Content

Based on an etfological 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
5. Verbal fantasy
6. Voice time
7. Physical behavior
8. Physical tone
9. Social-behavior
10. Autonory
11. Leadership
13.. Social competency

Socio-Emotional Scales
14. Emotionality

All 14 behpavioral codes apply, to the same "bit" of play behavior or sequence of interactionf that is observed and rated. Because of this behayioral continpency, 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.

## 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), refection 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 enviconment.

## Impact

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The consequences of the subject's involvement is then recorded as reflected in the inmediate 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 comanications 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.
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Verbalization
The time sampling procedure allows for a measure of quan- tity 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). Twelve categories plus mumbling (unintelligible) are included. These categories are mutually exclusive and exhaustive with $a_{\text {, }}$ complete verbal. interaction being considered the unit. A more affective dimension of voice tone is also rated. It is a three-point scale; positive, negative; or neutral. The vqice tone refers to the delivery not the content of the verbalization. In addition, each verbalization is rated as to fantasy or nonfantasy.

## Physical Behâdior

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. Then both materials and people are objects of interaction, the
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 18 . rated in reference to the affective nature and social acceptability of the behavior. Hitting, pushing, kicking are considered negative qualitics. 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 Dimiensions
The general tone of the child's social and emotional be-- havior is also rated but admittedly is based on more subjective
fudgments 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 eqotionality. As defined, these dimensions are mutually exclusive. A five-point ordinal scale is. used 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) representscovert 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 comand with physical contact of a negative nature); and (2) relationships (e.g., the relation-
ship between physical tone and 1mpact) among behaviors were also formed.

A sumary list of the variables used in pnalges 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 inter-rater agreement often referred to as inter-rater reliability. 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 fnter-rater agreement, behaviorìl 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 internal consistency of behavioral units. A test-retest method measures consistency over time. The type employed in most observational techniques is a split-half
method assessing the consistency over sampled items at the same point in time. The adequacy of the sampling of behaviors influences this mealure 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 requifing a code during each interval were analyzed. Results of these analyses are reported in Appendix A.

## II. SOCLOMETRIC TECENIQUES

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 preachool child, picture-boar techniques have been developed to aid the child in recognizing the field of choice and to provide a concrete, though representational,
object of choice. ILcCandless and iarshall (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 SOCIORETRIC

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 Yinght, 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 situationg 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). S is then asked to select from the picture board array a photocraph of the child he would most like to play with in the activity portrayed. The $\underline{S}^{\prime} s$ actual behavioral response in selecting or naming a child from the group of photos is his sociometric choice. This procedure
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).

## Rellability

Peer preferences have been viewed as relatively stable behaviors in the research literature (Hartup, 1970). Yet wfth young children these.indicated preferences evidence great fluctuations. Whether this ingtiability is a result of inperfections in the reliability of the measurement inatruments on: 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 factow.

With preschoolers, test-retest correlations range from .41 to .76 in subgroupp over a 20-day Interval McCandless 8 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 aignificantly different from chance ( $p 6.01$ ) 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-reek interval! at all
ages, fluctuations in friendship choices appear to persist. Girls have been noted to show fewer fluctuations than boya and emotionally disturbed children are more unstable ${ }_{n}$ In their choices than normal children (Davids, 1964).

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.

Pirst 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, iloore, 1964). Such characterfátics can be generalized to describe socially sensitive, competent children. Although correlationa do not indicate causality, such consistent relationships acrass 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 1s, noted early in children's lives and provides an additional dimension to sociometric measurement. In this context, socio, metric choices can indicate intra- and inter-group preferences.

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 economic̣ class. (A 11st of the variables derived from this instrument are listed In Appendix A.)

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 rellable as those of the majority group.

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 offér 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 SELP-CONCEPT

BROINN IDS SELP-CONCEPT REFERENT TEST
Attempts to measure preschool-aged chlldren'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 themelves
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 avallable for young children. The Brown IDS Self-Concept Referent Test has been videly 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 feelinge about self. (The age criterion established for this sample reflects this concern. On1y children over $31 / 2$ 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 himeelf. The test measures the child's feelings toward himself (self-as-subject), and his pexeeption of his mother, teacher and peers' (self-as-object) feelings toward him. Only the mother and self referent were administered in this studys

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 itens (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 1 tems are presented in the mother referent format (e.g., Dres (child's name)'s mother think "(child's rame) 1s happy or sad?)

Each item is scored as positive (1), negative (0) or no responsę (blank) at the time of testing. The self and mother referent scores are derived as the sum of positive responseg 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) vere used in the analyses.

- In Brown's original sample of four-year-olds the testretest rellability 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 Parents Are Teachers Too 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 $31 / 2$ 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.

Approximately seqen months lapsed between the initiation of pretesting and the completion of post-testing.

TABLE 3.18
Instruments and ifain Dependent Variables

| - Dependent Variables | Instrument . Ti | Time (s) of Data Collections |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Self concept; self referent | Brown IDS Self Concept Referent Test | Pre-Post |
| Self concept, mother referent | " |  |
| Heterogeneity of friendship choices | Play-Situation Picture Board Sociometric | "' |
| Sociometric Status | " | " |
| Level of Social Involvement | Classroom Socio-Observations | " |
| Heterogeneity of Peer Associations | " | " |
| Peer group interaction | Observation of Socialization Behavior | - |

Descriptive statistics were cmployed to describe thb sample of children and thei family backeround characteristics. Chi square analyses of denocraplic distributions mere also employed to note differences across centers, treatment conditions and demor,raphic groups.

The prinary analyses ware those investigating the effects of the treatnent on the childrod in various treatment conditions. A multivariate analysis of covarlance model was chosen for this jurpose." Pretest data vere used as the covariates in analyzing post test differences between rroups. The unit of analysis was the chibe for the nain analyses.

Secondary analyses were required to explore the relationships amone dependent measures and betijeen demorraphic characteristics and the dependent measures. Penrson Product ioment Correlations, iultiple hegression Analyses and Analysis of Variance vere implemented for these purnoses. In total, a wide variety of techniques wer: employet.

A basic alpha level of $p \leqslant .05$ was establiphed a priori 23 the criterion for oignificance.

Various computer procrams were $\mu s e d$ in the analysus. All of the multivariate analyses vere implenented on the CDC $650 n$ using the Frin program. Other statistic and computer pacleares used were CISSP. Act prorram, : :oyt rellability program, SPSS, and various individually prepared fortran programs.

CHAPTER FOUR

## I. INTRODUCTION TO PRIMARY ANALYSIS STRATEGY

Eight Day Care Centers with heterogeneous enrollments of mid and low SBS chfldren were initially sampled for inclusion In the situdy. Four of these centers were franchised centers and foul were not. Because this was seen as a relevant dimension, a blocking variable was introduced to provide analytical tontrol of this factor. Thif 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 vere 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
of centers to implement intervention programs was recognized程 $a 8$ 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 shortcomịngs: 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 designt 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 $90^{\circ}$ 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 anmpled, not individuels, the results are interpreted based on the
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 iniţially. 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 $1 s$ illustrated in Figure $4 . A$.


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

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

ANALYIS OF THE BROWN IDS SELF-CONCEPT REFERENT TEST Four variables were formed from the Brown IDS SelfConcept 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 Prequency of observing different self and mother responses to the same item. Thus this variaber reflects the degree to which the child disçriminates 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 tọ test for the degrefe 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 aignificant multivariate association. In the subsequent analysis, only the self and mother pretest scores vere used as covariates. The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance applied to the $2 x 4 x 2 x 2$ way design are reported in Table 4.1.


A significant three way interaction between Treatment, SES, and Sex was evidenced. Gurther analyses were implemented to investigate the location of thenificant interaction. Twa séts 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 ipteraction within the Low SES Eroup.

| Treatment X Sex nested in SES 1 | 1.7987 | 12.435 | . $0461 *$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Treatment $X_{5}$ Sex nested $\ln \mathrm{SES}_{2}$ | . 9136 | $12 \cdot 435$ | . 5332 |

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

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ADJUSTED POST TEST SCORES ON BROWN IDS SELF CONCEPT REFERENT TEST

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N=201
$$

LOW SES $\quad$ MID SES


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

and females were evidenced in the control condition than in the other Treatment conditions, with the least differences obsèrved in Treatment $T_{2}$. Middle SES children of both sexes and under all treatment conđitions had higher post self scores than Low SES children; except for the Lom SES children in $T_{2}$. In the low SES group females scored higher "than the males, however, within the Mid SES group in both the Sociodramatic play ( $T_{1}$ ) and Control $\left(T_{4}\right)$ condition males scored higher than femares. In teact, Mid SES males in the sociodramatic play treatment had the highest self concept scores of all groups. Females in the Parent Treatment $\left(T_{2}\right)$ and Both Programs ( $T_{3}$ ) scored higher than the control females within the Mid SES group.

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 scoresmas slightly less, $r=.60$. Although highly correlated, the pattern of the - $B$ core 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 thege two conditions; sociodramatic play and Parents are Teachere Too, the Low SES femalee perceived their mother' a conception of themselves as better than the MID SES females. 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 LO: 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.


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Females in the $T_{2}$ (PTT) condition irregardiess of SES poorly differehtiated between feelings about self and perceived mother 's feelings of themselves. Males however, in this treatiment as well as $T_{3}$ (both) had extremely differentiated feelings between one's own and one's mother's féelings toward self. Low SES childten in $T_{3}$ had the mos't differentiated self concept scores. In.ceneral males had more differentiated scores than females, except in $T_{1}(S D P)$ where female's scores exceeded male's scores *

## ANALYSIS OF PLAY-SITUATION PICTURE BOARD SOCIOMETRIC

 $f$Two sets of variables from the Picture Board. Sociometric were analyzed separately. In the first set, the child's choices of playgates 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 probability.

Although the Heterogeneity of Sex variable contributed the most to the multivariate association, all three covariates were used in 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 4.3.

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| Sounl Economie Elatub (TES) | 5.8954 | 3 4 145 | .0008* |
| Senx | 2.1209 | 3.165 | .0467* |
| LETS PUR MTYRACTIORS: |  |  |  |
| Treatment $\times$ 30is | . 8243 | 9.353 | . 5942 |
| Treatmede $x$ sex | . 544.7 | 9. 353 | . 8415 |
| suj x Centor in Proatment | .7678 | 12.383 | . 6838 |
| Sox $x$ Center 4 F Trentanht | . 9064 | 12.383 | . 5406 |
| ifis $x$ sex | . 3693 | 3.245 | . 7750 |
| Treatment $x$ css $\times$ sex | . 8532 | 9.357 | 5677 |
| ses $x$ Sex $\times$ centar in Treaiment. | . 5452 | 12.383 | . 2057 |

The results of the multivariate analysis of covariance Inaicates 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 leterogeneity of SES scores are reported in Table 4.6.

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VARIABLES COMTHIBUTIMC TO SICMIFICAIT SEX MATE EFFECTS OE * THE PICTURE BOARD SOCIONFTRIC CHOICIES



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TABLE 4.6

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


These results are consistent with other research findings., Low sis children more often choose Mid SES peers as playmates than do Mid SES children choose Low SES peers. Males are more 1 likely to choose peers from the opposite SES group then are. females. In other words, males are more heterogeneous in regard to social class than females.

ANALYSIS OF SOCIOMETRIC STATUS
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 assodiation, 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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TESTS POR MAIN EFFECTS:

| Treatment | . 4899 | 9.353 | 8813 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Center nested in Treatment | 2.1112 | 12 - 383 | . 0186 |
| Soclal Eccnomic Statue(ges) | . 1276 | 3.145 | . 5372 |
| Sex | . 5107 | 31245 | . 6755 |
| TEST8 FOn InTERACIIOMS: |  |  |  |
| Treatment $\times$ sms. | . 5078 | 9 453 | . 0609 |
| Treatment $\times$ 8ex | .7555 | 9.453 | .6578 |
| 8ES $X$ Center in Treatment | 1.6657 | 12.383 | . 0723 |
| Sex $X$ Center in Treatment | . 4661 | 12.303 | . 9338 |
| 83d X 3ex | . 4845 | 3.145 | .6936 |
| Treeteent $x$ SES $\times$ Sex | . 5975 | 9. 353 | . 7992 |
| H I Een I conter in Treatment | .975] | $12 \cdot 383$ | .472 |

An SES $\times$ Center neated in Treatment interactiqn approached significance but the only significant effects were Center nested in Treatment effects. The variables contributing to • the SES $\times$ Center interaction are reported in Table 4.8.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Etatus | 1.2615 | P¢79 |
| Heterogonelty or ass neatuo | 2.0926 | ．084 7 |
| Hoterogeneity of sex metatus | 2.9540 | ．0221＊ |

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Heterogeneity of Sex Status appears to have contributed the most to the multivariate interaction．The adjust post heterom geneity 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 significent center differences existed．These multi－ variate results are reported in Table 4：9．

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The variables contributing to the multivariate differences in $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ are reported in Table 4.10.

