



Ventura County Commission for Women

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Five Year Plan Task Force Development

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SPECIAL NEEDS OF DIVORCED WOMEN AND FEMALE HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS

1. Cooperate with the District Attorney's office jointly with the Commission on Human Concerns re: child support enforcement.

One person needed to:

- a. contact the appropriate person at CHC and coordinate actions
- b. set up a liaison with the D.A.'s office; set up monthly meetings to discuss problems; identify a person in the D.A.'s office who will serve as a referral person who can track down and solve individual problems.

2. Develop a committee of volunteers to research and set up a referral list of effective divorce attorneys. Develop a referral system with names and numbers of who to call and when. This will require involving CHC, possible Interface, contacts in the legal field, PSSA. There must be more than one person to handle this task.

Based on information gathered by the committee, a check list of basic legal rights separated women have and those rights they might want to obtain as a result of a divorce settlement could be developed and used as a tool for workshops throughout the county. Volunteers will be needed to develop the workshops with speakers from the D.A.'s office, private attorneys, PSSA.

In addition, volunteers will be needed to "print" information sheets and distribute them to the County Clerk's office, women's centers, Health Dept., PSSA, D.A.'s office and other appropriate places.

3. Continual monitoring of legislation affecting Child & Spousal Support is necessary. Persons interested in reviewing such legislation are needed to keep the Commission informed and to lobby public officials to support favorable legislation.