



12 Members from Junior League of Champaign-Urbana attend Public Policy Institute

Illinois Child Care...Beyond the Dialogue...Taking Action!

Springfield, Ill.--March 5, 1999--The State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of Illinois is hosting its second Public Policy Institute. This day-long seminar will be filled with information enabling Junior League members to make a significant impact in their communities in the area of quality child care and how to become effective advocates of the issues that challenge our communities everyday.

The agenda will include: a panel discussion on the state of the current Illinois Child Care System, a presentation on the economics of child care, and a training session on grassroots advocacy.

There will also be several speakers with special knowledge and interest in children's issues including: Corinne G. Wood, Lt. Governor State of Illinois, Karen Hasara, Mayor Springfield, Denise Carter Blank, McCormick Tribune Foundation, Tom Layman, Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children, Dan Sphere, Advocate, Jerry Stermer, Voices for Illinois Children and Randell Valenti, Illinois Department of Human Services.

State Public Affairs Committee Junior Leagues of Illinois (SPAC) has the purpose of researching the shared public affairs interests of league members, to educate league members on these issues and to advocate for policy and legislative changes at the state and federal levels. Collectively, the SPAC delegates represent 5,000 women in Illinois. SPAC is committed to ensuring that children have the opportunities and services essential for their physical, cognitive, emotional, mental and social well-being with the

emphasis on advocacy for an integrated, community based approach to prevention and early intervention and that all families in Illinois should have access to quality child care.

Junior League of Champaign-Urbana is a member of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. (AJLI), an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism and to improving the community through effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Pictured above - First Row (left to right): Brenda Koester, Cheryl Lehmann, Cheryl Mac Kichan, Lt. Governor Corinne G. Wood, Theresa Kreitzer, Abby Hobbs and Gail Rost

Second Row (left to right): Barb Jones, Sarah Aldeen, Karlyn Chapman, Jayne Wachtel, Kim Freund and Jill Freeland