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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 12 .
table h. 11


|  | LOW B15 |  | MID exs |  | COMBITILD |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $c_{1}$ | $c_{2}$ | $c_{2}$ | $c_{2}$ | $c_{1}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ |
| Trealmat ${ }_{1}$ | .0702 | . 0660 | . 0649 | .0883 | . 0119 | . 0766 |
| Ireatment 2 | . 3619 | . 1801 | . 0160 | . 1600 | . 1502 | . 2700 |
| Treatumb 3 | . 1014 | . 3714 | . 1748 | . 2669 | . 1488 | . 2658 |
| Iremenent | . 2565 | . 0906 | . 1013 | . 2586 | . 2993 | . 1246 |

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 of chosen af 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.

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Low and Middle SES children in at least one center in $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ (both) and Mid SES children in $T_{1}$ (Classroom program) were extremely heterogeneous in regard to being chosen by unlike SES peers. On the average, however, the individual treatment centers were leas heterogeneous in SES status than the centers in $T_{3}$ (both)
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Treatment condition. More diversity between centers and anong SES groupes. i.e. individual differences in groups were ởb- $\therefore$ served in the treatment conditions than in the control centers.

FIGURE 4-E

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Figure 4-E illustrates the Center nested in Treatment effects on both Heterogeneity of Sex Status and Heterogeneity of 8 SS Status. In general, children are more heterogeneous In regard to SES than to Sex. Children in $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ (Claseroom prograns) were least heterogencous in regard to sex status. Children in centers in $T_{3}$ (both programis) and $T_{4}$ (Control) were most heterogeneous in regard to both sex and SES Status.

ATALYSIS OF CLASŞROOM 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.

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 bȩhavior 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 paer 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 arf 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 ahalysis. This procedure is implemented to hely 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 orliginal 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 ins was not significant, $\{1$ a probability level of .1574.

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

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Coveriates are ell pretent coces of the classroom variables
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TESTS POR MAIN EFPFCTS:

| Treatieent | 2.5032 | 24.404 | .0002 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Center nested in irentment | 4.2880 | 32 - 514 | .0001* |
| Gocial Economic Statur (SES) | 1.0751 | \% \& 139 | . 0686 |
| Sex | . 9561 | 8. 139 | . 4730 |
| TESTS POR 16TERACTIOAS: | * |  |  |
| Treatment $\times$ 8* | . 6055 | $24.40 k$ | .9303 |
| Treatiment $x$ Sex | 1.2201 | 24.404 | . 2122 |
| SF8 $x$ Conter in Trestment | .9405 | $32 \cdot 924$ | . 9633 |
| Bex $x$ Center in Trentment | . .9912 | 32.314 | . 4033 |
| SES $X$ Sex | .8413 | 8. 139 | . 5600 |
| Treatment $X$ SES $X$ Sex | . 7751 | 24.404 | . 1690 |
| sur $\times$ Sex $\times$ Center in Trentment | . 5500 | $32 \cdot 514$ | . 9780 |

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.

TABLE 4.14
VARIABLES CONTRI BUTLEG TO SICIIFICANT TREATYEMT MAIF EFPECT: ON CLASSROOM GOCIO-OBSEAVATION VARIABLAS


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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 poat test scores on these three variables are reported by center and treatment (see tables 4.16-4.18).

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Adjusted Post Teat Peer Proxialty Meana

|  | Cepter 1 | Canter 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }_{1}$ | 2.544 | 2.943: |
| ${ }^{7}$ | 2.254 | 2.625 |
| ${ }^{7}$ | $3.254$ | 3.230 |
| $T / 1$ | 2,29b | 4.692 |


| 2.179 |
| :---: |
| 2.472 |
| 3.195 |
|  |

Post hac analyses suggest that significant Center differences exist in Treatment condition $T_{4}$ only. As these center means represent both the lovest 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 $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ condition (Both programs) had the most gregarious children as represented by the highest average number of children in proximity over all observations.
$T_{1}$ (classrocm program) chilḍren 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 $\Rightarrow$ parent programs exhibited the least isolated behavior or * played near the largest average number of peers.



As with the prior varioble, post hoc analyses of the adult depencency variable suggest that signifficant center differences exist within 'f ${ }_{4}$ only. Although these center means are not the most extreme in the table, center one within $T_{4}$ does have the highest adult dependency score. Center two within $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ exhibits a moderate amount of adult dependency. The overall Treatment mean for $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ is the hignest of all other treatments indicating that children in. the control centers were the most dependent of all other children. Children in centers implementing $T_{2}$ (Parent programs) exhibited the least adult dependency in the classroom, with children in centers implementing class room 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.

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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 $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ is much greater than in $\mathrm{T}_{1}$. Both means within $T_{1}$ are relatively large sompared to the other center means, while the means within $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ 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 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 $S E S$ ( $\mathrm{P}<.0072$ ) and Adult dependency ( $P$ ¢ .0519) were contributing to the sex differences. Males ( $\bar{x}=1.900$ ) were more heterogeneous in regand 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 propor-. tion 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 desccribing 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 $2 \times 4 \times 2 \times 2$ way design are reported in Table 4.19.

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|  | P-ratio | Degrees of freadom | Probeplility |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TESTE FOR MAIM EFYLCTG: |  |  |  |
| Trueiment | 3.8109 | 21.354 | .00014 |
|  | 3.9927 | 28.445 | . $0001{ }^{\circ}$ |
| Sorial Ecommic status(sEb) | . 5942 | 74.123 | . 7397 |
| Sel | 1.4942 | 7.123 | .1735 |
| TESTS POn InTERACTIOMS: |  |  |  |
| Treatment $\times 888$ | . 8349 | 21.354 | . 6762 |
| Treatment $X$ S $0^{*}{ }^{\text {\% }}$ | . 7308 | 21.354 | . 0012 |
| ses $x$ Conter in Treatment | . 6916 | 28.445 | . 2819 |
| Sor $x$ Conter in Treatment | . 035 | 28.445 | . 6698 |
| YES $x$ Sex | 1.5655 | 74123 | . 1319 |
| Trastment $x$ 85s $\times$ Sex | . 4470 | 21.334 | . 9846 |
| SES $\times$ 3ex a Center in Treatment | . 2033 | 28.445 | . 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.

TABL 4.20
VARLABLES COWTRIUUTIEG TO SIGEIFICANT TREATHENT MAIN ETPECTS OX IMITIATIOM ASD ZESPONGE VARIAILES OF THE OSA

| Verlablee | Ualvgriate feratio | Probability laas than |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Activity level | . 1949 | . 8998 |
| Facilitative of Meagonese. | 2.2094 | . 0902 |
| leenemeive Initiotione | 14.6945 | .0001* |
| Initiative | 0.1073 | . 0001 * |
| Accaplivanese of tappoasae | 3.7166 | .0133* |
| lasponalvity | 5.3557 | .0017* |
| Duration | 2.3212 | .0412* |
| ' | - |  |

Desteen of freedoe for hypothente - 3
Degreee of fraedon for errar - 129
Table 4.21


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| Varlablae | Univarlate P-ratio | Probobillty lese tham |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Activity level | 1.3831 | . 2434 |
| Fecilltative lesponsen | 7.1714 | . $0001 *$ |
| Meaponaive Initiectione | 15.2028 | .0001* |
| Intetetive | 5.6750 | .0004* |
| aceaptivanees of loaponeae | 5.7082 | . 00030 |
| Moaponaivity | 13.1701 | .0001* |
| Duracion | 12.4191 | . 0001 * |

Degraee of freadoe for hypotheain - 4
Dagrees of fracton for orror - 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.

TAIL 4. 22
Adjuted Post Tget Reponelve Initiftion Meant

| Center 1 | Center 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T_{1}$ | 3.459 | 3.367 |
| $T_{2}$ | 3.163 | .4549 |
| $T_{3}$ | 1.811 | .8580 |
| $T_{4}$ | .3741 | 4.156 |

Treatan路.

| Grend Meen |
| :---: |
| 3.420 |
| 2.747 |
| 1.223 |
| 2.007 |

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 $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ (classroom programs) initiated most often following an acceptance of another child's interaction. Children in $T_{3}$ (both programs) exhibit d the lowest scores for responsive initiations. These difysences relative to $T_{4}$ (control) are ofgnificant, although $T_{4}$ may not be representative in light of the large center differences.

TABLE 4.23
Adjueted Hot Teot Iniliative thoane

|  | Center 1 | Center 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ | 1.012 | .5978 |
| $\mathrm{~T}_{2}$ | .0098 | 1.399 |
| $\mathrm{~T}_{3}$ | .7915 | 1.161 |
| $\mathrm{~T}_{4}$ | .7789 | 1.287 |


| $\substack{\text { Trasurent } \\ \text { Orand Mean }}$ |
| :---: |
| .8360 |
| .7361 |
| 1.019 |
| 9549 |

Post hoc analysis suggests center differences within $T_{2}$ and $T_{\dot{4}}$ 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 evidencedl in $T_{3}$ (both programs). Both $T_{4}$ (Control) and $T_{1}$ (classroom programs) conditions evidenced moderate Initiative scores.

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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.

Adjus...] rcot Test Reoponslulty Means

|  | Center 1 | Center 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T_{1}$ | .9452 | .7542 |
| $T_{2}$ | .5721 | .2922 |
| $T_{3}$ | .5072 | .2296 |
|  |  |  |



Post hoc analysis of the Responsivity scores suggest significant center differences between centers within $\mathrm{T}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ treatment conditions. The centers within $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ (control)
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.

TABLE 4.26
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| Center 1 | Center 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T_{1}$ | 6.845 | 0.460 |
| $T_{2}$ | 4.450 | 7.879 |
| $T_{3}$ | 7.756 | 9.533 |
| $T_{4}$ | 16.57 | 1.207 |


| Treatmont <br> Grand Mean |
| :---: |
| 7.530 |
| 6.262 |
| 9.852 |
| 9.936 |

Significant center differences were only observed in the $T_{4}$ (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 as being very representative.

It can be noted that the children receiving $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ (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, althoagh all five were used 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 4.27.

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$\mathrm{N}=168$.
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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| reciter neeted In Treatment | 1.9222 | 20.422 | .0001* |
| Soctal Rconomic stetue (gaj) | 1.4354 | \$ 6127 | . 2160 |
| 8.: 8 | 2. 3690 | 56127 | 0431 |

TEESTR POR I TTEMCTIOMS:

| Trenteent S SE | 1.2010 | $15 \cdot 351$ | . 2685 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trometient $x$ sox | . 6475 | 156351 | . 8348 |
| 383 4 Center 10 Truetment | . 8260 | 206422 | . 6815 |
| Bex $x$ Center ln Treotaent | .7103 | 20.422 | +8167 |
| Thes $\times$ sex | .9865 | 56127 | . 4287 |
| Treatment $x$ ges $\times$ Sex | .7569 | 156351 | . 7275 |
| Stes $\times$ gex $x$ center in treatment | . 7117 | 20.422 | . 7365 |

No significant interactions were evidenced on the verbal variables allowing a clear assessment of main effects. 8ignificant Treatment, Center nested in Treatment and Sex Main Effects exist. The variables contributing to these signiPicant main effects follow in Tables $4.28-4.30$.

TABLE 4.28

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| Mitiveriact F-recto | 2.1301 di= | 156351 | P $\times .0006 *$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Verimbee | Univar 1 ate | 7-recto | Probabillty leae then |
| Vartelleations | 1.9765 |  | .0001* |
| Teak Verbel | 2.1157 |  | . 1014 |
| Verbel | . 9376 |  | .6150 |
| Vertel Supportlvenees | . 1931 |  | . 4999 |
| Panteey | 3.1211 |  | . $0283{ }^{\circ}$ |

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miciveriece P-retio 1.9222 d8-20 4.422 . 0100

| Veriatlee | Uaivariece P-rerio | Probability leee then |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vertelicetione | 4. 3659 | .00180 |
| Teet Verbel | 2.2162 | .0707 |
| Vertel Deatomace | $1.1125^{0}$ | . 2681 |
| Vertel Supportiveneee | 1.1870 | . 2420 |
| Vencery | 2.0115 | 0966 |
| Degrees of freedo lor hypotheele - A Degreen of freedice for orror - 131 |  |  |
| Tatus 4.30 |  |  |
| VARIABLES COMTRIBUTIMG TO BEX MAIM EHECT am velal valyales or ass Imstintit |  |  |
| Veriablee | 2.1600 dios | 14.0431 |
|  | Univeriate P-ratio | Probebility loee cheo |
| Verbelisectione | . 6058 | .9395 |
| Taut Vorbel | . 0002 | . 8881 |
| Vertel Dominance | 1.1472 | . 2881 |
| Vertol Supportiversene | 2.8080 | .1037 |
| Vmesty | 7.1761 | .0004* |

Degree of freeto for hypocteete - 1
Dastrem of freado for ertor - 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.

