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BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB2237

Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 23, 2001

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Minutes:

Senator Nething opened the hearing on SB2237.

Senator Tim Mathern, District #11, Fargo, testified in support of SB2237. He presented a proposed amendment (a copy is attached). The second sentence of line 12 would be replaced; and line 13 would be removed, per the proposed amendment.

Jane Hella, Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator, Fargo Public Schools, testified in support of SB2237 (a copy of written testimony is attached). She also distributed brochures regarding Kaleidoscope, a concept for an early childhood and family center (a brochure is attached).

Senator Bowman: How do you decide, or who decides which child, which disability requires this kind of facility?

Jane Hella: People in the medical fields, psychiatrists, professionals etc. Parents seek support from all areas - they know their child(ren) need special needs, but often times it takes a while for them to acknowledge and seek the help.

Senator Bowman: Do you go into the family unit-- telling them there might be a problem, take the child out of the unit?

Jane Hella: Family and child go through an extensive evaluation process.

Senator Bowman: Doesn't the Children's Services Coordinating Committee address all children's problems? Is that Committee not good enough?

Jane Hella: That is normally intervention not prevention.

Senator Bowman: 50 some programs -- there's room for more?

Jane Hella: We are making sure the programs work together to reduce costs. Parents know when there is something wrong and special needs are required.

Senator Holmberg: There are a number of programs out there -- why give money to the Department of Public Instruction -- why not, have you not tried -- to go through the schools?

Jane Hella: Yes there are a number of programs; provides the preschool needs such as Head start -- we do work together. Felt the Department of Public Instruction was the best fit.

Senator Holmberg: Restrictive enough? Need to connect with school districts?

Jane Hella: We connect with everyone -- hospitals, etc. Trying to take the holistic approach --- like placing all the pieces in a puzzle.

Barbara Arnold Tengesdal, lobbyist #407 representing the North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children, testified in support of SB2237 (a copy of her written testimony is attached). The Association supports the one stop shop concept. Children's Services Coordinating Committee is very different -- not a duplication here. This is not a new concept,

have partnerships nationally. The Association supports SB2237 and Senator Tim Mother's proposed amendment.

Senator Schobinger: Notice that the Cas County Social Services is represented on your Advisory Board. Don't you feel they can handle this -- why not, and why don't they have a one stop shop currently?

Barbara Arnold Tengerdal: Cass County Social Services not all CO-located in the same place. This would be a one stop. Takes a major paradigm shift.

Senator Schobinger: Somebody has the power -- if CO-locate is necessary to do ---without a new system?

Barbara Arnold Tengerdal: It's not 1 agency - head start for instance -- it's a matter of who's going to take the ball and run with it.

Senator Andrist: You reference the Children's Services Coordinating Committee, indicate they assess work; made from the State Children's Services Coordinating Committee administration?

Barbara Arnold Tengerdal: This is a creative concept - someone needs oversight -- best out of Department of Public Instruction.

Senator Lindaas: Could this be accomplished in rural communities?

Barbara Arnold Tengerdal: Rural families need also -- would be great if it could be in one location. Believe it would not be in every local community, but on a regional basis.

Michelle Hougen, Bismarck resident testified in support of SB2237 (a copy of her written testimony is attached).

Senator Schobinger: Do you have a preference of Department of Public Instruction or Human Services for this program?

Michelle Hougen: Don't.

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Full Committee Action, February 6, 2001 (tape 1, side a, 35.6- 40.0)

Senator Nething opened the hearing on SB2237.

Senator Andrist, Chair of the Health Department Subcommittee moved a DO NOT PASS;
seconded by Senator Solberg. No discussion; roll call votes: 13 yes, 0 no, 1 absent and not
voting. Senator Andrist accepted the floor assignment. .

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2237

Page 1, line 12, replace "The funds appropriated under this Act are subject" with "An organization seeking a grant under the appropriation authority of this Act must provide matching funds from other sources equal to the amount of the grant."

