



SELECTED RESOURCES

Resources on Poverty

Many resources on state policy on poverty appear in the footnotes to the articles in this issue. Listed below are some of those resources, plus others which provide important background material both on poverty policy in general and North Carolina's specific poverty problems.

Resources on Poverty in General

A Blueprint for the Future: Poverty or Prosperity Among North Carolina's Families, the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services, April 1987. This report includes major policy statements from a 1987 conference on welfare reform held by directors of social services.

1980 Census of Population, Volume 1, Characteristics of the Population, Chapter C, General Social and Economic Characteristics, Part 35, North Carolina. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, June 1983. Contains helpful and most recent compilation of statistics on the number of poor persons in North Carolina.

"Center Reports: Profiles in Poverty," a one-hour videotape by the UNC Center for Public Television and the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research, broadcast Jan. 25, 1989. This television program was based on this issue of *Insight*. Copies of the videotape may be purchased from UNC Television for \$45. Call (919) 737-2853 or write to UNC Television, Box 8601, Raleigh, N.C. 27695.

The Changing Face of Poverty, by the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, 1983. This report indicates that poverty is on the increase—particularly among women and children—and that solutions are becoming more difficult.

Examining Poverty, by Andrew W. Dobelstein, North Carolina Poverty Project, 1987. A review of studies on poverty and poverty programs from 1960-1985. The N.C. Poverty Project has published numerous useful pamphlets and materials that focus on various aspects of poverty in North Carolina.

Holes in the Safety Nets, Poverty Programs and Policies in the States: National Overview, by Isaac Shapiro and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C., 1988. A national analysis of government spending programs and policy issues that have an impact on low- and moderate-income Americans. This report was accompanied by analyses for each of the 50 states.

Holes in the Safety Nets, Poverty Programs and Policies in the States: North Carolina, by Isaac Shapiro and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C., 1988. An analysis of government spending programs and policy issues that have an impact on low- and moderate-income North Carolinians. This report accompanies a national overview on the same subject.

How the Poor Would Remedy Poverty, by the Coalition on Human Needs, Washington, D.C., 1988. A review of information gained from interviews with low-income people (including several individuals from northeastern North Carolina) from around the United States.

North Carolina's Present and Future Poor, The North Carolina Fund, 1966. This report, while dated, provides valuable demographic material on poverty in North Carolina during 1965—just as the federal War on Poverty was getting under way.

North Carolina State Data Center Technical Report, Summary Statistics for Selected Areas: 1980 Census of Population and Housing. Office of State Budget and Management, Research and Planning Services, August 1983. Contains useful statistics on poverty in North Carolina.

North Carolina Today: A State of Emergency, A State of Grace, A State of Anticipation, by Jonathan P. Sher, Small Business and Technology Development Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 1988. A look at North Carolina's poverty in the past, present, and future, this report was prepared for the N.C. Association of Educators.

The Other America—Poverty in the United States, by Michael Harrington, Penguin Books, New York, 1962. This pivotal book on poverty in America had a profound impact on the course of the so-called War on Poverty.

Poverty in the East: Shared Ownership in the Problems and Solutions, N.C. Poverty Project, October 1988. This report, directed by the Eastern North Carolina Poverty Committee, examines seven interrelated aspects of poverty in 41 eastern North Carolina counties.

The Public's Perspective on Social Welfare Reform, by Keith Melville and John Doble for The Public Agenda Foundation, New York, January 1988. This study features the results of surveys of the public's impression of the poverty problem and proposed reforms.

The Truly Disadvantaged—The Inner City, the Underclass, and Public Policy, by William Julius Wilson, The University of Chicago Press, 1987. This book examines urban poverty and challenges liberal and conservative ideas about these problems.

"The Unfinished War," by Nicholas Leman, *The Atlantic*, December 1988 (pp. 37-56) and January 1989 (pp. 52-68). This two-part series presents "an inside look at how personal enmity, political calculation, and policy misjudgments prevented any effective prosecution of the War on Poverty by either Lyndon Johnson or Richard Nixon."

Within Our Reach: Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage, by Lisbeth B. Schorr with Daniel Schorr, Anchor Press/Doubleday, New York, 1988. This book examines the social consequences of the United States' efforts to deal with poverty.

Children and Families in Poverty

America's Shame, America's Hope—Twelve Million Youth At Risk, by MDC Inc. of Chapel Hill, for the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, July 1988. A report on the estimated 12 million at-risk youth in America who are socially, racially, and economically disadvantaged.