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Adjusted post Test Vorbelication meene

| Center 1 | Center 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T_{1}$ | .9361 | .4916 |
| $T_{2}$ | .0771 | 2.957. |
| $T_{1}$ | 2.898 | 3.285 |
| $T_{4}$ | 1.367 | .8258 |


| $\substack{\text { Treateont } \\ \text { Orand Man } \\ \hline .7473 \\ \hline 1.373 \\ \hline 3.060 \\ \hline 1.134 \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline}$ |
| :---: |

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 acore 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.
table 4. 32


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 Treatmert 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 Scheffe contrast, however, lies between $T_{3}$ (both programs) and $T_{4}$ (control). Thérefore children receiving $T_{3}$ fantasized less than children in $\mathrm{T}_{4}$. Children in $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ (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 $F$ antagy $(P: .0084$ ). The adjusted post test mean Fantasy score for males was .7112 while for females it was .4651. Males exhibited more fantasy verbalizations than femares 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 $2 \times 4 \times 2 \times 2$ way design are reported in Tabler 4.33.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gragalioueneae | 5.2271 | . $0020{ }^{\circ}$ |
| Soctel Sehavior | . 6399 | . 5783 |
| Autenomy | - 3.3292 | .0219* |
| Sociel Leoderahip | 1.3246 | . 2694 |
| Peer Interaction | 1.949 | . 1263 |
| Phyolcal Contact | .014 | . 9747 |
| Hutual coel Directedneen | 1.9193 | . 1299 |
| Soclally Uneware | 5.185 | . $0021{ }^{\circ}$ |
| Asgresalion. | . 7403 | . 5300 |
| Withdraval | . 585 | . 6254 |
| Faclliterive of Interaction | 5.1227 | .0023****** |

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Table 4.35


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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
Adjupted Pout Teet Oregariousneme Manc

| $T_{1}$ | 1.837 | Conter 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T_{2}$ | 1.367 | 1.496 |
| $T_{3}$ | 1.739 | 1.581 |
| $T_{4}$ | 1.508 | 1.543 |

Trectment
Orand Man

| 1.692 |
| :---: |
| 1.479 |
| 1.618 |
| 1.412 |

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.

TABE 4.37
adjusted Poct reat Autonomy Menns


Post hoc analysis indicate center differences only withIn the $T_{2}$ condition. These center means are not the most extreme, although Centex 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.

Tanle 4.38
adjusted post Test bocielly Unavare keang

| Genter 2 |  | Canter 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T_{1}$ | .0962 | .2024 |
| $T_{2}$ | .0309 | .0574 |
| $T_{3}$ | .0835 | .0249 |
| $T_{4}$ | .0281 | .1413 |


| $\substack{\text { Treatmant } \\ \text { Grand Meen }}$ |
| :---: |
| .1429 |
| .0486 |
| .0474 |
| .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 casea, the differences between the two centers is very extrese. No conaistent 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 $\mathrm{T}_{3}$. In spite of these extreme scores, an interpretation of the treatment means suggests that childran in $T_{1}$ (claseroom 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.

TALUE 4. 39
Majusted Post Test Fecilitetive of Interaction Mmans

| Center 1 | Center 2 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ | 8.268 | .4 .062 |
| $\mathrm{~T}_{2}$ | 5.339 | 2.114 |
| $\mathrm{~T}_{3}$ | 2.714 | 1.621 |
| $\mathrm{~T}_{4}$ | 2.051 | 2.762 |



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 prograns) 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.

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 váriable), 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 Regresaion Analysis to test for the degree of association between pre-test covariates and post-test scores approached significance at $P<.0608$.

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.
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TERYP PON MAli EPTFCTE:

| Treotment | 1.6468 | 104364 | .017* |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Center wostod in Treatment | 1.4753 | 40.346 | . 13430 |
| focinl Econnic btatua (jes) | -1.5501 | 10.117 | . 1305 |
| Gex | . 7753 | 106117 | .6523 |
| TEIT: FOn IUTEXACTIOUS: |  |  |  |
| Treatment $X$ SES ${ }^{\circ}$. | . 7541 | 30.340 | . 8238 |
| Preataiont $x$ 8cx | 1.0527 | 30.344 | . 3947 |
| "国 $\times$ Center in Treotment | . 9325 | 40.446 | . 5913 |
| Sex $\times$ Conter in Treotemnt | . 6884 | 406446 | . 9267 |
| BES $x$ Sex | . 7666 | 106117 | . 6005 |
| Treolment $\times$ SES $X$ Sox | . 5838 | 30.344 | . 9622 |
| sfs $\times$ 3ex $X$ Center in Treatmant | . 9781 | 40.446 | . 5169 |

Ho significant interactions were revealed therefore allowing
a clear test for main effects. As can be observed above, signi-
ficant Treatment and Center nested in Treatment Effects exist for the Heterogeneity of interaction variables. The variables contributing to the signficant main effects are reported in

Tables 4.41 and 4.42.

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| Verleblee Univar | Univariote P-ratio | Prabability lose than |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Meteragenelty of Intitetions (s.d) | . 2043 | . 248 |
| materageneley of Initiections(Exs) | 3. 3219 | .0058* |
| Tolerance for cifenlier tehovior (Sex) | 1.1037 | . 3369 |
| Tolermace for unfaniller tehavior (8ES) | 2. 3429 | . 0384 |
| Heterogenelty of Control(fay) | . 7062 | . 5822 |
| Heterotenalty of Coatrol(tat) | 2.9095 | .0263* |
| Differential Voice rone(sen) | . 2145 | . 9300 |
| Differmatiol volee tone(tas) | 2.1575 | . 0776 |
| Differential Myaical fone(Sen) | . 5635 | . 6696 |
| Differmetyal Phyefical tone(ges) | 3.7681 | .00630 |

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mogree of freetos for error - 126

Three variables contributed to the significant Treatment
Main Effect. Only one of them, however, is a clear tent as two others also contribute to significant Center nested

In Treatment differences. These three varjables: Heterogeneity
of Initiations(Sex), Heterogeneity of Initiations(SES), and
Differential Physical Tone(SES) are reported in Tables 4.43-4.45.

TADI: h. Hz
Adjusted Post Test Heterngenalty of Inltietions (Bex) Means


| Tresesant Oread Mean |
| :---: |
| 3.327 |
| 5.021 |
| 7.941 |
| 5.516 |

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.

TaByE 4.64
Adjusted Poet pot Hotercgonetity of Initiationo (SES) Mman

| Conter 2 |  | Centar 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T_{1}$ | 8.350 | 6.535 |
| ${ }^{7} 2$ | 4.107 | 3.877 |
| $T_{3}$ | 8.911 | 9.022 |
| $T_{4}$ | 10.190 | 7.841 |


| Treatwent <br> rirund Mana |
| :---: |
| 7.8 .95 |
| 3.318 |
| 8.979 |
| $9.17^{7}$ |

Post hoc Scheffe 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 peterogeneity of Initiations(SES) scores with chilaren in. $T_{1}$ (classroom programs) and $T_{3}$ (both programs) exhibiting moderate levels of heterogeneity of initiations(SES).

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|  | Cnoter | Center 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }_{1}$ | . $347 \%$ | . 4282 |
| $\mathrm{T}_{2}$ | .8543 | . 5138 |
| ${ }^{\text {r }}$ | . 2267 | .4227 |
| T | . 3512 | . 3942 |


| Treateme <br> Grend 3ean |
| :---: |
| .3818 |
| .6763 |
| .3476 |
| .3698 |

Post hoc analysis revealed significant center nested in Treatment differences in $\mathrm{T}_{2}$ 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 $\mathrm{T}_{2}$ (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 commanication 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 othera. Positive Control denotes the relative proportion of acceptances versus rejections that are effected. Environmental Control represents the general efficiency of communication; 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).

Although only one covariate reached significance, al four sovariates vere included in the subsequent andybib. The reauts of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance are. reported in Table 4.46.

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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.

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| $T_{1}$ | 1.282 | 1.413 |
| $T_{2}$ | .5619 | .3093 |
| $T_{3}$ | 1.543 | .9749 |
| $T_{4}$ | .9132 | .9490 |


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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 hichest scores: In other words, the children receiving the claseroom programs or both programs exhibited a larger number of intervals in which they did comminicate or did impact on other peers than did the children receiving the parent programs.
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| $\mathbf{I}_{1}$ | 2.495 | .0509 |
| $\mathrm{~T}_{3}$ | 2.507 | .7780 |
| $\mathrm{I}_{3}$ | . .4799 | -.4310 |
| $\mathrm{I}_{4}$ | .7990 | 1.034 |

Treatment


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 $\mathrm{T}_{2}$ are as great Aq are other differences in other treatment conditions. Reviering 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.

## Affect

Pour variables were grouped in this category: Voice Tone, Physical Tone, Social Competency, and Emotionality. These are all mean ratinge of perceived affect displlyed acrose all intervals. The Voice Tone and Physical Tone variablea reflect the affect essociated with specific verbal and nonverbal behaviors. The Social Competency variable reflects the desree of concern expressed toward peers. Lastly, the Emotionality variable reflects the subject's level' of happiness or sadness as expressed through ©lay behavior.

# The Multiple Regression Analysis testing for the degree of association between pre-test covariates and post-tent acores vas significant at the . 0215 level of probability. <br> The results of the Multivariate Analysis of Covariance applied to the $2 \times 4 \times 2 \times 2$ way design are reported in Table 4.51. 

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Only one of the variables cmntributing to aigificant Treatment effects also contributed to aipificant Center neated in Treatmont differences. This variable was trotionality. The other aignificant variable contributing to Ireatement Main effects was Voice tone. The adjuated post tent man scores for these two variables are reported in Tables 4.55 and 4.56.

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| $\mathrm{I}_{1}$ | 2.563 | 2.402 |
| $\mathrm{I}_{2}$ | 2.472 | 2.300 |
| $\mathrm{F}_{3}$ | 2.943 | 2.198 |
| I. | 2.263 | 2.400 |


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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 opildren 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 lotest mean scores.
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| $T_{1}$ | 3.768 | 3.701 |
| $T_{2}$ | 4.138 | 3.521 |
| $-T_{3}$ | 3.256 | 8 |
| $T_{4}$ | 3.216 | 3.206 |

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| 3.740 |
| 3.816 |
| 3.225 |
| 3.395 |

Post hoc Schaffe 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 prograns) and $T_{2}$ (parent programs) conditions exhibited the highest post mean scores for motionality. These were significantly higher than the mean score for the control treatment in spite of center differences in $T_{4}$.

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

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LOW 8ES children conveyed a more positive affect in their verbal exchanges then did Mid 8ES children.

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SUMMARY OF THE RESULIS OF THE PRIMARY ANALYSES

## TREATMENT MAIN EFFECTS

## Classroom Variables

1. Children in the $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ (both programs) condition were the most gregarious in the classroom observations, playing in proximity to the largest average number of children.
2. Children in $T_{2}$ (parent programs) exhibited the least amount of adult dependency in the classroom observations, followed by the $T_{1}$ (classroom program) and $T_{3}$ (both programs) children. ${ }^{1}$ 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 $\mathrm{T}_{2}$ (parent programs) condition had the lowest scores for this variable.

## Initiation and Response Variables

1. Children in $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ (classroom progrom) initiated most often after responding to a peer in an accepting manner. $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ (both programs) had the lowest responsive initiation sçores.
2. The children exhibiting the largest proportion of initiations relative to response or ongoing behavior were in $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ (both programs). $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ (classroom program) and $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ (control) children had moderately high inftiative scores.
3. $T_{1}$ (classroom program) children followed by $T_{2}$ (parent programs) children exhibited the highest ratio of acceptiveness to rejectiveness of responses.
4. The highest responsivity scores were noted in the $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ (classroom program) condition followed by the $\mathrm{T}_{2}^{1}$ (parent programs) and $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ (control) conditions.
5. $T_{4}$ (control) children exhibited the highest duration of interaction scores. Thus these children, followed closely by $T_{3}$ (both programs) children, exhibited more noninteractife play as represented by the larger proportion of intervals in ongoing play relative to interactive play.

## Verbal Variables

1. Children in $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ (both programs) exhibited the highest proportion of verbal vs nonverbal intervals. Children in $T_{1}$ (classroom program)' were the least verbal with

- children in $T_{2}$ (parents programs) and $T_{4}$ (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 $T_{4}$ (control) groups; $T_{3}$ children exhibiting the least amount of fantasy verbalizations.

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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 saores followed by $T_{1}$ (classroom program) and $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ (control) children.
3. The children who were the most racilitative of interaction wera in $T_{1}$ (classroom program), followed by a substantially lower level by $\mathrm{T}_{2}$ (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. $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ (both programs) children had the highest heterogeneity of initiations to the opposite sex of any group. $\mathrm{T}_{\text {, }}$ (classroom program) children were the least heterogeneous in regard to initiating to the opposite sex.
2. Other than the control children who scored bighest, $\mathrm{P}_{3}$ (both progiams) and $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ (claseroom program) children vere more heterogeneous is their initiations to the opposite SES than $T_{2}$ (parent progrsme) children.
3. Children in all conditions exhibited more negative affect in their physical behavior when interacting with unlike SES peers than when interacting with padifferentlated peers. $T_{3}$ (both programs) children were the least differentiated and $T_{2}$ (parent programs) children the mast differentiated.

## Impact Variablea

1. Children in the $T_{2}$ (parent programs) condition exerted the least enviromental 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 $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ (both programs) children. $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ and $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ children exert influence or communicate in the verbal mode more than the nonverbal mode.