Page 1, remove line 13

Renumber accordingly

Date: 2-6-01

Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Senate Appropriations Committee

☐ Subcommittee on _____

or

☐ Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken On Roll Pass

Motion Made By Sen. Andrist Seconded By Sen. Solberg

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Dave Nething, Chairman	✓				
Ken Solberg, Vice-Chairman	✓				
Randy A. Schobinger	✓				
Elroy N. Lindaas	✓				
Harvey Tallackson	✓				
Larry J. Robinson	✓				
Steven W. Tomac	✓				
Joel C. Heitkamp	✓				
Tony Grindberg	✓				
Russell T. Thane	✓				
Ed Kringstad					
Ray Holmberg	✓				
Bill Bowman	✓				
John M. Andrist	✓				

Total Yes 13 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Andrist

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 6, 2001 10:54 a.m.

Module No: SR-21-2458
Carrier: Andrist
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2237: Appropriations Committee (Sen. Nething, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2237 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

SB 2237

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FAX TRANSMITTALDate: 1/24/01 Time: 8:00 (☒ AM) (☐ PM)To: Senator Gary NelsonCompany/Agency State Capital - Majority LeadershipFAX #: (701) 328-3370From: Jane Heller - Preschool Coordinator - Agency Public RelationsSubject: SB 2237Comments: Thank you.Number of Pages (including the Cover) 5

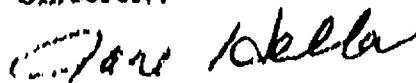
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Honorable Gary Nelson
State Senator
600 E. Boulevard Ave.
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Dear Senator Nelson,

Enclosed is the testimonial I made yesterday, January 23, 2000 in support of SB 2237. I would appreciate it if you would forward this to Senator Dave Nething, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee so that he could distribute it to his Committee.

Sincerely,



Jane Hella-Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator
% Hawthorne Elementary School
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*Jane Hella testimony**SB2237*

I want to thank the Senate Appropriations Committee for allowing me to present to you today. Please know that I appreciate the valuable time you have given me to help inform you about our very important project. The name of the project is Kaleidoscope and I hope you leave here with a better understanding of what we are about and will become one of our many supporters.

There are 4 main points that I want to convey to you today:

1. Collaboration is the key to the success of our project
2. Quality experiences for children early in life are the most important gifts we can give to a child, his/her family, to our community and to our state.
3. All families need a good start.
4. North Dakota has a responsibility to provide resources for young children and their families.

Kaleidoscope will be a unique center incorporating child care, branch offices of health, social and human service agencies, parenting education resources, special education programs and community meeting rooms and classrooms. We are a non-profit organization that has secured property near the West Acres YMCA within the West Fargo School District. This property was leased to us for a nominal fee by the Fargo Park District. Kaleidoscope's collaborative partners for Phase I are: The Fargo and West Fargo Schools; the Park Board; the WIC Program; Southeast Human Services; Child Resource and Referral; Cass County Social Service; Head Start; Fargo/Cass Public Health and the YMCA. The Fargo Schools will bond the project, however Kaleidoscope will begin a capital fund drive to raise money for purchase of the building.

Collaborative services and resources hope to offer varied and multiple opportunities for a child's optimum development in the crucial years 0 through 6. Kaleidoscope's plan follows the national trend for collaboration by early childhood and family service providers. In the current system, families receive costly multiple short-term interventions by multiple agencies. The Kaleidoscope model will reduce duplication and competition among providers and will increase savings to families, professionals and funding sources.

Kaleidoscope's collaboration features the sharing of personnel, expertise, supplies, equipment, technology, space and costs at a time when we all face shrinking budgets. Forty-two other states have developed this type of collaborative effort and have shown cost-effectiveness and improvements for children and families. A community collaboration will connect all children and families with all community resources. Businesses, schools and community partnerships are being formed to join in promotion of a facility that will provide convenient "one stop" access to activities, resources and services for young children and families.

The main theme for this project is "Children haven't changed-Childhood has."

