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## INTRODUCTION

The Center for Applied Urban Research continued to fulfill its mission of applied research, community service, and training during 1980-81. Two major events that took place during the past year have greatly strengthened the ability of CAUR to carry out this mission. In October, CAUR moved into new quarters at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center at 1313 Farnam on the Mall in downtown Omaha. With just over 7,000 square feet of space, CAUR has been able to carry out project activity in a more efficient manner. More importantly, the downtown location of CAUR has provided an expanded clientele with greater access to CAUR skills and services.

In April the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska approved the merger of the Center for Urban Education into CAUR. Chancellor Delbert Weber commented on this merger as follows:

"Reorganization will allow the budget capability and resource flexibility to expand training and educational services building upon the CUE presence in North Omaha and upon ongoing CAUR activities at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

"CUE and CAUR both enjoy well established reputations at both the local and national levels for their research, service, and training efforts. CUE staff have demonstrated a commitment to the development of training programs and to urban outreach activities which complement the missions of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service."

The combination of resources that this merger has produced will enable CAUR to expand its efforts in the areas of training and community development. In addition, an increase in community activities and work with neighborhoods will result.

Any organization such as CAUR is impacted on by downturns in the economy. Nevertheless, CAUR was able to generate substantial financial support during 1980-81. CAUR's research, training, and service activities were supported by just over \$750,000 in grants and contracts. In spite of cutbacks in support for research at almost all levels of government, CAUR hopes to increase external funding in the coming year in order better to meet the needs of clients across the State of Nebraska.

## STAFF

A research center such as CAUR is little more than its staff. CAUR's productivity over the past year can be attributed to the commitment of the full time professionals, support staff, graduate assistants, student workers, and student interns. The contribution of this latter group is especially noteworthy. Through this year as in the past, a number of Urban Studies students have interned with CAUR, and Social Work students have had practicum placements here. These students contribute substantial amounts of time to CAUR projects without financial remuneration. Certainly, they receive a significant educational benefit in terms of the knowledge and research skills that are developed. The benefit to CAUR is also significant. CAUR would be unable to take on its many projects if it were not for the contribution of these students.

Three major staff additions were made during this year. A new permanent director, Dr. Vincent J. Webb, was appointed as director of the center. Dr. Webb has been on the faculty of UNO since 1973 and formerly served as Chairperson of the Criminal Justice Department. The CUE merger with CAUR resulted in two additional staff additions to CAUR. Dr. Floyd Waterman, Director of the Center for Urban Education, and Edna Alexander, Assistant Director of CUE, became staff members of CAUR effective April 1st. A complete listing of staff, student workers, and student interns appears in the appendix.

## CAUR ACTIVITIES

### Administrative/Business Training for Directors of Day Care Centers and Other Pre-school Programs (7/1/80 to 3/31/81)

A curriculum for training child care providers in business/financial management and organizational administration was developed, presented, and evaluated. "Practical Skills for Administrators" was the title of the series of two-day workshops held in towns around the state. The first day's session dealt with matters of administration and personnel management. The second session was devoted to business and financial management.

The principal investigator was Genevieve Burch. The funding agency was Title IA, Higher Education Act through the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and the University of Nebraska at Omaha (\$20,074).

Assessment of the Primary Health Care Needs of North Omaha and South Omaha (11/1/80 to present)

This project will assess the need for primary health care services in defined areas in North Omaha and South Omaha. An analysis of available health and health service utilization statistics is being made, and interviews are being conducted with major health care providers and institutions serving the areas, with key persons in the community who are concerned about health care, and also with area residents. The purpose of the research is to facilitate planning toward the goal of providing better primary health care to all segments of the population in the target areas.

The principal investigator is Genevieve Burch. The funding agency is the Health Planning Council of the Midlands (\$25,398).

Bemis Park Victimization Survey (1/81 to 5/81)

Bemis Park residents were questioned about crime prevention measures and the incidence of crime in their neighborhood. The request for this survey was made by the Bemis Park Neighborhood Association. The residents were active participants in the study and were teamed with UNO graduate students to do the interviewing. The purpose of the research was to assess the incidence of crime in Bemis Park and to provide the residents with a systematic plan for crime prevention. The principal investigator was Vincent J. Webb. The funding agency was the Center for Applied Urban Research.

Census Data Analysis

Screening and analysis of 1980 Census data for Omaha and Nebraska, published in the Review of Applied Urban Research, focused upon growth and change in the population and on ethnic and racial changes. The June, 1981 issue was dedicated to Nebraska data, and the July issue will feature Omaha data.