## Affect Variables

1. Ty (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 $T_{4}$ (control) childaren.

## 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.
3. 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.
4. Males are more heterogeneous in regard to interacting with children from the opposite social class during the clasaroom observation than females.
5. Females exhibit more adult dependency during the classroom observations than males.
6. 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 $\mathrm{T}_{\text {( }}$ (classroom program) condition had extremely high geff concept scores, higher than any other group.

Mid SES children on the whple had higher self scores than Low SES children. An exception to this were the low SES children receiving the $T_{2}$ (parent programs) condition who. exceeded all groups but the male Mid SES group.
b. With the mother referent of the Brown Test, Mid GES children scored higher than Low gES 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 $T_{3}$ (both programs) group and the M1d SES $T_{\text {( }}$ (classroom program) group. Mid BES males in the $T$, tclassroom program) condition. had the highest perceptions of their fothers feelings toward themselves.
c. Discrepency acores 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 $T_{2}$ (parent programs) condition differentiated the least ${ }^{2}$ regardless of SES. In general, males had more differentiated feelings than females, although both•Low SES and Mid SES females in T (classroom program) were more differentiated than their male counterparts.
2. Although the following results only approached significant ( $P$ S.07), an SES $X$ Center nésted 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 Sociometríc. Some Low SES children in $T_{2}$ (parent programs) and $T_{3}$ (both programs) conditions wefe the most heterogeneous in sociometric status based on sex.
$T_{3}$ (both programs) children were the most heterogeneous 1n 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.
II. IMTRODUCTION TO SECODDAFY ANALYSFS

The second section of this chapter reports the reaults of various secondary analyaee that ware implemented to further investigate initial difforences amons sroups and interrelationohips amone variables. of particular intereat vere:
A. Potential reasons for the consistent center differences in the lultivariate Analysis of Covariance Tests.
B. Intercorrelations amon variables noting relationships betrreen:

1. demographic characteristics and self concept and how aclf concept may be related to peer interaction.
2. the various variables assceaing inter-rroup orientations and attitudes as reflected in sociometric choices and play involvement of peers in both the classroom and the small oroup play setting.
A. RESULTS OF ATALYSES OF गFi:Or:MPUIC C"AMCTriICTICS OF FAIIILIES BY CENTER

Center differences with $\mathrm{T}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ conditions were frequent-. -observed, especially on the OSR variables. Because of this, chi square analyses vere inplenented to determine if the familtes in these centers were sipnificantly different on basic demorraphic characteristics. The results of the analyses will
be reported uithin each trentinent condition oeparately.

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Centers nested in $\mathrm{T}_{2}$

A very bacic difference between these two centers was the ethnicity of their clientele. $C_{1}$ was $92 \%$ black, while $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ was 31\% anclo and only $12.5 \%$ hlacl.. Althou'h this fact in itaelf may relate to how the children in the centers responded to the treatment, it is not possil: le ilth the preaent data to test apecifically for these interactiona, as cthnic menbership is not crossed with centers. However, no ethnic differences on lemocraphic characteristics vere observed with the sanple as a mole.

There wern no sienificant differences between thege tro centers on mother's part or full the employment, mother's occupation, rother's education, the or'? inal sosition of the ch1ld, the number of cilldren in the families, family status of single or two parent familics, and father's education or occupation. The only differences were in the hirhest category of income ( $\$ 200$. or more per week). $C_{1}$ had fever families in this catecory than $C_{2}$. Rasically, the families in these two centers vere very sinilar, except for ethnicity.

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Centers nested in \(T_{4}\)
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These centers were very similar on the cthnic background of their families. $C_{1}$ was $70 \%$ anglo and $30 \%$ black, while $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ was $310 \%$ anglo and $20 \%$ black. Greater differences were observed on the organization and lenrth of establishment of these too centers; $C_{1}$ beinf the oldest, largest, and best staffed of all centers in the sample.

There were no significant differences between these centors on the number of sinsle and two parent fanilies, the number ${ }^{\text {of }}$ children in the families, the ordinal nosition of the child, the family incorie, fathers education or occupation, mother's' part or full tine employment, and mother's occupation. Sienificant differences verc observed between the tro centers on the number of nothers with colleqe degrees. iore 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 figh school or less education than $T_{4}$. more mothers were semiskilled in $T_{2}$ compared to $T_{4}$. ferences vefe observed on nothers' part or full time employ-
ment, 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 fámilies, while $T_{4}$ had wore than expected two parent families. Similar comparisons were pade uith $T_{1}$ and $T_{4}$. None of these vere sipnificant. In summary, the profiles of the families in $T 2$ and $T_{3}$ compared to $T_{4}$ and $T_{1}$ were sirilar to characteristics of low SES families. The families of children in the control centers; based on these family characteristics, vere generally of higher social and economic styanding. Mow this influences the children's behavior on the depandent measures is difficult to assess, but basic SES differences on the dependent variables. were usually not sienificart.
B. IESULTS OF NHALYSES OF DER OGTAPUIC CHiRACTERISTICS OF faiillies ard ciildren'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 vere carried out to see if ethinic rroups differed on demographic characteristics.

No significant differences were observed betmeen black and anglo children based on sex, age, monthe since child entered the day care center, SES group membership, diatribution by single or two parent families, distribution acrose maternal occupational and educational' categories, mother's part or full tine employment, child's ordinal position and nupber of children in the family. Lasically, foo ethaic differences were revealed in these analyses of contingency tables.

Various analyses of varfance tests wero implemented using pretest data to note differences between black and anglo children on some of the main dependent variables. Anslo children had significantly hicher mother. referent scores ( $p<.0282$ ), but no differences were noted on the self scores. Anglo children had lover, activity levels durins, the small group play sesaíon ( $p<.0353$ ). Black children : but also exhibited nore rough and tumble play as reflected in sienificant differences between the tro ~roups on Afgression acores ( $p<.0002$ ). The involvement, peer proximity, and environmental control variables approthed gignificance at $p<.08$. Anglo children played in proximity to lareqr numbers of children, while black children had higher invoivement scotes during the classroom observation and exerted more environmental control during the play session.

Social Economic Group iembership

Sínificant difierences were found between social economic status groups on 'rasic demogranhic variables. These chi square analyses confirm the existence of differential patterns of family life tiat characterize SES rouns.
iore lor SES families were oingle parent families while more mid SaS fanllies vere two parent families ( $\mathrm{X}^{2}=42.63$ ). The child frow a low SES family was more lilely the second, third or fourth child in the family, while children from mid? SES fanilies vere more lifely the only, child in the family ( $\mathrm{X}^{2}=11.12$ for ordinal position; $\mathrm{X}^{2}=10.23$ for number of children in the family).

Io significant.differences beticen SES proung were observed on mother's part or full time employment but otber characteristics of the nother's education and occupation vere siznificantly different. Sore often lov SES nothers were in semi-skilied positions and had hich school or less education. ilid SES mothers :ered more lifely professionally employed and had collegc decrees.

In a supplenentary analysis of the pre-test data, SES differences wiere observed on self concept scores ( $P$ 人.0324) . Hid SES children havine higher self concent scores than low SES children. After treatment, as reported in the : 'ulti-

variate Analysis of Covariance tests, a SES x Sex x Treatment interaction :as evidenced. In noting Figure 3-C; the IId SFS children atill had hicher 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.

## Pamily Status

As a large number of children in the sample came from aingle parent families, characteristics of the mother's cducation and occupation were compared for single and two parent families. :lo sicnificant differences vere found on mother's part or full time erploynent ( $x^{2} 0.47$ ). Differences by occupation and education vere significant. Mothers in single parent fanllies vere less likely to be professional and more likely semi-si:illed employees. Mothers in two parent fanilies were nore likely in professional positions and less likely semi-skilled ( $X^{2}=11.22$ ).

Similar patterns vere observed across educational levels. Although the significant differences were based on the distribution of nothers in the high school plus occupational trainin;
category and tiae college degree category. :Lothers of single parent fanilles were less likely to be college graduates although they were more likely than mothers in two parent fanilies to have iifa school plus some training. In fact, many of these mothers way be cürrently in college or training pronrans ( $i^{2}=16.82$ ). Lothers of two parent familles vere more likely college rraduates. . 0 o sicnificant differences were observed in the number of children in these two types of families.
. 0 differences were found between sincle 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, involvenent, social behavior, activity level, peer proximity, aggression, enviroazental control and others.
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Self Concept

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

IDS Self Concept Referent Zest, a photographic projective technique that elicits a choice between two bipolar adjuctives on a list of 14 attributes about the self. The higier the acores, the more positive the child's feelings about hinself. The relatiotiships between the self scores and basic denographic characteristics of families and other dependent variables were explored through the AifOVA, Pearson's Product 'lonent ${ }^{\text {. }}$ Correlations and :ultiple Regression techniques.

## Relationships betiseen denographic characteristics and. Self concept

Uoint the pretest data, aualyses of variance were impleaented to note differences between groups on child's self concept. .lo sugnificant differences were observed based on ethnic group meribership or family status. A significant difference ( $P$. . .0324) was noted between social economic status groups. ilid SES children eichibited higuer self concept scores than low SES children. This same relationsilip was observed in a sipnificant negative correlation betreen self concept and SES dalue(r--.2168). Iicher SES values represent lower social economic status. Thus, the lower the family's status, the poorer the child's self concept.

## Relationsiifps Between Socionetric Choices, "lay jehavior; and

## Self Concept

The only sifnificant relationship betveen self concept and the sociometric variables yas with Sociometric Status(ra-.2339). The negative relationship sucgests that children with hiziuer self concepts were chosen less frequently as playrates on the Picture Joard Socionetric. . .o aiznificant relationships were evidenced witi the social behavior variables, but a necative relationship was also ouserved 'setween self concept and Facilitative of Interaction(ra-.2277). Thus durine the nlay, session, children who facilitated play at associative and cooperative levels of social behavior vere children with poorer self concepta. Likevise, the Pier Interaction variable vas nefatively related to self concept (r--.1379). Tifs variable represents the averafe numiver of cuildren in interaction per interval during the play segsion. A si:nlar variable from the classroom observation, "Peer Proxifity 'pas positively related (ro.1171). Proxiuity, however, represents play at all levels of social behavior while Peer Interaction Hepresents play at the more involved levels only. Thus the children with poorer self concepts exhibited nore interactive play and with larger nunivers of children. A nerative relationship also exists for self concept and lonverbal Style of Interaction ( $\mathrm{r}=-.2033$ ). 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 porftively related to Autonomy $(r=.2588)$ and Social Leadership (rw.ig76). 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.

TABLE 4.58
results of multiple regression annlysis predicing pre self scores


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

These results suggest that self concept as measured in this. study was not related to age, naturity 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 9ES group membership, it was related to play behavior variables. 'Negative correlations with status and peer interaction variables sucgest that children with poorer self concopts were more active at associative and cooperative levels of play and $\mathrm{In}^{\prime \prime}$ effecting the behavior of others through the nonverbal pode. Also, children with poorer self concepta displayed less differentiation in their voice and physical tone when interacting with the opposite sex.

The Senaurement 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 heterogenefty of status

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18 measured. During the Classroom Observation heterogeneity of associations 18 measured as the proportion of time at associative or cooperative levels of play with unlike peers compared ot the proportion of time with like peers. Prom the Observation of Socialization Behavior Instrument (OSB) five sets of variables measure the child's differential behavior townrd 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 ioment Correlation Coefficient was derived for pairs of theoc variables on all of the subjects who had both pairs of data. The number of subjects varied from 160-168. These correlations are réported $10^{\circ}$ Appendix D. Those relationships that are significant at $p \leq .05$ are discussed in the following sections.

## The Relationohip Between Child Background Characteristics

 and lieterogeneityThere was a positive relationship between Heterogeneity of Inittations to opposite sex peers and age ( $r=1917$ ). No other heterogeneity variables, however, were significantly correlated
with age. Tptal experience in group care was positively related to Heterogeneity of Sex Status (being chosen as a playmate by an opposite sex peer, rw.1390) and Heterogeneity of Initiations . to opposite SES peers in the play setting ( $\mathrm{r}=.1505$ ), 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 lleterogeneity of Sociometifc Status(SEX), Tolerance for unfatmiliar 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 Leterogeneity of Control(SES) (rm.1787). As increasing SES values reflect lower bocifl economic status, Lov SES children were more heterogeneous in.choosing and-influencing ilid SES peers than were Mid SES children.

