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## WOMEN'S FORUM REPORT 1980-1981

### CHICAGO COMMUNITIES 'Standing Tall For The '80s'

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**WOMEN'S FORUM  
REPORT 1980**

**WOMEN'S FORUM IS**

- Women working together
- Women planning for the new society
- Women creating responsible roles
- Women pioneering new styles of participation
- Women supporting women

**EMPOWERING TODAY'S WOMEN FOR FULL PARTICIPATION**

An old Chinese proverb states, "Women hold up half of the sky". This modern world of instant crisis and possibility needs the full creative gifts of all its citizens. Women are questioning the traditional roles assigned them in light of societies demands to participate in all aspects of life. These demands have created the crisis of "the Superwoman" highlighting a need for support systems in society to enable the woman in her multiple roles.

The Global Women's Forum focuses upon the new human partnership and the awakening of female collegiality. This one day seminar emphasizes planning methods, broadened operating contexts, effective corporate teamwork and support connections.

<b>CHICAGO GLOBAL WOMEN'S FORUMS</b> March 1980-March 1981	
Group	No.'s
International Visitors Center	55
Chicago, City-wide	17
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Chicago, City-wide	13
Women's Leadership of Uptown Edgewater	30
Loretta Academy	23
Latinas Eager to Grow	30
ICA Women's Symposium	130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>314</b>





Women from Chicago hosted a North American conference on Women and the Future.

In December, one hundred and thirty women from across the United States and Canada gathered in Chicago at the ICA International Training Center. They spent three intensive days together looking at the issues and demands facing women in the coming decade. They identified nearly three hundred issues confronting women today. From these, twelve major issues were identified. The conference ended with the creation of comprehensive proposals and strategies for women on this continent for the next year. These proposals are intended to:

- enable full female engagement in the society's economic life
- prepare and empower women to shape new societal roles, images and styles
- forge new female/male partnerships of family, co-creative endeavors and expanded decision making

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- More participation in political affairs
- More women in key positions in society
- Networks of women working together
- Available child care and mental health services
- Adequate and equal income base
- More social support services
- A more beautiful community through the environment
- Forging authentic male/female relationships

#### CHICAGO WOMEN ENCOUNTER

- Inadequate housing
- Poor use of land
- Dangerous and dirty streets
- Inadequate political representation in the community
- Undeveloped educational structures
- A lack of seriousness in training women for the workforce
- Inadequate continuing education for career women
- Inadequate day-care structures for children
- The tunnel vision of special interest groups
- The society perpetuating stereotypes of women
- Blocks to participating in policy making
- Language usage that reinforces stereotypes

#### CHICAGO WOMEN PROPOSE

- Organizing grassroots community groups for community participation
- Creating a sense of neighborhood pride through festivals
- Organizing citizen awareness campaigns on local affairs
- Publicizing in the media the new role of women in the job and in the community
- Establishing Neighborhood Information Systems and systems
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- Organizing grassroots community groups in order to expand community participation
- Creating a sense of neighborhood pride through community festivals
- Organizing citizen awareness campaigns in relation to local political affairs
- Publicizing in the media the new role of women in the home, on the job and in the community
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## Key Strategic Actions

1. Underlying contradiction      Home Training  
Suggested practical actions:
  1. Rap sessions
  2. Set limitations
  3. Building meetings
  4. Employ children
  5. Attract industry
  6. Single parent rap session
  7. Fatherly figure (brothers, uncles, friends)Key Strategic Action - BIG BROTHER PROGRAM  
Implementing Steps
  1. Senior men story hour
  2. School discussion
  3. Boys Club
  4. Mother talk
  5. Big Brother Sports Day
2. Underlying Contridiction      Political legislation which gives women equal rights  
Suggested practical actions:
  1. Register women voters
  2. more politically active
  3. Uniting women to form organizations
  4. Focus on local workshops
  5. women join neighborhood organizationsKey Strategic Action - BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN LOCAL POLITICS AND DECISION MAKING  
Implementing steps:
  1. Recruit
  2. Educate already existing organizations
  3. Unify local women
  4. Campaign for a women candidate
3. Underlying Contridiction - Racial discrimination  
Suggested Practical Actions:
  1. Neighborhood involvement
  2. Monitor stores
  3. Block Party
  4. Stretch boundry linesKey Strategic Action - CREATE A COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY  
Implementing Steps:
  1. Pass out flyers for block party
  2. talk to card committeeman
  3. create a volunteer group for preparation
  4. seek out donations
  5. Plan of action to be taken as a neighborhood group
4. Underlying Contridiction - Dependency  
Suggested Practical Actions
  1. Women support groups
  2. Identification of resources
  3. Working in the community
  4. Identification of marketable skills