The 1988 Children's Audit Of North Carolina's 100 Counties. Prepared by the North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute, August 1988. This report examines the demographics of child poverty, health care, child abuse, and other issues relating to children in each of the state's 100 counties. Other major reports by the N.C. Child Advocacy Institute are:

Children and Dollars—The North Carolina

Children's Budget 1987. March 1987. This report examines state spending and financing patterns for more than 100 different programs designed to benefit North Carolina's children.

The Children's Index, 1988. This brief report (eight pages) contains 30 indicators of the well-being of North Carolina's children.

The State of the Child in North Carolina—1988. The report examines poverty and families, troubled children, education, child care, health care, and children in court.

A Directory of Child Advocacy Groups in North Carolina, by the North Carolina Department of Administration, Spring 1988. This report contains listings of private and public organizations that deal with some aspect of public policy for children.

The Forgotten Half: Pathways To Success For America's Youth And Young Families, the final report on Youth and America's Future, by the William T. Grant Foundation Commission on Work, Family and Citizenship, November 1988. This new study focuses on the demographics of youth in poverty in America, especially the estimated 20 million college-age youth who will not go to college.

Poor Support: Poverty in the American Family, by David T. Elwood, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, December 1988. This book reviews welfare reform applying the viewpoints of both conservative and liberal thinking on poverty and the family.

"Public Policy Issues Impacting Families in North Carolina," by Meyressa H. Schoonmaker, in *NCC-LAW*, newsletter of The North Carolina Center for Laws Affecting Women, Report XXXIII, Winter 1988, p. 4. This article addresses the impact of certain public policy decisions on the family, including poor families headed by women.

Education and Literacy

Adult Functional Literacy in the South: Program Responses and a Proposal for a Regional Approach, prepared by the Southern Growth Policies Board, November 1988. Brief report examining adult literacy programs in the South and proposals for improvements.

The Bridge to the Next Century, a commentary by the MDC Community College National Advisory Panel for the Commission on the Future of the North Carolina Community College System, Chapel Hill, May 1988. A report on the mission, design, and performance of the N.C.

community college system, which has responsibility for literacy programs and adult basic education.

A Community Based Study of Adult Literacy in North Carolina, prepared by the Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services, N.C. State University, May 1988. Report examines adult literacy training programs in North Carolina and makes recommendations for their improvement.

An Evaluation of Adult Basic Education Programs in North Carolina, prepared by the Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services, N.C. State University, 1988. This study evaluates ABE programs in the state's community college system.

Meeting the Economic Challenge of the 1990s: Workforce Literacy in the South, prepared by Richard A. Mendel, MDC Inc., for the Sunbelt Institute, September 1988. This report examines the nature and extent of workforce literacy in the South, and its effect on the region's economy.

1988 North Carolina High School Dropout Follow-Up Study, Research Memorandum 74, by Jama Grund, John Larus, and Mark Appelbaum, The L.L. Thurstone Psychometric Laboratory, UNC-Chapel Hill, June 28, 1988. Study focuses on the demographics of North Carolina's high school dropouts and explores factors contributing to dropout rates.

Study of School Dropout Factors in the Secondary Schools of North Carolina, prepared by Research and Evaluation Associates Inc. of Washington, D.C. and Chapel Hill for the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations of the N.C. General Assembly, Vol. 1, "Literature Review", May 31, 1988; and Vol. 2, "A Comparison of Eight High and Low Dropout Schools," July 14, 1988.

Thinking for a Living: A Blueprint for Educational Growth, by the Public School Forum of North Carolina, Dec. 13, 1988. A report drawn by business, government, and education leaders recommending more flexibility for teachers in exchange for making them accountable for student success, including at-risk students from poor backgrounds.

Income and Taxation

Analysis of 1988 Benefit Levels in the Program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Prepared by the Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, March 1988. This short report examines how AFDC benefit levels have failed to

supply the income needs of families with dependent children. Additional helpful reports by the Center include:

Beyond the Myths: The Families Helped by the AFDC Program, Second Edition, by Barbara Leyser, Adele M. Blong, and Judith A. Riggs, Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, 1985.

Quality Control in Public Assistance: Victimizing the Poor Through One-Sided Accountability, by Timothy J. Casey and Mary R. Mannix, Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, October 1988.

Money, Income and Poverty Status in the United States: 1987. Prepared by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, August 1988. This report gives advanced data from the March 1988 Current Population Survey conducted by the Census Bureau.

The Next Frontier: Relieving State Tax Burdens on the Poor. Prepared by David Kahan and Robert Greenstein of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, D.C., April 1987. Examines proposals for alleviating taxes on the poor.