Relationships：シetween Sociomctric Choices and Play Jehavior

The Picture Board Sociometric variables did relate positively to Heteroceneity of Associations in the classroon． Children who choose opposite SES peers as playmates on the Picture Board also play $⿴ 囗 十 ⺝ 丶 t^{\prime}$ opposite sex and SES peers in the clagsroom．

Heterogeneity of sex is strongly related to heterogenedty， of Sis in the classroom observation（ra．9）48）suggesting that children who tended to play with opposite sex peers also played with opposite SES pecrs．This was not the case in the small play setting where two boys and t：\％o Eirls one of each SES Eroup played together．In the play setting，leterogeneity of Initiations to the opposite sex is positively related to Tolerance for the unfamilar beinavior of the opposite sex （re．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 sti（and vice verga）as reflected in negative corrclations between Tolerance for unfaniliar behavior Sex and SES（ra－．24）．

Positive relationships between initiation and response scores indicate that children who are heterogeneou＇s in＇res－ pording to opposite sex or SES peers also initiate to opposite sex and SES peers．liowever，negatipe correlations between Heterogeneity of Initiations（Sex）and Tolerance for unfamiliar
behavior(SES), and Tolerance(SES) and Tolerance(SisS) suggest that children either interact with opposite sex or opposite SES peer's 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 ard more heterogeneous toward peers of the opposite SiS than they are toward peers of the opposite sex. Only on differential physical tone was this pattern not, maintained across all classroọm, 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 linés in order, to play with "like" sex peers, but do not play across sex lines in order tô 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) ( $\mathrm{r}=.399$ ). However, Differential Physical Tone sex and $\{E S$ is strongly related to Social Behavior (rai. 4361 and rm. 3108 tespectively). Children with mare socially mature levels of piay 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 (rm.1511) and Autonomy (re.1885) although at lower magnitudes.

* Multiple Regression Analyses were implemented to predict Heterogeneity of Initiations during the small group play sessionusing 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 ANALESIS PREDICTING PRE HETEROGENEITY OF INITLATIORS (SEX)

(varlables entered in a step-wise regression)

TABLE 4.60
RESULTS OR MULTIPLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS PREDICTING
PRE HETEROGENEITY OF INITIATIONS (SES)

Multiple $\mathrm{R}=.5578 \quad$ F-ratio $=6.3233 \quad \mathrm{P}<.0001^{*}$

| Variable | P-ratio |  | Probability | $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tolerance | 16.4612 |  | .0001* | . 099 |
| Environmental Control | 10.4091 |  | .002* | . 159 |
| Het. of Control (SES) | 6.4967 | $\cdots$ | .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 |

(variables ontered in a step-wise regression)

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 characteristiçs 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 behavfor variables were positively related. Thus gregariousness and the display of more differential affect in the vaice 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 relafed to social mafurity.

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 acrgss 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 patterts 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 whe 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 oex and SES playmates. Children high in Heterogeneity of Sex rere also high in lleterogeneity of SES. However, in the small group play setting, differential behaviors were observed; children more frequently crossing SES lines in order to play with "11ke" sex peers. A positive relationship also existed between quality of play as reflected in Social Behavior and Involvement sdores and differential affect expressed through the voice and physical play behavior. Increased social involvement was related to increased differential affect. Thuo with the pretest data the expression of intergroup attitudes was stronger with nore autonomoss, 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, SURAARY, AND I:PLICATIONS

## 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, socionetric statis, and hctergeneous peer $:$ group involvement of Jay Care $31 / 2-5$ yqar 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 opportunfty to investigate the interrelationships between self concept and social interaction variables, and among various heterogeneity variables that were designed to reflect inter-group orientations and attitudes. Preliminary analyses of tuese interrelationghips 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 dependeat measures, and how these results can be applied for $V$ the practitioner.

## SUIMARY OF EFPECTS OR TRRATMENTS

## $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ Supplemental Clas3room Activities

The supplemental classroom activities that were implemented $i_{1}$ the centers in $T_{1}$ were those that make up the II.S.U. Sociodramatic Play Curriculum. This is a social interaction curriculum that emphasizes and reinforces the development of specific social sicills. The teacher sets the stage for positive social interaction by selecting epecific 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 contert 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 carlier 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 frequeutly, and with the largest numbers of children.

These children were extrmely responsive to other peers. , $T_{1}$ children had tae highest Acceptances of Reaponses 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 sociai behavior, thus facilitating interaction.
$T_{1}$ children exerted the most environmental control, exhibiting proportionately more influence ovgy other children, relative to not influencing others; than other groups. These instances of influeace were more often nonverbal, while control children exerted finfluence 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 tian $T_{1}$ cinlldren 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, $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ 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 $T_{1}$ children on tire whole did not shors an increase 00186
over controls in their belf conccigt scores, one sroup of children did exhiuit extromely 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 inpact of this program in supporting boys' participation in sociodramatic play activities was reflected in increased self concept sçores. These activities vere 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 domiance of play in this area of the classroom and therefore impact negatively ou their self concepts.

Low SES boys, on the other hand, nay need a longer perIod of enmeto enable this treatment to imact on self csteem. liany of their social behaviors nay be more extensively reshaped by the spacific behaviors being reinforced in this program, thus furtiner differentiating their self scores from their middle SES counterparti. Tine fact that their pre- to posttest scores did shous an increase over the period of the intervention provides evidence that they did benefit from the program.

On the less positive side, these $T_{1}$ children :rere least heterogeneous in regard to being chosen as playmates by opposite sex peers. In fact, it almost appears as if children In this tireatment became more avare of sex differences.

In summary, children receiving the supplemental classröom activities exhibited highly interactive, gregarious play. They were extremely accepting in their responses to others, and facilitated social intefactions at more involved levels of play. They had the ability to influetace others, often through nonverbal means, and expressod dositivo afreet in their verbalizations and in their general emotionality.

## T2 Supplemental Parent Programs

$\mathrm{T}_{2}$-included centers that provided a supplemental parent education program, Parents are Teachers Too. This program consisted of a series of 12 weelly parent sessions, where pareqts and teachers worked together in an informal manner, discussing child devclopment topics, making play materfals for the parents to use in specific activities with their cinlldren at home, and interfacing home activities with . programs of the center. The goal of this program nas to increase positive parent-child and parent-teacher interactions, and to aid pterents 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 Adirectly 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 elf concept scores of low SES children in particular. This is a noteworthy accompliahment, as low 3RS children possessed significantly poorer self concepts than mid-SES cilidren initially. Although a aignificant Treatment $x$ Sex $x$ SES interaction was evidenced on the self concept variables, both males and females in the low SES $T_{2}$ group had the highest adjusted post self concept scores. iild-SES children in this' treatment condition had moderately high acores, but not as high as males in the classroom programs or females an both programs.

Children receiving the parent procram treatment exibited the least amomnt 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 hetefogeneous in sociometric status in respect to being chosen as playmates by opposite sex peers, than controls, but $T_{3}$ (Both programs) children were the most heterogeneous.

Along with being very autonomous in their peer interactions, these children were also very responsive to others' faitiations, and had a high proportion of acceptances to rejections of responses. Although they had lov initiation* scores, fhey did facilitate interactions, inftiating in response to peer overtures. Along with $\mathrm{T}_{1}$ (classroom programs) children, $T_{2}$ (parent programs) cinlldrea exerted influence throug! the nonverbal mode morc than controls or $T_{3}$ (botn "programs) ciflldren, tho were more verbal. On the other hand, $T_{2}$ exerted the least enviromental control or influence over others, and played at associative or cooperative levels of play less than other groups of children.

In genaral, these children iadmuch more positive self concepts, especially low SES children, and exilbited markedly more positive affect in their play behavior. Beinc more autonomous and leas dependent on adults, these children exhibited confident, responsive play behavior with peers. The effects of increased parental involvoment in the educational process on affective-social beiavior vas most evident and clearly positivè.

## T3 Both Programs

The treatment, condition offering both programs were centers that implemented both the classroom curriculum and
parent education program. As this ras a considerable feat for any center to mobilize, the researchers wore skeptical that positive results would be noted in such a short period of time. Horever, in spite of implementation ${ }^{\text {difficulties, }}$ the cnildren in these centers exhibited the most gregarious, neterogeneods beinavior of all.

In comparision both to the control group and the individual programatic treatmonts $T_{3}$ (both proprams) children were the most heterogeneous. They exhibited the highest Heterogeneity of Status in regard to being chosen as playmates by opposite sex and SES peêrs, initiated to odoosite sex peers more than other grouns, and conveyed the least differentiation in their voice tone when interacting with ooposite SES peers compared to undifferentiated peers,
:id-SES females witain this treatment iad high self concept scores and high motiar referent scores. Although mid-SES females may have experienced decreased doninance In the sociodramatic play treatisent that may explain low self concept scores, the increased parental attention and reinforcement of play behavior in this conbined treatment may have compe isated for any depressing effects new interaction patterns in the classrooms may have caused. Thus, mid-SES females in $T_{3}$ exhllited high self concept acores. $T_{3}$ children initiated relatively more than others in the play setting and also exerted high degrees of influence over
others. ilo:ever, in coatrast, chey played at less interactive play, as reflected in duration scores. They verbalized more than other groups, displaying extremely inigh verbalization acores. These cinlldren ucre also very gregarious, playing with large numbers of children.

In summary, cisfldren in centers offering both 'classaroom and parent programs exilioited ti:e most heterogeneous behavior, behavior suggestive of positive attitudes toyard the opposite' sex and SES. Although these children did not exhibit the . same level of develonment of sochaladnteraction skills as the $T_{1}$ children, nor the self confidence of the $T_{2}$ cilildren, they did exhibit socially sensitive, mature play. Their heterggensous, gregarious behaviors reflected social competency and opén attitudes toward peers.

## $\mathrm{T}_{4}$ Control

Children in control centers, wher: no supplemental programs were 1 mplenented, exhibited the highest fantasy verbal-: ization scores. They also had moderately high initiative and responsivity scores, and were superior in the heterogeneity of their initiations to children of the opposite SESS: On the other hand, children in this treatment condition were the most dependent on adults during the classroom observation and

Cxinibited the least amount of interactive play.
Although control children rarcly 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 cautiqn, as this treatinent copldition 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 betwean the two centers, although the organizational structure of the two centers, was very different. $C_{1}$ within this treatment was a well-established, highly subpoticed center, that had a high level fof professionalism. In contrast, $C_{2}$ was relatively newly established, struggling to achiave parental and commilty support, and approached the minimum end on a scale of professionalism and staffing ratio.

Ferv 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. ilales 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 ch1ldren more often chose mid-SES peers on the Picture Board Sociometric, and displayed more positive affect in their voices when interacting 'ofth mid-SES peers in the play setting taan their mid-SES counterparts.

Females appeared to have better self concepts than males but displayed more ajult. dependency in the clas3room.

The relationship between seif concept and peer interaction
Among these $31 / 2 /$ 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.

Le'vels. Cnfldren with higucr self concepts were less cooperative, more differentiated in the affect expressed in their play benavior when interacting whin "unlike" SES and sex peers, and were less often chosen as playmates on a sociometric task. At this egocentric stage of development, cuildren with hipher ( 3elf concepts are perhaps more demanding, less socially oriented than cifldren with less well established feelings of self-esteem. The children with high self, concepts may have the poteritial for positive peer interaction, as reflected in autonomy and social leadership scores, but do not have the same needs for social exciange as children gith poorer self concents.

Treatpent effects cn self concerst
Prior to intervention, mid-SES childan had hicher self concepts than low SES chfldren. Sindiar results occurred after treatment for all croups cxcent for conter $f_{\text {m }}$ lementinf, parent programs. In these centers, the low SES cilldren's self concept scores. exceeded their mid-SES peers. This result supports earlier researci (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 interattion may be more depressed) than in mid-SES families.

In general, females had better salf concepts tmon males. Tnis trend was reversed in centers implementing classroom programs, and especially, $\dot{1}$ 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' sclf concepts. Any such negative effects were not evidenced in fenales receiving, both programs. Increased parental and especially materal attention and reinforcèment may have compensated for any reductiod in self esteem emannating from a loss of superiority in the classroom.

Relationships between demggraphic cnaracteristica, play.behavior, and the expression of inter-group attitudes prior

## to treatment

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

Factors that predicted initiations acroos SES lines were soçial interaction variaoles. Although not a significant predictor, SES value was positively related to both Heterogeneity of SES choices and Heterogencity of Cqutrol (SES), 'which were stron's predictors of Heterogeneity of Initiations (SES). It appears that the lov SES children or those who express poorer self concepts and are more orearious and socially interactive reflect more hetarogeneous beilaviors tovard oypoisite StS pecrs. ine exprassion of Heterogeneity to opposite sex peers may be a function of age and maturity, out the expression of heterogeneity to opposite SES peers is more liacly related to skill and success in futeracting with peers.

Treatment effects on inter-group attitudes
Children in centers implementing, both classroom and parent programs exhibited the most heteroneneous behavior on the post test measures. As attitudes tovard opposite sex peers appeared more firmly engrained than attitudes toward opposite SES peers on the pretest data, it is interesfing to note that children receiving input from both programs exhibited the highest Heterogeneity of Initiations (Sex) scores. Caildren recelving inputs from both programe vere also more heterogeneous in regard to being ciosen by oppoite SES peers
on the Plcture Board Sociometric. They also displayed less negative affect in their physical behavior when interacting aith unlthe SES peers than any other group، All groups, however, displayed more negative affect in their voices and physical behavior when interacting with "uplike" peer's than when'interacting with undifferentiated peers. Thus, rudimentary forms of intergroup attitudes are already observable in young children $31 / 2$ 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 cocial interaction behaviors In conclusión, both supplemental classroom activities focusine directy $\begin{gathered}\text { on } \\ \text { social } \\ \text { interaction skills, and supple- }\end{gathered}$ menfal parent programe emphasizing parental sunport and reinforcement of the child's interection rith the physical and social environment can have positive offects on children's social attitudes and 3tyles of interacting yith peers.