1. We all face time limitations. In most families, both parents work outside of the home and we all have too many commitments. Our families are suffering.
2. The family structure has changed. There are more single parent families, there is a lack of the extended family and more grandparents are becoming the head of the household.
3. Families are much more mobile today and there are fewer neighborhood relationships formed.
4. Technology has changed our lives. We all spend more time at our computers and watching television and less time interacting with each other. The impact of sex and violence is significant in the lives of young children.
5. There is less time and emphasis put on children and much more time spent in our vehicles and on cell phones.

Consequently, many children are coming to school not ready to learn because their physical, emotional and medical needs are not being met. Children are also coming to school with the lack of traditional early childhood experiences.

In Cass county alone, the population for children ages 0-5 is 10,113.

Eighty-three percent of mothers with children ages 0-5 are working outside of the home.

More children are placed in child care situations, many with untrained and underpaid child care providers.

According to the US Surgeon General, youth violence, most often an outgrowth of problems that could have been identified in the early years, costs the United States four-billion dollars per year.

Thirteen youth are shot each day.

According to the Reiner Foundation, 90% of the resources in the United States are spent on children over the age of 5.

Lyons and Ruth, in their findings said that there are 1 million substantiated cases of serious abuse and neglect in the United States each year.

One child in residential care for three years costs	\$240,000
One child in a psychiatric hospital for six months	\$180,000
One child in a therapeutic foster-care for two year	\$65,000
One child in regular foster-care for one year	\$40,0000

A study by the Families that Work Institute found that for every \$1 dollar invested in a young child's health and welfare, society saves \$7 dollars in remedial education, juvenile and welfare expenses in later years.

A child's brain is like a jello mold. It is set by the time a child reaches 6 years of age. You can still add fruit, but not without upsetting the mold that has already formed.

After 6 years of age:

A child who can not speak may have a very difficult time learning to speak.

A child who can not pick up objects using a pincer grasp, may lose the ability to do so.

A child who does not know what it feels like to be on, in, under, over other objects is missing basic concepts for following directions and learning to read.

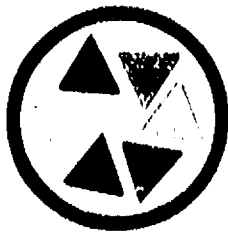
A child who has been abused-learns to abuse others.

A child who has been neglected learns not to trust adults to take care of his/her needs.

We are seeing more and more young children on 3-4 medications for diagnosed mental illnesses.

It is time for a new way of looking at the big picture..

Reports from the Rand Corporation state that a million dollars invested in prisons prevents only 60 crimes a year. The same investment in parent training can prevent 258 crimes a year. Children are the key to holding society together because without them, any community is just a generation away from extinction. Your support of this project is an investment in the future of our North Dakota communities



The Kaleidoscope Mission

As individuals and agencies, we are dedicated to create, provide, and promote opportunities for learning and growth in young children (ages 0-6) their families and our community by providing comprehensive, collaborative, and family-focused services under one roof.

The Kaleidoscope Center would appreciate your support. Do you have time or talents to volunteer? Do you have questions? Please call our project managers:

Barbara Werre

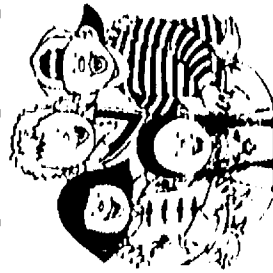
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Visit our web site at:

www.ndkaleidoscope.addr.com

Kaleidoscope is a 501 (c) 3.

The project is underwritten by grants, donations and fund-drives. Contact project managers regarding gifts.

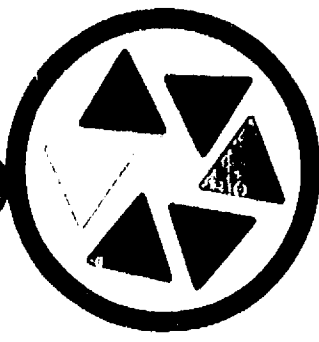


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SB 2231



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What will Kaleidoscope do?

Kaleidoscope will transform all the "bits" of the current maze of early childcare services and create a single centralized location with collaborative service providers.