David DiMartino is the coordinator of this activity.

Children's Museum Study

This study was made to assist the board of the Omaha Children's Museum in identifying the most appropriate area for locating the museum.

The principal investigator was Joan Holley. Funding was by the Center for Applied Urban Research.

Child Safety Restraints for Day Care Centers (11/1/80 to present)

A curriculum was prepared for a series of 11 workshops to educate day care center teachers and directors in the use of child safety restraints

and seat belts when transporting children. A loan system for the restraints was also developed.

Jack Ruff is the project director, assisted by Kathy Sullivan. The funding agency is the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare through the Nebraska Highway Safety Program of the Department of Roads. (\$37,322)

Community Goal Achievement Workshop (7/1/80 to 3/31/81)

This community service project was designed to increase the problem solving and goal achievement capabilities of Omaha neighborhood associations. The workshop was entitled "Neighborhood Organizations/City Government Working Together."

Joan Holley was the project director. The funding agency was the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education under Title IA of the Higher Education Act and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. (\$5,126)

Department of Public Welfare Legal Training

Existing legal training modules are to be incorporated into the total training package for child welfare workers and new modules will be developed. The training package is to be presented in two and a half-day sessions to welfare workers at six sites in the state. The development of videotapes is included.

Vincent J. Webb and Janet Porter are the principal investigators. The funding agency is the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare. (\$16,099.88)

Design of an Occupational Survey and Reporting System (Private Industry Council) (9/24/80 to 10/24/80)

CAUR developed survey instruments and systems to obtain information about entry level employment needs of Omaha SMSA employers. Recommendations for the procedures to follow in the development of an analysis and reporting system to facilitate the use of existing data were also made.

Vincent J. Webb was the principal investigator and Michael Eskey was project director. The project was funded by the Private Industry Council. (\$4,661)

Downtown Housing Study

This study was done for the Department of Housing and Community Development to determine the needs and interests of downtown employees in regard to housing

in downtown Omaha. The study has been distributed by the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce and city government. A slide show which presents the findings of the study has been shown to various community groups.

Joan Holley was the principal investigator, assisted by R. K. Piper. It was funded by the Center for Applied Urban Research.

#### Economic Indicators for Omaha (1/79 to 12/80)

This paper presents data on patterns of intra-urban migration and the changes in number of births and deaths by subareas and by quarter. Data on sales of new cars and trucks, the number of building permits for residences, and the number of demolition permits are also presented. The total number of mortgage loans and their values and the number of individual bankruptcies are included. The information was published in the June, 1981 issue of the Review of Applied Urban Research.

Paul Lee was the principal investigator. The Center for Applied Urban Research was the funding agency.

#### Educational Needs Assessment and Impact Survey (7/1/79 to 6/27/80)

This comprehensive educational needs assessment and impact survey involved designing and conducting nine sets of surveys: county, service area, high school seniors, current students, alumni, faculty at Metro Tech, faculty at other post-secondary institutions, faculty at area high schools, and private and public employers. A final report analyzed all of the data collected and recommended course offerings and curricula.

Murray Frost was principal investigator. Every member of the CAUR staff was involved in conducting surveys and preparing the report. The funding agency was Metropolitan Technical Community College. (\$38,860)

#### Evaluation of an Alcohol Prevention Program in Four Catholic High Schools (7/1/79 to 7/31/80)

Processing and analysis of evaluation instruments used by program personnel were provided. Research was designed and implemented to measure the degree of success of formal programs on alcohol prevention and methods used by program personnel.

Genevieve Burch was the principal investigator. A.I.D. Alcohol Prevention Program was the funding agency. (\$1,500)



### An Examination of Population Changes, 1970-1980

Using the preliminary information in the 1980 Census, this study investigated the population changes among various subareas in Omaha between 1970 and 1980. Results of the study were published in the March, 1981 issue of the Review of Applied Urban Research.

Paul Lee was the principal investigator. The Center for Applied Urban Research was the funding agency.

### Female Operated Businesses and Rural Development (12/1/79 to 9/1/80)

This study investigated the nature of the aid received by women operating businesses in Nebraska towns between 1,000 and 5,000 population, the problems associated with the receipt of aid, and the economic and leadership advantages accruing to these communities as a result.