- The Parents are Teachers Too program Impacted on the affective development of childien as reflected in less adult . dependency, increased self concepts, increased autonomy, and the display of gregarious responsive play behaviors.

The if.S.U. Sociodramatic Play program, on the other hand, enhanced specific social interaction skills. These children
exhibited the most cooperative interactive play. They both responded to and initiated peer interaction at the highest levels of social behavior. Theit ability to influence other peers suggested à high level of social skill development. Children in centers implementing both programs reflected some of the behaviors representative of individual prorrams, 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-pecr or teacher-peer interaction in the claseroom.

Mese children were the most verbal, gregarious, and heterogeneous, i.e, they directed their interactsons to a wide variety of peers, and succesofully interactod with theoe peers as reflected in high environmental control ocpres. These are more complex behaviors that may requirè more inténse exposure to adult models as well as the reinforcement and support that results from parent-teacher collaboration in responding to children's behaviors.

Early group experiences for children anve 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 skilis necessary for. successful peer interaçtion. 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 onhancing children's development in specific areas, it appars that four-year-old children become more áutononous and independent of adulta. This, more gecure base may increase the potentig for poaitive peer interaction, but does not necesdarily result In an increase in cross-group interactions. Spoific . social skills and attitudes are nceded 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. Chfidren receiving this treatment did indeed show an increase in their cooperative, facilitative play.

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 interactitns.

Those children expressing the most gregarious, heter- : ogeneous behaviors were in the ereatment condition receiving both the classroom and parent programs. The foint inputs from both the home enviromment and the classroon, including the support and modeling of the most eignificant adults in the child's life, did have an 1mpact on the child's expression of heterogeneous play behavior. Replication atudies and follow-through evaluatlons will be necessary, however, before these effecte cha 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 avareness 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

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

Beyond Present Inputs
Becguse of limitations in the way children 3-50fars view the work, it is difficult to effect the way children choose to use their social skills (Roger, 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 soc hal 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 feeling 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 result:

Significant adults in children's lives can help children go beyond the skill acquisition level and focus
additionally on how netrly developed skills are applied. Although the Sociodranatic Play Curriculum includes these dimensions, short periods of implenentation may only. 1mpact on basic akills. Bronfrenbrenner \& others (Chilman, 1974) suggest that the toţal atmosphere of the home and school setting over a relatively long term are critical in fosteting attitudes and patterng of interaction. Thus, the impact of the social atmosphere on the interactions that occur needs further investigation. Likewise subpopulational mix fectors, as elements of the setting, nged 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 the e findings for the development of inter-group attitudes is that children with poorer self concepts are the ones - wore likely to interact across group lines. These interactions provide the experiences that contribute to later attitudes. Therefore, the nature of these experi-" ences are ċritical in not only determining children's own feelings of worth but in determining the valence of theif inter-group attitudes.

Purther Research Needed:
This study is an initial attempt to both operätionalize and intervene in the early development of inter-group attitudes. The results reveal observable differences in. the inter-group attitudes of $31 / 2$ to $5_{r}$ year old children as reflected in their socioneteric 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 SSS orientations are more atrongly related to social skill competency.

After the short term intervention, the heterogeneity scores of children in $\mathrm{T}_{3}$ (both programs) were consistently higher across instruments than for other grobps 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 signi: ficant 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 attitudes. The present study's use of sociometric tests and direct observational techtiques has provided a useful . . . and methodologically sound approach to assessing attitudes". . . as reflected in behavior. ifth 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 enviro ent are also critical in
in determining the finds 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 tatios 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 familles, 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

The Brown IDS Self-Concept Referents Teat
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Introductory Guidelines: . $\ell$

- 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 picquro.
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 rupport. 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.) . 1
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:
"Now I'd like to ask you a few quiestions 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 tine he asks a question.
"Now can you tell me, is (child's name) happy or sad?" E proceeđs 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 $S^{\prime} s$ 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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3. Goor looking-ugly.
4. Likes to.play wieh other kids-doesin't lake to plos with other kids
5. Likes to trave won rhinga-ilkes to have othex kido khtugs
6. Goosi-tyed
7. Likes to tulk o lot-doesin't like to tall! y lot
Q. Smart-gtupla
8. Scared of a lot of thinge-not seored of. Lot of ciling
9. Scared of a lot of people-not scarnd. of a lot of peoplo
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11. Stxing weak
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Hote: Score values parallel order in which adjectives are presented.


## Class room Socio-Observation

The classroom socho-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, Pamily and Childstudy Center, pifchigan State University. ${ }^{1,2}$ The present procedures are an adaptation of the original instrument. ${ }^{3}$ *

## Ggneral Prócedures

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.Boyś, 3 Low SES Girls, 3 Mid SES Girls. Additional groups pf 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 th'ree (3) observations are made toward the end of the period. Approximately 10 minutes should lapse between sets of observations.

[^0]The setting for the observations will be a classroom that includes a variety of activities for free play (1.e. .blocks, house corner, manipudative toys, etc). This setting should be familiar to all of the children. One (i) 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 planed) prior to the observation. Suth tags will aid the examiner in identifying the children.


1 • 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

$\because$ 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)
$\mathrm{X}=$ Teacher

Y Other adutt

## 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 roon.

2 = Solitary Play: The child plays alone and independently with toys that are different from those used by the children within spealing 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 chtldren, 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 sec and hear all that is taking place. Thus, he differs from the unoccupled 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 influence the activity of the children near him. Thus, he plays beside, wather 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 najy 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 cormon goal.

6 = Cooperative Play: The child plays within a group that is organized for the purpose of making some material projuct, of otriving to attain some competitive goal, of dratatizing situations of adult or group life, or of playing fortal 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 menbers who direct the activity of others. The goal and the method of attaining it necessitate a diviaion of labor, the taking of different roles by various group members, and the organization of activity 80 that the efforts of one child are supplemented by those of another. The critical distinction is the goal-directedness of the group:

CLASS
OBSERVER $\qquad$

DATE $\qquad$
Time $\qquad$


Play Situation-Picture Board Sociometric
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## play situatioin-picture board socio exric techinula

Each child is photographed in a front pose of head and shoulders. The child if wearing a nane tag with first name and initial. These photographs should be taken of the entire class juat prior to gathering the Sociometric data. The pictures of the children are placed on a fiberboard (approximately 2 ft . by 2 ft. ) in two rove of four photos, one row of five picturea, 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 Esit.

The total sample of elioible 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 - ferale med. SES

A randon assortment of three pictures from each proup will be placed on the board prior to the teating session. The S's picture will be added to the existing 12 pictures. If the $S$ 's picture was one of the oripinal 12, an additional plcture 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 $S$, (iN) $118 t s$ of 12 code numbers each will be formulated ahead of time. The code numbers w111 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.

[^1]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 clase lists or other aids. (Name tags may help $E$ identify the children) This fappliarization 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 fadiliarization procedure.

When the "choice-session" begins E places the board oo 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 $15^{\prime \prime}$ from the child).

1. "S's are first asked to find their own picture. S's should then, or after a little prompting, point to other children or name other children to whose picture $E$ then can point. $B$ 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 atme 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 menipulate them in any other way he wishes; but encourage him to paruse the pictures and select one. Then eay:
"Which others would you like to play with?" Contidue this until he has selected three of five pictures. (If a child refusde 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 gare. You said you would like to play with these, so we'11 put your picture here."

E takés 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 asy:
"Who would you like to have play with you?" If the child responde completely, say no more. If the child responds 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 bere at the pictures-Who would you like to play with you on. $\qquad$ ?" (Fill in the name of the play aituation 1.0. , the ponies).

After the child's selection on each play situation the selected peer's picture and the $S^{\prime}$ 's picture are returned to the board pitior to the next selection.

Zf the $S$ names more than one child or points to two photos, the E should ask the $S$ which peer he would most like to play with. Only a aingle choice per play aituation is acceptable.

If the $S$ responds with a child's name whose pictute is not present on the choice board, the E should say: "There are other children that you would like to play with. But, look at the plctures of these children;

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 aix play aituation cards are listed on the recording form. Place the number one after the play aituation chosen firat, two after the eecond choice and three after the third choice.
3. Each child's photograph should be coded with his class code number (on the reverse alde) 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 responde to a sociometric question (in the play situation section, this would include the etatement, "look here at the pictures, etc.") verbally, by pointing or by selecting a photograph voluntarily without further probing or urging, his response is acored 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 voluntary response if $S$ complies immediately.

## PLAY SITUATION -- PICTURE BOARD

## SOCLOMETRIC

Record Form


Pield of Choice
(List of children present on the picture-board)
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Observation of Soctalization Behavior

The present Instrument is an adapted version of the original Observation of Socialization Behavior (OSB), an observational rating technique for videotape observation. The original version was developed by Robert P. B Ber and.Jo Lynn Cunningham, Head Start Regearch 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, Michiçan 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 $a s$ 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.

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## PORM

The form developed for use with the videotaped interaction ituations contain two rating frames per 20 -second interval. The first frame must be completed as a timo sampling of behavior at the aignal 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 (framo 2 will be crossed out). Likewise if no peer interaction occurs during the interval, the second frame will remain blank (croseed 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. Volce 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 segmant is shown in Pigure A.

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Figure A

Interaction/Involvement


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The cittegories and descriptions for each code follows：

## Interaction and Invodvement

## Response

A－acceptance：covert or overt awarenese and acceptance of another＇s initiation．

1 －intense overt acceptance
2 －moderate acceptance
3 －covert or weak acceptanca
R－rejection：covert or ofert awareness and rejection of another＇s initiation．

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 $S$ 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 いいぃ．u．（wailo， 1 fght switches，gate，door，etc．）

Impact codes: The consequence of $\underline{S}^{\prime}$ s behavior as reflected in the behavior of other peers.

Impact recorded separately, for each peer.
A - acceptance of $\underline{S}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ behavior
1 - intense overt acceptance
2 - moderate (normal level) of acceptance
3 - covert or hesitant acceptance
N - no impact, no acknowledgement or awareness of $\underline{S}^{\prime}$ s behavior

R - rejection of $S^{\prime} s$ behavior
1 - intense overt rejection
2 - moderate (normal level) of rejection
3 - covert, mild, or hesitant rejection

## Verbalizations

SL = shows solidarity: ralses another's status; gives help or reward $T R=$ Tension release: jokes, laughs: squeals, shows satisfaction AG = Agrees: shows passive acceptance: understands, concurs; compiles $S U$ = Gives suggestions or directions, implies autonomy for others OP - Gives opinion, evaluation, or analyses: expresses feeling or wish. $O R=$ Gives orientation or information: repeats, clarifies, confirms $A R=A s k s$ for orientation: information; repetition, confirmation $A P=$ Asks of opinion, evaluation, analyses, expressions of feelings AS = 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)
$\mathrm{MM}=$ Mumbling (unintelligible)
$X=$ No verbalization

## Fantasy

- F = Fantasy verbalization

NF = Nonfantasy verbalization

Volce Tone,

+     - positive affect conveyed by voice tone
0 . neutral voice tone: no affect conveyed
- negative affect conveyed by voice tone

Social Behavior
1 - Unoccupied behavior: $\because$ 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.
2. Solitary play:

3 - Onlooker behaviors

4 - Parallel 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.

The child spends most of his time watching the others play. He often talks to the playing children, asks questions, or gives suggestions, but docs 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 unoccupled child, who notices anything that happens to be exciting and is not especially interested in groups of children.
The child plays independently, but the activity he chooses naturally brings him among othar children. He playg 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 influence the activity of the children near him. Thus, he plays beside, rather than with, other children. This activity is characterized by physical proximity and similarity of activity with reference to other children.

Tie 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 ungaged 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. Therc 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 product, of striving to attain some competitive goal, of dramatizing situations of adult or group life, or of playing formal games. Therc is a marked sense af 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

Contact (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 peèr.
WC = No physical contact with other peers or objects
Behavioral tone

+ = behavior which is socially acceptable or positive ifonnotation. (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)


Inferred Motivation: The following four codes are rated on a 5 point scale: .

5 positive overt/intense
Autonomy (psychological)

Independent patient persistent tolerant integrated
$4 \quad 3$ covert/mild neutral covert/mild $\begin{gathered}\text { negative } \\ \text { overt/intonse }\end{gathered}$

- self directed
$\begin{array}{lllll}5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1\end{array}$
depeñdent impatient non-persistent vulnerable to frustration submissive


## Social Leadership

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original activity 5 4 3 2 1
initiates to others
dominant
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imitation
follows
compliant

Social Competency
other directed friendly, open empathetic helpful affectionate constructive
$\begin{array}{lllll}5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1\end{array}$
self centered withdrawn rejecting aggrebsive. disregards othyrs boasting attention-seeking jealous destructive

## Emotionality

happy, confident eager

## Recording Observations

For each frame a codi must be applied to each available space. If no verbdilzation or initiation is,observable; an " X " is coded in that position. All bther 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 camerd fange). In ouch cases, "X" for the entire frame or any part thereof is permissible.

