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Dead Upon Birth – DUB – yes an issue for too many children

Yes Blighted Neighborhoods where adults and children stand little chance

Yes high CAN rates – and CAN kids are DUB to significant degree

Solutions:

- War on Poverty – a real one
- Not On-the-Cheap

Popular Policy Solutions are the On-the-Cheap Version – Popular because

- Appear to help the Poor/Minority Groups
- Don’t cost much – appear not to bc short-term don’t

Problems with these Solutions:

- Don’t really help the Groups – and Hurt the Children
- Are expensive long-term

Several such over recent years culminating today with Differential Response

- Prior ones:
  - IFPS
  - Racial Disproportionality
- Similar Features
  - Extreme Family Preservation
    - Seems sympathetic
- Often goes with Family Preservation Services – ltd financial assist
  - **Corrupt Advocacy Research**
    - Merger of Policy Advocacy with Research so not true Social Science
    - Ignores/Distorts Child Interests

**Differential Response**

- Dangers to Children inherent in Design & Confirmed by Research
  - Divert 70% of CPS cases to Voluntary System
    - High-risk cases by definition given 70%; studies confirm
    - Most risky likely to refuse participation; studies show 1/3-1/2 or more refuse; latest IL QIC Report indicates likelihood that in fact true most risky refuse
    - Services are primarily $ stipends NOT Drug Rehabilitation etc
  - Take $ from CPS to fund

- Research: Doesn’t pass Laugh Test
  - One firm multiple contracts has done almost all
  - Tight links between Casey Family Fnd & IAR; also between Casey, IAR, Kempe & Federal Gov funding of most recent QIC state
  - No resemblance to typical Social Science – no last section talking of limits to what proved, questions for future research; advocacy tone
  - First section of each study: Parent Satisfaction: but what’s not to Like?
Poverty War on the cheap –

- Won’t solve the problem of Poverty/Blighted Neighborhoods
- At cost to Kids & Future Generations

What we need instead:

- Real War on Poverty
- Meantime:
  - Early Home Visitation: true prevention program
  - More not less protective CPS – more $ so can provide more services
  - New tradition for Child Welfare Research