Sharon Davis was the principal investigator. Title V - Nebraska Rural Development Council and the University of Nebraska at Omaha were the funding agencies. (\$10,692)

### Foster Parent Training Program (9/1/79 to 10/31/80)

Under this contract, CAUR facilitated, monitored, and evaluated previously trained teams in the delivery of the twelve-module basic training for foster parents. An orientation training package was developed, sessions were held to train the trainers, additional training modules were developed on fostering adolescents, and a quarterly newsletter was developed and distributed. Technical assistance, consulting services, and workshops were also provided. (See Map 1, Outstate Activities Section.)

### Foster Parent Training Program (11/1/80 to present)

Under this new contract, CAUR continued to facilitate, monitor, and evaluate previously trained teams for delivery of both the basic twelve-module course and the six-module Fostering the Adolescent Training. A training package on Fostering the Adolescent with Special Needs is being developed for both group discussion and self-instructional delivery systems. Four modules from the Fostering the Adolescent Training are being converted to self-instruction. A Specialized Foster Care System is to be developed. Newsletters, a brochure, technical assistance, training of new teams of trainers, consultations, and an evaluation system are also being provided.

Barbara Kendrick is the project coordinator, Carol Ertl is the technical consultant, and Betty Luce is adapting the material for self-instruction. The Nebraska Department of Public Welfare is the funding agency. (\$236,003)

#### Fremont High School Study

This study was an analysis of survey data related to educational and career plans collected as part of the Metro Tech needs study. At the request of Fremont High School, all students there were surveyed (rather than only seniors).

Murray Frost was the principal investigator. Funding was by the Center for Applied Urban Research.

#### Girls Club Needs Assessment Survey (11/80)

Assistance in the form of coding, keypunching, and running the data for a survey of Girls Club members plus a report analyzing the data were provided.

Murray Frost was the principal investigator. The Junior League was the funding agency. (\$400)

#### The Growth of Housing Prices, 1974-1979

An analysis was made of the growth of housing prices among various sections of Omaha for the period between 1974 and 1979. Comparison was also made between the growth of new housing prices in Omaha and that of the United States in general. The findings were published in the May, 1981 issue of the Review of Applied Urban Research.

Paul Lee was the principal investigator. The Center for Applied Urban Research was the funding agency.

#### International Trade: Identification of Reverse Investment Prospects (11/15/80 to 12/15/80)

Development of a census research instrument, computer tabulation, and consultation on methodology were provided.

Murray Frost was the principal investigator. The funding agency was Michael Harvey Enterprises, through a grant from the Old West Regional Commission. (\$1,112)

#### Impact of Gasoline Prices on Bus Ridership and New Car Sales

The impact of rising gasoline prices on transportation is well known but only as vague concepts. This study looked into the specific impact on bus ridership and new car sales. It revealed how bus ridership increased, how new car sales in different areas of Omaha declined, and how small car sales increased as gasoline prices rose.

Jason Chen was the principal investigator. Funding was by the Center for Applied Urban Research.

Intra-Urban Household Migration in Omaha, 1976-1979

The study is an analysis of data on intra-urban migration collected by CAUR as part of its continuing program of monitoring demographic and economic indicators for the Omaha area.

Murray Frost was the principal investigator, and funding was by the Center for Applied Urban Research.

Joint Commission on Criminal Justice (7/1/80 to 10/31/80)

Under this agreement, the University of Nebraska at Omaha made the services of Dr. Webb available for the purpose of serving as principal investigator for the Joint Commission of Criminology and Criminal Justice Education and Standards. Dr. Webb directed the data analysis, completed the final report, conducted Joint Commission meetings, and developed a plan for the dissemination of the findings of the project.

Vincent J. Webb was the principal investigator. The University of Illinois was the funding agency. (\$6,888)

Legal Aid Society Study

In response to a request from the Legal Aid Society, a survey was conducted in their North Omaha service area. The analysis of the survey results provided the Legal Aid Society with information about needs and legal service priorities for the area.

Joan Holley and Murray Frost were the principal investigators. Funding was by the Center for Applied Urban Research.

Mid-life Career Planning for Nebraska Rural Women (7/1/80 to present)

Curriculum materials were developed to train Nebraska rural women in career planning, self-assessment, job preferences, resume development, interview techniques, and local employment opportunities. Two training sessions were held to train local community college representatives to present the materials. Eight workshop series were held in six locations. (See Map 2, Outstate Activities section.)