Coding of each catugory is done by writing in the appropriate code (for responses, level of involvement, object of interaction, fmpact, autonomy, leadership, social compctence, emotionality, verbalization, social behavior) or by circliag the appropriate code symbola (for fantasy, voice tone, physical behavior, and behavioral tone).

## Frame 1 (required)

When the signal tone is heard marking a 20 sacond interval, the behavior occurring immediately after the tonc 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 docs 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 ' $X$ ' 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 ${ }^{\circ}$ the total sequence of interaction that is observed and rated.


## Reliability

Interobserver reliability is established by two independent observers simultaneously recording the behaviors of the same child in the same intervale on their reapective recording forms. Intraobserver reliability is eatablished by a single observar rgating a previously observed tape.

Two methods of computing rellability are used, one based on total blanks and the other based on total recorded poaitions. Each type of reliability should be computed for the entire instrument and also for vach saparate scalc. Minimum suggested reliability indices arc given in Table B-1.

Points for figuring total instrument reliability are assigned as shown in Pigure b-2. Procedures for computation of interobserver reliability are ds 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 mathod credits the observers with agrecments for those instances on which they agree that no recordable behavior occurred, 1.e., both recorded an " $x$ " for that category of that interval. Formulas used for figuring reliability by this method are as follows:

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\% \text { rellability }-\frac{\text { Agrecments. (Number of point } 8 \text { ) }}{\text { Number of frames } \times 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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\text { \% reliability }= & \text { Agreements (Number of points) } \\
& \text { Agrcements plus disagreements } \\
& \text { (Number of points possible for } \\
& \text { positions in which either ob- } \\
& \text { ( server recorded any code) }
\end{aligned}
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TABILE B-1

| Minimum Suggested Rater Reliability Indices for Observation of Socialization Behavior |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Method | Type of Rellability |  |
|  | Inter- | Intra- |
|  | Entire Instrument |  |
| Total Blanks | . 85 | . 90 |
| Total Recorded Positions | . 65 | . 75 |


|  | Individual Scales |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Blanks | $\boxed{y}$ | .80 |
| Total Recorded <br> Positions | .60 | .85 |



FIGURE B-2
Assignment of Points for OSB Rater Reliability


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## Parent Permission and Information Sheets

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# INSTITUTE FOR PhisILY AND CHILD STUDY MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY 

## Project Agreement Porm

I, the undersigned, as parent or guardian of $\qquad$ ,
a child in attendance at the $\qquad$ day care center, by my aignature agree:
(1) that my child may participate in the Social Development project approved and administered by the professional staff of the Institute for Pamily 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 fanilies;
(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 aignature $I$ 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 ond Child Study.

Date: $\qquad$ .

Signed: $\qquad$

Witness: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
GENERAL INTPOMATION SHEET
Child's Name Sex $\qquad$ Male $\qquad$ Female $\qquad$
Birthdate Month Day Year

Date child started at this Center $\qquad$
Ethnic Backgrohad $\qquad$ Black White Biracial Chicano Indian Other

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Status: Two parents together $\qquad$ Separated $\qquad$

Single parent $\qquad$ How many years has child lived in a one parent home? $\qquad$
Please list all brothers, sisters, or other children living fit household:
Does this child attend school or day care


Please list all other adults living in household:

| Approximate Age |  | Sex |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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Please fill in the following information about the child's father, stepfather or male in the household acting as a father figure. If no father figure is present, leave this section blank.

- Father's Age: $\qquad$

$\qquad$
Exployer $\qquad$
If a student; Name of School and Mojor: $\qquad$

Number. of hours worked outside of the home per week $\qquad$
Please fill in the following information about the child's mother, stepmother or. female in the household acting as mother figure. If no mother figure is present, leave this section blank.

Mother's. Age: $\qquad$ under 20
20-29
Mother's Educational Background to present:
30 ___ less then 12 years of school 30-39 - less than 12 years + some occupational 40-49 - training over 50 High School High School + some occupational training Some college
College degree Advanced degree

Mother's Present-Occupation $\qquad$
Employer $\qquad$
If a scudent; Name of School and Major: $\qquad$

Number of hours worked outside of the home per week $\qquad$
Approximate family Income per week (take home pay of both parents - include both assistance and salaries):
$\qquad$ less than $\$ 50$.
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\$76.-\$100.
\$101-\$125.
\$126.-\$150.
\$151.-\$175.
\$176.-\$200.
over $\$ 200$.
Type of Family Dwelling: Single family house $\qquad$ Apartment $\qquad$ With Reletives $\qquad$
Type of Transportation to Center (usually): Walk $\qquad$ Pamily Car Public Transport Day Care Center Tronsport $\qquad$ With friend $\qquad$
Approximate time needed to travel from home to the center (circle one):

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5 & 10 & 15 & 20 & 25 & 30 & 35 & 40 & 45 & 50 & 55 & 60 & \text { minutes. }
\end{array}
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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 meny months per year will your child attend the center?

Past Day Care or Nursery School Experience:

1. How many monthe has your child been enrolled in Day Care, for the full day before September 1, 1973 ? $\qquad$
2. How many months has your child been enrolled in Day Care for part of the day before September 1, 1973 ?
3. How many months has your child been enrolled in Day School 2 or 3 days per week before September 1, 1973? $\qquad$
4. How, many months has your child been cared for in a home situation with a Sitter or Relative during the day before.September 1, 197:3?
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Does your chilt participate with other children in a group outside of School? Check ( ) those activities that he/she participates in.

Sunday School
XMCA
Lessons (swim; dance,music, etic.)

* $\therefore$ Story Hour Recreation Programs

The child meete in such groups as above, $\qquad$ hour (s) per week. Most of the child's playmates at home are: $\qquad$ brothers and sisters other relatives friends/naighbors

Most often the children that my child plays with at home, are:
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younger
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When not at school my child spends approximately (circle one)
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## Institute for Pomily and Child Study

## CENTER INFORMATION SHEET

Center Name
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Address $\qquad$
Telephone $\qquad$ Licensed Capacity $\qquad$
Licensed by $\qquad$
Total Number of Children Enrolled $\qquad$
Number of Children eniolled full day 5 days/week full day less than 5 days/week $\qquad$ paft day $\qquad$
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Is Transportation Provided? $\qquad$ yes $\qquad$ no

If yes, average number of children transported per day average number of children in Sample transported per. day $\qquad$
Hours in poeration per day $\qquad$ AM 50 $\qquad$ PM
Is the center open on Weekends? $\qquad$ yes $\qquad$ no

Financial Support of Center (approx)
Public Aide $\qquad$ \% \% Private Contributions $\qquad$ \% Other $\qquad$ $\%$

Private Corporation Public Non?rofit 'Other

1. Number of Teachers employed $\qquad$ Number of Aides employed Number of Other support people $\qquad$
2. Does the Director take on teachint responsibilities? daily full time daily-special activities or during teacher breaks substitute teaching occasionally
3. Are there written qualifications for hiring Directors, Teachers, or Aides? yes $\qquad$ no If yes or if established but not written, please briefly note basic quaiffications for each position.

4. Responsibilities of the staff:

Are written lesson plans required? $\qquad$ yes $\qquad$ no

Are lesson outlines required? $\qquad$ yes $\qquad$ no Is a daily schedule followed? $\qquad$ yes $\qquad$ no

Is daily attendance recorded? $\qquad$ yes $\qquad$ no

Who sets up the play materials and gathers supplies for each days
Who cleans up and sets up for the following day? $\qquad$
Who plans the weekly schedule of activities? $\qquad$
Who decides on the placement of children in groups or classes? $\qquad$

# Information about the staff member assigned to participate in the study: 

 Program assignment $\qquad$Name $\qquad$ Age $\qquad$
Home Address $\qquad$
Telephone $\qquad$ Social Security Number $\qquad$
Educational Background: Level completed $\qquad$
Area of Interest $\qquad$
School attended $\qquad$

Number of Child Development courses or workshops taken $\qquad$
Number of Years Experience in Child related work
Number of Years Experience in teaching preschool age children $\qquad$
Number of Years employed at this center____ in what capacity $\qquad$ -

Age range of children presently teaching $\qquad$ .

Daily Work Schedule at Center $\qquad$ AM to $\qquad$ PM.

Please describe any areas of child development or skills in working with children, that you feel that you would like to explore during the training sessions for your own personal development.

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

## PLAY SITUATION PICTURE BOARD SOCIOLIETRIC VARIABLES

1. Diversity of choices: uumber of different peers chosen
2. Heterogeneity of SES choices: number of unlike peers chosen
3. Heterogeneity of Sex choices: humber of unlike peers 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 perrs
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 inter-, action with adults
4. ${ }^{\text {K }}$ Peer association: average number of peers at 5 or 6 level of play
5. Consistency of peer proxinity: duration of proximity per peer
6. Consistency of peer asbociation: duration of interaction per peer
7. Heterogencity of peer association (Sex): proportion of interaction with unlike vs. like peers
B. Heterogenelty of peer associatipn (SES): proportion of interaction with unlike va. like peers

## OBSERVATION OF SOCIALIZATION BELAVIOR 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 behav lor
5. Autonomy: mean level of auconomy
6. Social leadership: mcan level of social leadership
7. Social competency: mean level of social cometency
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 $3:$ initiations after acceptances v3. rejections
12. Responsive initiations: initiations after acceptances or refections 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
16. Acceptiveness of responses: proportion of acceptance to rejections
17. Responsivity: proportion of intervals respouding vs. not responding
18. Duration: proportion of intervals in rontgoing behavior vs. responding
19. Tolerance for unfamiliar behavior (Sex): acceptances to unlike peers vs. like peers
20. Tolerance for unfamiliar behavior (SES): acceptances to unlike peers ve. like peers
21. Peer interactions proportion of intervals in peer interaction vs. no peer interaction
22. Verbalization: proprtion of intervals with verbalization vs. no verbalization
23. Verbal task offentation: 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 verioal 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 otiler levels of social behavior.
28. Socially unaware: proportion of intervals at level 1 or 2 social behavior vs, all other levels of social behavior
29. Positive control: proportion of accepted impacts vs rejected impacts
30. Environmental control: proportion of accepted or rejected vs. neutral impacts
31. Heterógeneity 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. Withdraval: 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 resporsses at lquel 5 or 6 of social behaviór 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 uith verbalizations
38. Differehtial voice tone (Scx): mean affect of voice in interaction with unlike peers, less mean affect of volce 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

Results of Tests for Internal Consistency .

Classroom Socio-Observations
 Observations of Socialization Rehavior (OSB)

Those variables fror the Clinssroon Sociombservations and Observation of Socialization Behavior (OSi) Instrument that were in the form of a rating scale were tested for the internal consistency of these ratings. An analysis of var1ance technique entitled lloyt'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-ObservationConsistency over three consecutive observations.
Variable' ..... Rellability Coefficient
Pre Social Behavior .....  31
Post Social Lehavior ..... - 80
Observation of Socialization Behavinr
Consistency over 30 intervals - Pre test data.
Variable ..... : Reliability Cocfficient
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Enotionality ..... 73
Social Competency ..... 39
Social Leadership ..... 9
Autonony ..... 92
Behavioral Tone ..... 37
Leval of Response ..... 80

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Appendtx B Sample Lessons

## Sample Lesson

## M.S.U. Sociodramatic Play Curriculum

## Lead-up to Doctor's Office Dramatic Flay

## Activity:

Listening task with stethoscopes

## ob,jectives:

## 1. To acquaint children with stethoscopes before use in a dramatic play situation.

2. For childaren 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-STETHOSĆOPE. MOSI DOCTORS HAVE ONE. YOU CAN LISTEN TO SOUNDS WITH IT. THE ENDS OF THE STFHHOSCOPE FIT INTO YOUR EARS LIKE THIS (Teacher demonstrates) ; THEN YOU UCE TIIIS OTHER END TO LISTEN TO SOUNDS LIKE THE TICKING OF THIS CLOCK. WATCH. (HoId 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 CAil 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 FRIFND'S HEARTBEAT. 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 chlldren 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.

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1. To help the child duvelop akill ja isitiating interactions with athers.
2. To help the child develop akill in respondinf to the interactive attempts of others.
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4. To help the child develon the self control necessary to allow another cilld or adult to continue toward his poal.
5. To help the chlld divalop the skills nad self control necrasary to blame toys and matrarials and to play in association olth other chlldren.
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## Prooedure:

The Distor's offici should be set up in a second dramatic play area. It sho id not take the placé of the regular hounckeeping area. 'the props should be get up before the chiliren arrive. it is best to start with only a few basic props the firit day and add one or two new props each dey. for example, the first day Include ? stethogcopes, 2 , jringes, strip: of maze or cloth for but dafes and two diotor's bage. Thr Ercond day add eummed latele in a tandald lox, the thiru day add splinte and cotton balla, Lino 4th day add bathroom scale, the 首th day add floghlifits and pli, themometers if aonirud.