Nickels and Dimes: How Sales and Excise Taxes Add Up in the 50 States. A joint report of the Citizens for Tax Justice and the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, Washington, D.C., March 1988. This report examines the extent of the tax burden on the poor in each of the states.

Report of the Select Legislative Committee on Tax Fairness to the 1989 N.C. General Assembly, January 1989. This report contains proposals for changing North Carolina's tax structure to conform more closely to the federal tax system and to relieve some of the tax burden on the poor. A Summary Report is also available.

Smaller Slices of the Pie—The Growing Economic Vulnerability of Poor and Moderate Income Americans. Prepared by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, November 1985. This report focuses on the national debate over poverty and economic vulnerability in America.

Health Care

Comparing the Performance of For-Profit and Not-For-Profit Hospitals in North Carolina, by Marianne M. Kersey, Lori Ann Harris, and Ran Coble, with Melissa Jones, N.C. Center for Public Policy Research, March 1989, \$44.50. Chapter 2, "The Performance of For-Profit and Not-For-Profit Hospitals in Providing Health Care for the

Medically Indigent," is particularly helpful. Call (919) 832-2839, or write to N.C. Center, P.O. Box 430, Raleigh, N.C. 27602, to order.

Health Care for the Uninsured Poor of North Carolina, by Patricia M. Danzon and C. Johnston Conover, Center for Health Policy Research and Education, Duke University, Durham, August 1985.

Report of the Indigent Care Study Commission to the 1989 General Assembly, February 1989. This independent study commission report examines the problems of indigent health care in North Carolina and makes recommendations to the 1989 legislature.

Job Training

The Climate for Workers in the United States, Second Biennial Report from the Southern Labor Institute, a project of the Southern Regional Council, Atlanta, Ga., 1988. A report on the problems of economic development in a region of low wages and poor working conditions.

Getting Ahead: What Poor People Think About Their Chances of Earning Their Way Out of Poverty, by J.M. Foster, Peter D. Hart Research Associates Inc., for the Greater Washington Research Center, 1988. A short report summarizing interviews with the poor on their prospects for getting a job and getting out of poverty.

"Job Training Partnership Act: Participants, Services, and Outcomes," testimony of Lawrence H. Thompson, Assistant Controller, U.S. General Accounting Office, before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor, Sept. 29, 1988. Testimony concludes that JTPA has not reached the most difficult-to-train persons, but has concentrated more on those persons who might have gotten jobs without JTPA services.

JTPA in a Nutshell: A Primer on the Job Training Partnership Act Program in North Carolina. Prepared by the Division of Employment and Training, N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. A short primer on the JTPA in North Carolina.

Operational Audit Report, North Carolina Job Training Partnership Act Program, December 1986, by the Office of State Auditor. This report examines North Carolina's JTPA program and makes recommendations for improving the administration of job training programs.

State Administered Employment and Training Programs: An Inventory of JTPA Related Programs, Office of State Budget and Management, May 1986. A compendium of state job training programs under the Job Training Partnership Act.

Organizations

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 305, Washington, D.C. 20002 (202) 544-0591.

Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law, 1029 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 850, Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 347-5615.

Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services, N.C. State University, Campus Box 7401, Raleigh, N.C. 27695-7401 (919) 737-3211.

Coalition on Human Needs, Executive Director, Susan Rees, 1000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20007 (202) 342-0726.

Legal Services of North Carolina, Inc., Richard M. Taylor Jr., Executive Director, P.O. Box 26087, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 (919) 832-2046.

MDC, Inc., George Autry, President, 1717 Legion Road, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514 (919) 968-4531.

North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute, John Niblock, President, 1318 Dale Street, Suite 110, Raleigh, N.C. 27605 (919) 834-6623.

North Carolina Council of Churches, Collins Kilburn, Executive Director, Bryan Building, 201A-Cameron Village, Raleigh, N.C. 27605 (919) 828-6501.

North Carolina Hunger Coalition, Blanche Lyons, Coordinator, P.O. Box 27842, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 (919) 828-9631.

North Carolina Legal Services Resource Center, Don Saunders, Executive Director, P.O. Box 27343, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 (919) 821-0042.

North Carolina Poverty Project, J. Gordon Chamberlin, Executive Director, 515 College Road, Suite 20A, Greensboro, N.C. 27410 (919) 299-6861.

Southern Growth Policies Board, Jesse White, Executive Director, 5001 South Miami Boulevard, P.O. Box 122293, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709 (919) 941-5145.

State Council for Social Legislation, Roslyn S. Savitt, Director, 4504 Wilkes Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27609 (919) 781-5313.

The Sunbelt Institute, 600 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 255, Washington, D.C. 20024 (202) 554-0201. ☐☐