Currently, parents have to search and travel to access various child-centered services. Public and private partnerships are an effective way of providing optimal resources and services to more children and families.

Kaleidoscope is a "one-stop" resource center for all children (ages 0-6) and families in our area.

Kaleidoscope - A Creation of Care by Collaboration

Our Services

- Child Care Programs
- Community Resources
- Comprehensive Evaluations
- Developmental Screenings
- Early Intervention Programs
- Health, Nutrition, and Medical Services
- Health Services
- Parent Education
- Preschool Programs
- Professional Training and Consultations
- Social and Human Services
- Special Education Services
- Teacher Training
- Therapeutic Programs

The Importance of Care

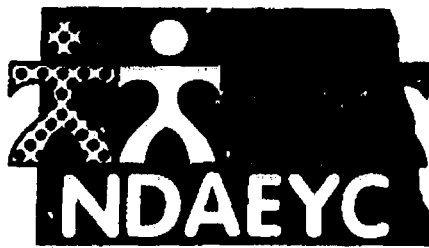
Research has found that early childhood support and education:

- improved academics, including math and language skills
- encouraged positive social behavior
- increased children's readiness to learn
- reduced the juvenile crime rate



Our Goals

- to increase the use of available resources for children and families
- to provide convenient, one-stop access to activities, resources, and services
- to include all children, regardless of race, gender, socioeconomic status or disability
- to improve the communication between families and organizations providing services, resources, and activities
- to attain higher cost-effectiveness through the sharing of resources and limiting service duplication
- to promote community pride and use in a state-of-the-art facility



*North Dakota Association for
the Education of Young Children*

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January 23, 2001

To: Senator David Nething
Senate Appropriations Committee

From: NDAEYC - North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children

Re: Support and Testimony for Senate Bill 2237

The North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (NDAEYC) has a paid statewide membership of 356 and a local chapter affiliate membership of approximately 200 additional people. The local chapters are in Grand Forks, Fargo, Jamestown, Bismarck, and Minot. Members represent a variety of jobs in the early childhood profession - family and group day care providers, day care center staff and directors, preschool staff, Head Start staff, Minot and Grand Forks Air Force Base Child Development Center staff, Child Care Resource & Referral agencies, lab schools from Higher Education institutions and many other professionals within the field.

NDAEYC supports SB 2237 and the concept of early childhood and family centers as essential to the support of families needing to access services necessary to meet the basic needs of health, education, transportation, food, utilities and other social services. This concept is being implemented in Massachusetts as Community Partnership councils, and in North Carolina as the Partnership for Children, Inc. project. They have been seen as positive efforts to build collaboration among social service agencies, reduce administrative workloads, and most importantly allow families to access services quickly and in a comprehensive manner.

We strongly suggest that lines 12 & 13 of the bill be amended to eliminate the \$5,000,000 stipulation, and we suggest the stipulation instead be worded "subject to the organizations receipt of funds from other sources".

Testimony of Barbara Arnold Ingersoll
SB 2237

Chairman Nething and Committee Members:

My name is Michelle Hougen and I am a member of a community group studying the feasibility of establishing an Early Childhood Family Center for Bismarck. I am in support of Senate Bill 2237 because I believe that families of preschoolers have unique needs that can best be served through a co-location of agencies that provide comprehensive, quality services under one roof. Our community group recently conducted a series of focus groups of parents of preschoolers and sought parent input on development of an Early Childhood Family Center in Bismarck. Parents supported co-location of community agencies. Parents also expressed a desire for a centralized intake process among agencies to cut down on the duplication of forms they had to complete to access services. Co-location of agencies would allow agencies to share resources, staff, equipment, and services, thereby increasing the cost effectiveness of the services and decreasing the duplication of services to families. Our group in Bismarck does not have \$5,000,000 for our Early Childhood Family Center at this time, so we would not be able to benefit from this bill. I propose this bill be amended to read that the funds be appropriated upon the organization's receipt of matching funds. In this way, Bismarck or any community in the state would have an easier time accessing this money to explore the possibility of setting up an Early Childhood Family Center.