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'Un' of the tenchers' most, inportant roles will be to wodel and explaln approprlat: rule belavior of doctore and patients for irio chlldren. Sonetioes the teacher whll only have to elva a sufrestion, anil at other times shr/he may. have to br a protend patient or doctor. inis will vary with the ! roup of childrer plajing in the area. No matter what methods the teacher usea the main i,orl is to eet clilldren to interact with fach other and play cooperatively.

Following are suftroctid elatements for the $t$ woner to make depending upon the situation. The child mat be outside of the dramatic play and need an entrance. $4 e$ may be in the ongoing play ard need help in continuing the play, or the child may need to tyit from the play.

Entrance and exit fron the situation will be dependent on the limits of the play. That $1:$, the activlty was designed for four chlldren: If therc are not four chlldren playing, the tracher siruld ase one of the entrance suggestions or create alotintr. If, there are more than four chlldren in trea play or a cnlld needa © Iet, another have a turn, an exit-atatiment shouid be $r^{-} a^{\text {. }}$. If most of the play is solitery. i. $e^{\circ}$. each fhild fixin; hig own arm with bandage a continuar.ce atatemerl should be made to stimulate int, action. M wen tha crilldicti. . $\therefore$

Suggested terchry int aractiors:

## Entrance to play aituation:

1. YOUR BABY DOESN'T LOOK VERY TEIL TOUAẎ. HAS Sita EEEA EATING? I THIAK YOU SHOULD TAKE HER TO A DOCTOR. COME ON I'LL GO WITH YOU. (Teacher moes with child to play area.)
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X YOU MADE AN APPOINTMENT NITH THE DOCOOR FOR A CAECK-UP FOR THEM? I'LL HELP YOU MAKE TME APEUINTMENT. LET'S GO SEE (OR CALL) YOUR'DOCNOR. (Teacher roes with child to make appointment or helpe him cali on play telephone.;
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1. NURSE, PLEASE WEIGH ANL MEASURE THIS FATIENT, YHEN SEND HIM IN TO SEE THE DOCTOR.
?: DOCTOR, I. NEED KELP FIXING THIS PATIENT. WOULD YOU HELP ME WITH THIS BANDAnA?
2. BUT DOCTOR YOU BETTER ASK IIM IF THFRE', ANYTYING ELSE WRONG WITH HIM.
3. BUT DOCTOR AKEN'T YOU YOING TO TET, L.AE IATIEN'. NO.. MEDICINE HL NERDS TC JAKE ROM:

Exit from play situation: "

1. I THIUK YOUR BAF' IILL WE OK NON. VAC AN TAKE HER HO: NOW.
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Parents Are Teachers Too

## LOTTO GAMES



## 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.

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 $6^{\prime \prime} \times 9^{\prime \prime}$ and the cards $3^{\prime \prime} \times 3^{\prime \prime}$. 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 madé with foods like dried peas or beans. Arranging gummed ftars into differaht 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 dowin and each player picks one board.' Take turns playing the role of the "caller" who piçk 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 board's 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-thoy'll stick to it long after you're exhausted. Solect 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 concentratel

## 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 sama 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 thrithre 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.

1. Simple real objects (macaroni, beans, peas)

2. Simple shapes, symbols and pictures (stars, numbers)

3. Objects or pictures placed in different patterns (00, 8, 88)

4. Association concopts
a. things that go together-dog to doghouse

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b. parts of a whole-window in a house

-leaf and tree


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Appendix $C$
Nescriptions of Centcrs in the Sample

Center 1 ius a non-rofit, Eelerally licensed Day Care facility supported in part by the United Fund and the Board of Misaions of the linited iethodist Church. It provided a sliding scale fee structure admitting children of sinole families or fanilies in need of assiatance first. Mo transportation vas provided. The 1 icensed 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 larser community center. The Day Care Center had been in existence for 20 years, two years at the present site.

The physical facilities vore especially desifned for day care use, and were complemented by the other facilities of the cormunity center (i.e. large rym, meeting, rooms, kitchen, etc.). This vas esnecially convenient for parent meetilics.

The center's cilentele vas $90 \%$ blacl. The tro teachers presenting the parent prorrar vere also black. The director of the center participated but in an arvisory capacity.

The center had an active narent-represented Tiay Care Comittee that formulated policy and authorizad child-involved activities.

Previous parental involvement programs at the center consibted aainly of open iouses, special parties, and neriodic neetings that were reportedly very well supported by the parents.

Turing the course of the Par cats 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 sere postponed temporarily.

Center 2 vas a private, non-franchised center sunported solely in fees and tuition. It had a licensed canacity of 56 with approxinately $10 n$ children entolled, many part-time. The center vas a remodelled ranch-style hone, located in a suburban area of a larce city. It had.been in operation for ? $1 / 2$ years.

The center's clientele was $9^{n \%}$ anclo, vith about 15 :" receiving social services' add to dependent children.

The overedidectur supervised the educational prorram and placenent of children along with her administrative duties. Self-contained clascroons were ataffed with trained teachers and aides. Althourin no formal curricula nere adopted the teachers had a variety of resources available to them. Classrooms were vell equipped and space effectivcly utilized.

Children from three clessroons participated in the study. Teachers or aldes from each of the roons partictpated, althourh children rotated througi one drantic play area.

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Center 3 uss shonsured by a pirivate, nonmprofit assos ciation that operated two centers in this large industrial city. It had a-11censed capacity of 47 children, enrolling 7o chiliren, many part-tine. The center was located in a church, and consisted mainly of a large onen classroom and a fer swaller Sunday sci. $00 \mathrm{i}_{4}$ rooms. It had been in operatipn for 2 years. The main somrce of Inancial support came from tuition and fees, althangh a type of sliding scale ivns avail= able fór needy families.

The center's clientele vas majority ars 10 , with $31 \%$ black. Both anylo and black staff participated in the parent procran. The center' 3 executive director assumed the leadership with the parent prorram, while the head teacher vas involved in both procrans. A voluntecr teacher supervised the chikron's prorram with the ohrln of the head teacher.

Althoush the center ras roverned by a board of trusfees with parental representation, in general parent involvement' at the conter ins minimal. Cttendance at nrevious parent meetincs and arties was'reportedly poor.

An inservice rraini:s pronram sas being implemented during the year to uperade staff expertise. Inited mater1als and equipment were available for educational programing. General staff rapport, however, was excellent.

Conter 4 was a !ublic, nom-profit conter, sunported by $火$ various orcanizations and the Uaited Fund. It had a licensed capacity of 120 chiliren all full-time. The'center provided a slifing scale fee structure with the majority of the fanilies receivin:: partial subsidies. Children from sinele parent familics were oiven enrollment priority. The clientole of the center vas mixed $60 \%$ anglo - $40 \%$ black. iany of the fanilles had more tian one child ensolled and enrolled for a number of years.

The center was locatd in an old mansion between the residential and domeon areas of a large industrial city. The building was furnishe! to reflect a :ara, homey atmosphere. The center had been in operation for eight years. It had a large number of support personnel.

A non-teaching tead heacher proviled lendership to the educational procraming alons with a drector-adninistrator. The center had a large number of resources, equinnent, and supplies available for proramming, although no formal curricula were adopted. In general, intra-staff and parent-staff rapport was excellent.

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Center 5 was a private franchised center solely supnorted by tuition and fees. It had a lieensed capacity of 107, with 166 chfidren enrolled, nany part-tire.

It' vas iocated on the frinces of ar urban area in a new building especially designed an a day care center. It had been in operation for fust over tioo years. The conter had á mixed clientele of amroximatcly 67 anclò, $40 \%$ blac! fan:11ics. Staff from both ethnic backorounds participated in the prograns. The center chanfed directors during the project implenentation, but as this was anticfpated, the incoming director assumed the responsibility for the parent prorram at the outget. A change in head teacher for the children's program also occurred near the beginnir: of the program inplementation. Excellent staff rapport helncl ease the transitions.

Parent involvenent at the center vas minimal, although parent cooperation and interast in the center was reportedly fairly hich. : $:$ formal curricula pexf rvar alonted nt the centor, althoush tice Peabody lanruage lit materials were available.

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Center 6 sas a wrivate franchigen center auported solely by fees and tuition. It had a 11censed capacity of 06 , with 149 children enroiled, many part-time. Tee center was located on the outstirts of a lare industrial city in a buildin? spectally designed ag n lay care certer.

The conter's clientelp was $92 \%$ anslo; with only a fey black and chicano fardlics. The staff was $100 \%$ anglo.

Children were divided into two laree open classirooms. Children from both of tlese rourisarticipated in the study. Head teachers from both rroups superviser the sociodramatic play progran. These teachers were voll qunlified, and cooneratged in the use of the curriculun. Yo other curriculun nodels were adopted at the center, altoush Peabody lancuace litt materfuls were availible ard the nitector was maling other resources avallable for the teachers.

Center 7 was a irivate, franchisc! center, supnorted solely by fecs and tuitior:. It had a licensed canacity of 96, vit! 135 childrea enrolled. It was locater on the'fringes of a rosidential area in a larse industrinl city. The physical facility was a building aporially designed as a çay eare center, and transportation vas nrovided. It had too daroe. open clasaroons with a nurber of areas separated by folding doors.. Equipment and materials vince limited. The center was in ópeqation for $31 / 2$ years. The center's cilentele vas 30\% ançlo, $20 \%$ black, with $n$ laree number of families receiving aid to dependent chilitren.

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Provious parental involvement at tile center was minimal, consistinf of open houses, parties, and field trip supnort.

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| $\begin{aligned} & 2195 \\ & 1570 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | - $\begin{array}{r}3211 \\ 1751\end{array}$ |  | 170 $16 \%$ | $1$ | 1109 1591 |  | $.8111^{\circ}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1.0989 \\ 01 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1131 \\ & 8101 \end{aligned}$ |  | 3657 2101 | 1 | 2681 2101 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1157 \\ & 2181 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | $\begin{array}{r} 2378 \\ 2301 \end{array}$ |
| So . COz | 5= | -.3r |  | .es | 5= | . 080 | $s$ | .294 | 8= | . 018 | 3. | . 111 | S* | . 88 | S= | . 001 | i: | . 847 |  | - 081 |
| .0145 |  | -06 |  | 10 | 1 | $\begin{array}{r}1 \\ \hline 1819\end{array}$ |  | 1919 2111 |  | $\begin{aligned} 12121 \\ 2101 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\text { . } 8000$ | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & .0876^{\circ} \\ & 2111 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | .6103 2181 |  | $2111$ | 1 | 1561 2111 |
|  |  | .271 | S | . 038 | So | . 051 | So | .056 | 8 | -0'1 | $8 \cdot$ | . 818 | se | . 459 | S $=$ | . 011 | 50 | -106 |  | - 61 |
| -. 1 |  | 0. |  | 865; |  | 908? |  | 8685 |  | P18, |  | 6270 |  | 6838 |  | 2060 |  |  |  | 21 |
| 1 <br> $s=0$ | 5. | - 265 | i= | 14*) | S. | 1891 .858 |  | 2111 | 3. | P101 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { P111 } \\ & \text { O } \end{aligned}$ | 30 | ¢081 |  | 2111 |  | 2111 .312 |  | 2111 .081 |
| $s=.064$ | 5 | r | i= | [19) | So | -83) |  | - ${ }^{\text {ar }}$ | 5 | . $0 \cdot 6$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1131 \\ & 1191 \end{aligned}$ | 1 |  |  | 2185 1691 | 1 | 9091 |  | Pit1 | 1 | 2181 |  | .0113 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 040 \\ & ? 11! \end{aligned}$ | S | $.0088$ |  | 2101 2121 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 8352 \\ 2181 \end{array}$ |
| $\mathrm{s}=.012$ | 50 | -.33 | $5=$ | .283 | 5. | .186 | 3 | .10? | 5. | .38t |  | .6bs |  | . 231 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| .2761 |  | . 1567 |  | . 2 rsi |  | 1058: |  | 6aso |  | 157 |  | 940 |  | . 368 |  | - 2191 |  | 4838 |  |  |
| 1810.1 |  | 1971 | 1 | $1+91$ | 1 | 1171 | 5. | 21! | 8 | 2101 |  | 2111 |  | 111 |  |  |  |  |  | -1 |
| $s=0.08$ | s= | -.089 | $5 \cdot$ | . 961 | 5 | . 921 | 5. | -17 | 30 | . $06!$ |  | 180 |  | 12 |  | . 012 |  |  |  | -3? |
| $00(1)$ (1,n) | 1 | -10.9 | 1 | 11 | 1 | $\because \begin{aligned} & \because \infty \\ & i+1 i \end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{-}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -010 \\ & 016 \end{aligned}$ | - | $\begin{gathered} \text { - } 1104 \\ 2101 \end{gathered}$ | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \times 01 \\ & 1111 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 2910 \\ & 2111 \end{aligned}$ | , | $\begin{aligned} & \text { els? } \\ & 2 f 11 \end{aligned}$ | 1 | $2118$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 0600 \\ 01 \end{array}$ |
| 5. . 3.36 | s= | - 270 | S* | -009 | 5: | . 8 el | 3* | . 684 | 80 | . 818 |  | . 113 | 3. | . 818 | 5: | . 386 |  |  |  | - 8 8r |

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