Carole M. Davis was the project director. The Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Title IA, Higher Education Act, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha were the funding agencies. (\$16,921)

Nebraska Innovation Center (4/7/80 to 11/30/80)

The purpose of the Innovation Center is to assist participating local governments to solve problems and improve public service through access to achievements in science and technology developed by private industry and public institutions. A plan was prepared for the program. As the result of a survey of government leaders, three areas were selected as the focus of the Innovation Center: environmental concerns, energy issues, and personnel management. A proposal to implement the program is pending.

Jack Ruff was the principal investigator. The Denver Urban Observatory through the National Science Foundation was the funding agency. (\$7,500)

Need for a Neighborhood Resource Center (12/1/80 to 3/1/81)

This study determined the types of resource materials and information that would be useful to neighborhood leaders and groups and identified the types of adult and continuing education programs that would be most effective in assisting the community leaders.

Joan Holley was the principal investigator. Title IA, Higher Education Act through the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education was the funding agency. (\$1,594)

Needs Assessment of Elderly Hispanics II (Lincoln and Scottsbluff, Nebraska) (10/1/79 to 9/1/80)

Under the terms of this contract, an earlier study of the needs of older Hispanics in Omaha was combined with information collected about needs of the older Hispanics in the City of Lincoln and in Scotts Bluff County. Data on demographic and residential characteristics were collected and analyzed as well as information about interactions, service utilization, and attitudes of the target population. Comparisons were made with Nebraska's older citizens and with older Americans as a whole.

David R. DiMartino was the principal investigator, assisted by Carole Davis. The Nebraska Mexican American Commission was the funding agency. (\$9,500)

Neighborhood Resource Program (5/1/81 to present)

The over-all goal of the Neighborhood Resource Program is to provide opportunities for volunteer neighborhood organization leaders to acquire skill, knowledge, and information to assist them in solving critical urban neighborhood problems. This goal will be achieved through the development of a neighborhood resource library, workshops, and technical assistance.

Joan Holley is the project director. The ACTION State Program Office is the funding agency. (\$2,500)

Norfolk Community Development Program (9/15/80 to 11/15/80)

CAUR provided 1,000 copies of a three-fold 8½ by 11 inch brochure on Norfolk's Community Development Program, designed by Marian Meier. Jack Ruff was in charge of the project. The City of Norfolk, Nebraska was the funding agency. (\$1,000)

Norfolk Community Survey (9/15/80 to 2/28/81)

A survey of residents in Community Redevelopment Areas 2 and 4 was undertaken to determine attitudes toward community services and opinions about the neighborhoods.

Jack Ruff was the principal investigator. The City of Norfolk, Nebraska, through a Community Block Grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was the funding agency. (\$3,000)

Omaha Ballet Study

This study was made to identify a possible larger audience for the Omaha Ballet productions. Joan Holley was the principal investigator. Funding was by the Center for Applied Urban Research.

Private Industry Council Forecasting Survey (2/17/81 to present)

The present contract was awarded to implement the survey designed under the previous contract, Design of an Occupational Survey and Reporting System. Those areas of employment, particularly entry-level positions, which offer the best potential for jobs in private industry will be identified. The project will create a data base for use in project employment and training needs in Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

Vincent J. Webb is project director. Michael Eskey is principal investigator. The funding agency is the Private Industry Council/City of Omaha. (\$28,000)

Study of Poison Control Methods (11/15/80 to 12/15/80)

CAUR constructed the questionnaire and interviewed 600 households in outstate Nebraska concerning use of poison control methods, processed the data, and reported the findings. Knowledge about and utilization of the Poison Control Center and the use of syrup of ipecac were the principal items investigated.

Murray Frost was the principal investigator. Children's Memorial Hospital Poison Control Center was the funding agency. (\$1,404)

Training of Title XX Day Care Providers (Regions I - IV) (9/1/79 to 8/31/80)

Three types of activities were developed and delivered under this grant: workshops, a newsletter, and three independent study units. Forty-two workshops were held in 17 locations throughout the state covering such subjects as child discipline and guidance, home made play materials, nutrition, and first aid and safety. (See Map 3, Outstate Activities section.) Eight issues of the newsletter, Day by Day Care, were prepared and distributed to caregivers in the four regions, and a final issue was distributed statewide. The home study units included "Child Development Through Home-Made Play Materials," "Child Guidance in Day Care Homes," and "Nutrition for Children in Day Care." A proposal for a state-wide training program for day care providers is pending.