## Key Strategic Actions (cont.)

### 4. (cont)

#### Key Strategic Action - WOMEN SUPPORT GROUPS

##### Implementing Steps:

1. Begin with small group of individuals
2. Group identification of problems
3. Plan session to get broad base community support
4. Identification of resources
5. Join forces with umbrella community group

### 5. Underlying Contridiction - Government spending more money than their budget

##### Suggested Practical Actions:

1. Write Washington
2. Write alderman and/or precinct captain
3. Raise gardens (permission)
4. Teach preventative medicine
5. Spend money wisely

#### Key Strategic Action - RAISE NEIGHBORHOOD GARDENS

##### Implementing Steps:

1. get people together
2. get the seeds
3. Get the tools
4. clean the lot
5. place the fence
6. dig lot and plant seeds





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PARENT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 1981

R.C. Attended

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call of Delegates
- III. Approval of last month's Minutes
- IV. Director's Report-----Levert P. King *- with G.S. Head Northwest*
- V. Budget & Business Services Report-----Jim Rojek
- VI. City-Wide Policy Council Report-----Vicki Roebuck
- VII. Parent Involvement in Local Site Assessment
- VIII. Subcommittee Reports
  - A. Parent Activity
  - B. Curriculum
  - C. Nutrition/Health Advisory
- IX. Institute for Cultural Studies Forum---Ms. Kitty Coles
- X. Region V Conference
- XI. National Head Start Conference
- XII. Center Reports
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

22 Sites

Head Start Conference - March 25 - 8

Cynthia  
Lunch - ~~female~~  
See self - Wood 721 N. La Salle  
Typewriter  
Pencils  
Black Board



Neighborhood #21 Arondale

Group Purpose

DATE

11/5/80

GROUP St Hyacinth  
Father Gienko (Gen Ko)  
(Caring person)

GROUP HISTORY 75 yrs old

AREA SERVED Arondale & Logan Square

The Neighborhood Profile	COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS	COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT
<u>HISTORY</u> Polish - Strongly lovers Arondale & Logan Square -	<u>BUSINESS</u> - powerful group threw out Poles & put in good restaurant - Arondale Savings & Loan started with parish. Polish business very store fronts & make some changes (Polish - Milwaukee Central) Schools, Churches, Hosp - Services Park St. Mary	<u>Neighborhood Vision</u> Stay way it is - get better
<u>LANDMARKS</u> - Monument Hedzyc Milowadek	- All available - - Transportation - Kennedy Subway - mostly go to private schools -	<u>ISSUES</u> - fear of transients - - holding & improving - youth problems - Drug
<u>People</u> - Middle class - ordinary working people Many Bi lingual Polish classes in RC School (elementary & SD)	<u>COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS</u> Polish Welfare Assoc.. St Hyacinth Neighborhood - help people little in area - housing - Logan Square neighborhood Assoc. - aimed at keeping neighborhood -	<u>TRENDS</u> Remodeling Not go with police -
<u>ADVANTAGES</u> <u>UNIQUE</u> Many homes renovated Polish Obedient to Polish traditions affiliated with church -	<u>NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION (BLOCK)</u> - no block clubs -	<u>WHAT IS NEEDED?</u> - Controlled facilities for young people Homes for the aged mostly old congregation



