Social services rate as resource

This is the first column in a new series on child care. Marcie Walker welcomes your input— questions, suggestions for col-umns, examples of good child care. Write her in care of the Ob-server & Eccentric, 1225 Bowers, Birmingham 48009, or 38251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

When searching for the right childcare alternative for your needs, as
good starting point is the Michigan
Department of Social Services.
I recently called their local number for day-care licensing and found
that they will send out listings of licensed child-care facilities for specifed areas, as well as the names and
numbers of licensed private homes. I
saked for a last of such facilities in
the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.
By the next day, I received a seven-page computer printout of child-



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many take them only at 12 months.

The agency also sent an alphabetized listing of registered day-care homes in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. The listing includes last name and phone number alone, but

is also a good starting point if child care in a private home is your pref-

care in a private home is your preference.

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as which you seek information. Consider asking

for information in neighboring com
munities, especially those on your

way to work.

Marcie Walker, a Bloomfield

Township resident, is the mother

of one and one-to-be. Her doctor
ate has nobling to do with child

cre. Her column was prompted by

her own research into area child

care.

Adelaide's Lament

"Just from waiting around for that plain little band of gold, a person can develop a cold," sings Linda Rainford. "Adelalde's Lament" from "Guys and Dolls" is but one of the love songs on Farmington Community Chorus's

"Love Notes" playbill. Curtain for the spring concert is 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 5-6, in the North Farmington High School au-ditorium. Tickets at the door.

AAUW honors Rosalie Perry

The Farmington Branch of the American Association of University Women recognized one of its members by giving a grant to the AAUW's National Education Foun-

dation in her honor.

The honoree is Rosalie Perry, a Farmington Hills resident and a teacher at William Grace Elementa-

teacher at William Grace Elementary School.

The grant is made possible by
tunds raised from the group's annual
fall used book sale.

Perry was born in Van Wert, Ohlo,
graduated from Miami University in
Ohlo with a degree in education. She
earned her master's degree from
University of Michigan.

She became active in AAUW in
Ohlo.

After moving to Michigan, she be-came involved in Camplire Giris, served on PTA committees and was a Sunday School teacher. She's been a member of the Farm-ington branch of the AAUW since 1969 and has served as Hospitality Chair, Women's Chair, and co-chair of the branch Gourmet Group.

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Her professional memberships include the Association of Childhood
Education International, the Michigan Association for Children and
Adults with Learning Disabilities
and Delta Keppa Gamma, an bonorary society for teachers.

Her husband is David Perry. The couple have three grown children, Susan, Ginny and John.





Those with hearing problems

In an ideal world, all physicians would make all their patients "as good as new." In the real world, however, that isn't always possible. When a medical condition results in a chronic problem that persists despite therapy, patients can often benefit from support groups — people who are coping with the same difficultes, facing the same problems, experiencing the same frustrations. The Michigan Ear Institute of Farmington Hills and Providence Hospital in Southfield, conduct several such groups for patients safferings from dirates, acoustic tumor, facial paralysis, hearing impairment and those who have had cochlear implants.

The Dirziness Support Group be-

The Dizziness Support Group be-gan in November 1987, under Charles Stockweil, vestibular phy-

"People with chronic dizziness that is not amenable to medical treatment find it very disruptive to their lives," says Dr. Stockwell. "50 group meetings are open also to friends and families to help them understand what the patients are going through."

Meetings are at 7 p.m first Tuesday of the month at Providence Hospital, 1600 W. Nine Mile. Often there will be a speaker — a nutrilionist to discuss special diets; a psychologist on the effects of stress on dizziness; a Michigan Ear Institute physician on the causes of dizziness. The programs is followed by a question and answer session.

THE ACOUSTIC Tumor Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the second Monday of the month in Michigan Ear Institute, 27555 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

"Acoustic neuroma is relatively rare," says Malcolm Graham of the institute, "Many people have never heard of it until their own is diagnosed. Talking to others who have had this type of tumor allows them to resolve some difficulties and gives them the strength and courage trace on."

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sional input about the problems re-lated to acoustic tumor, such as hearing loss, facial paralysis, loss of energy. The Facial Paralysis Support Group meets two to three times a

energy.

The Facial Paralysis Support Group meets two to three times a year with specialist Jack Kartush. The group may hear presentations on topics such as a new medication, Botulnium, that can belp the spasms and involuntary ties that occur when partial recovery of a nerve occurs, or on the gold bar eyeld implant that makes it possible for a paralyzed eyeld to sit at a lower, more natural position.

The Hearing Impaired and Cochlear Implant groups are just getting storted. "Learning to deal with hearing loss is a major problem for many people," says Dr. Graham. "The problem breeds isolation and people tend to withdraw from social



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benefit from support groups contact. It's that restricting of activities and withdrawing from people that needs to be worked against in



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New referral device created for those with special needs

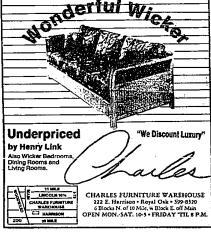
The Health Professional Advisory Committee (HPAC) of the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the March of Junes has developed a simple means of directing the parents of children with special needs to agencies and health organizations that provide the services they seek. A small wallet-alze card listing avariety of health and social services has been developed for the city of Detroit and Wayne, Mozroe, Washtenaw, Macomb, Livingston, St. Clair and Oakland counties. The cards have been distributed to hospitals, public health department offices and a variety of health and social service agencies in each area.

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Parents of children with special needs, such as birth defects or developmental delays, often have difficulty in finding the resources or services they seek. The card was developed by the March of Dimes

volunteer group with the intent of bridging this gap.

According to Darlene Blair, "Although there are agencies providing information, medical services, financial aid and referrals, the people who need these services aren't always aware of them and don't know where to go in their areas for assi-



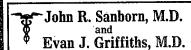


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