Genevieve Burch was the project director. Marian Meier edited the newsletter, the home study materials, and the workshop materials. Sharon Davis was consultant. The funding agencies were the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. (\$119,142)

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY/UNIVERSITY/SERVICE

This section contains the public, community, and university service activities for the Omaha area not listed elsewhere, as well as national and international conferences attended or participated in by CAUR staff members. Outstate activities will be found in the next section.

Conferences and Workshops

Among the conferences, meetings, and workshops in which CAUR staff participated were the following:

Urban Revitalization Conference, co-sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and CAUR.

Annual national conference, Council of University Institutes for Urban Affairs.

Land revitalization Conference, co-sponsored by the U.S. Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, and CAUR.

First Nebraska Neighborhood Workshop/Convention.

Second Nebraska Neighborhood Workshop/Convention.

### Service on Committees and to Professional Organizations

CAUR staff actively participated in these professional organizations in a variety of ways, including giving papers, serving on committees, or as officers.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
American Planning Association  
American Society of Criminology  
American Sociological Association  
American Statistical Association  
American Statistical Association (Nebraska Chapter)  
Community Development Society (National Research Committee)  
Community Development Society (National Urban Committee)  
Community Development Society (Nebraska Chapter)  
Council of University Institutes for Urban Affairs  
Governor's State Housing Advisory Council  
Greater Omaha Neighborhood Coalition  
International Geographical Union (Commission on National Settlement Systems)  
Institute of Human Geography, University of Tokyo, Japan  
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (Economic Goals and Policies Task Force)  
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (Urban Affairs Committee)  
Midwest Association of Criminal Justice Educators  
Mid-west Sociological Society  
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs (Urban Affairs Committee)  
Nebraska State Data Center (Advisory Committee)

### Service to the University

CAUR staff served the University and CPACS through committee work and in other ways. Included in the staff's contributions were:

UNO Library Committee  
NASIS Advisory Committee  
Search Committee for a Grants Development Director  
Foreign Exchange Committee  
Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women  
Sister University Committee  
UNO Committee on Research  
CPACS Curriculum and Constitutional Revision Committee

CPACS Ad Hoc Committee for Affirmative Action

CPACS Personnel Committee

Editing and producing of CPACS Happenings

Making population estimates for KVNO and KYNE-TV

Assisting other CPACS faculty with research

Technical Assistance and Miscellaneous Community Service

CAUR has continued to provide technical assistance to many groups and individuals. Many of these have previously been mentioned in the other sections of this report or will be found in the Outstate Activities section to follow.

The Consumer Services Organization of the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union was assisted in the preparation of several brochures in both English and Spanish, and they have been given other advice and assistance by several staff members.

CAUR was represented on the governing board of the Omaha Sister City Association, Inc., which fosters cultural and educational exchange between the sister cities of Omaha and Shizuoka, Japan.

The Nebraska Mexican-American Commission was assisted with research on "Analysis of Alcohol Offenders in Scottsbluff, Nebraska."

Prospect Hill neighborhood leaders were assisted in a needs assessment, identification of possible sources of funding for neighborhood projects, in writing grant applications, and in the neighborhood mini-park project.

Consultation was provided to the community service person on Channel 7 for Urban Challenge Month, and assistance with a KYNE show, "Return to the City" was given by CAUR staff.

The board of the Kingswood Neighborhood Organization was assisted to develop a neighborhood group.

A slide show, "Downtown as a Neighborhood," based on the findings of the Downtown Housing Study was developed with CAUR assistance. This show has been made available to community organizations and was used by Landmarks, Inc., during their annual walking tour of redevelopment projects downtown.

Technical consultation was given to the Greater Omaha Neighborhood Coalition.



The Youth Advocacy Office of Douglas County was assisted to find funding/facilities for a new office and in developing their program.

Other organizations and groups given technical assistance include the Urban League, LaFern Williams Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the United Way allocation committee, the national education committee of the Anti-Defamation League, and the library and the community relations committees of the Jewish Federation.

During the past 12 months, the CAUR Data and Documents Library acquired 861 new publications. The library is currently receiving 119 serial publications. The data base coordinator answered 194 requests for information from outside CAUR.

#### OUTSTATE ACTIVITIES

##### Day Care Training

Under a Title XX contract from the Nebraska Department of Public Welfare to furnish training for day care providers in the 72 counties of Nebraska located in Regions I, II, III, and IV, three types of activities were continued in 1980 under the direction of Genevieve Burch. These included workshops, a newsletter, and three independent study units. Marian Meier edited the newsletter, the workshop materials, and the independent study courses. Almost every member of the CAUR staff was involved in planning, implementing, and evaluating the 42 workshops held in 17 sites around the state during the period of the contract.

Towns where workshops were held included Chadron, Gering, Alliance, Scottsbluff, Sidney, Ogallala, North Platte, Lexington, McCook, Kearney, Hastings, Grand Island, Columbus, Norfolk, O'Neill, Bloomfield, and South Sioux City. (See Map 1.)

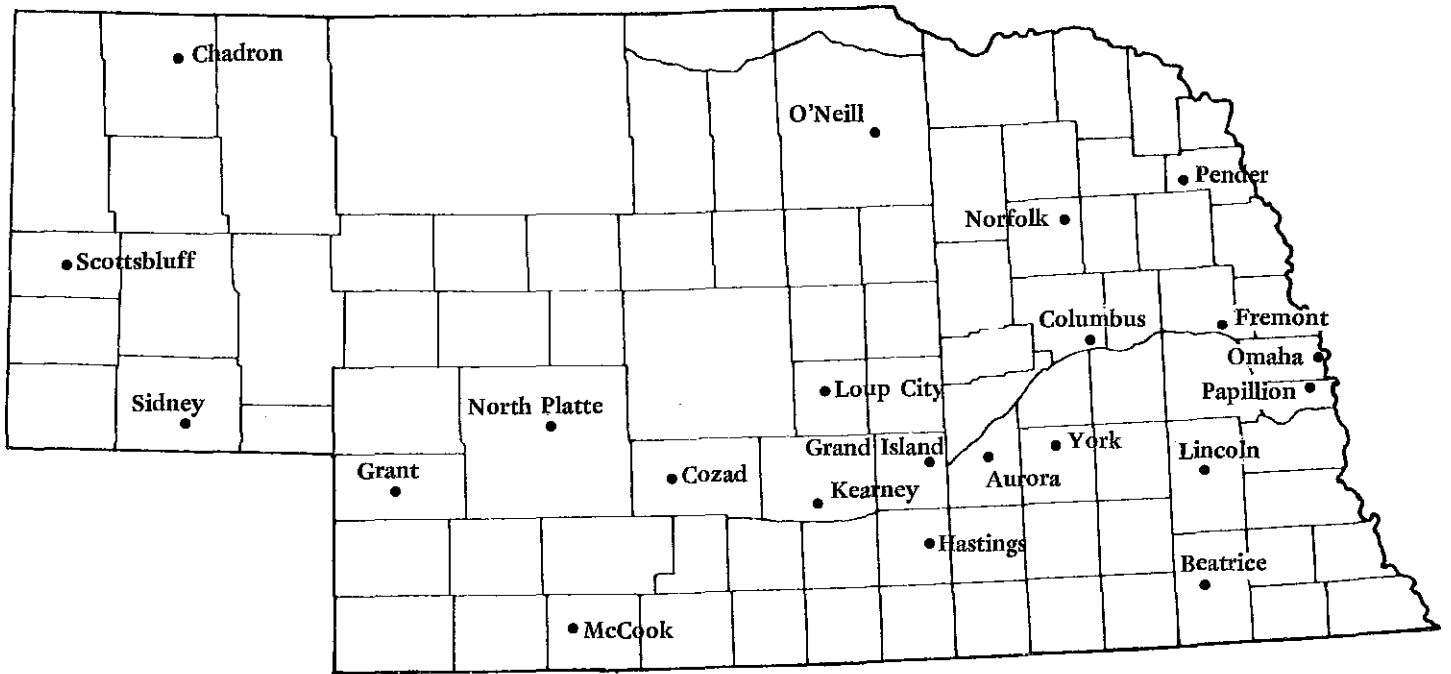
This year CAUR has also been involved in another phase of day care training under a Title I grant. "Practical Skills for Administrators" is the title given to a series of workshops in administrative and business training for day care center directors. Workshops were held in Scottsbluff, Grand Island, Lincoln, and Omaha. This activity is also under the direction of Dr. Burch.

A third type of training involving day care personnel is the safety restraints project coordinated by Jack Ruff. Kathy Sullivan has prepared the curriculum for a series of 11 workshops to educate day care center teachers and

directors in the use of child safety restraints and seatbelts when transporting children. A loan system for the restraints is also being developed. Workshops have been or will be held in Omaha, Hastings, Grand Island, Columbus, Norfolk, North Platte, Ogallala, Scottsbluff, and Lincoln. Some towns will have more than one workshop.

MAP 1

FOSTER PARENT PROGRAM TRAINING SITES



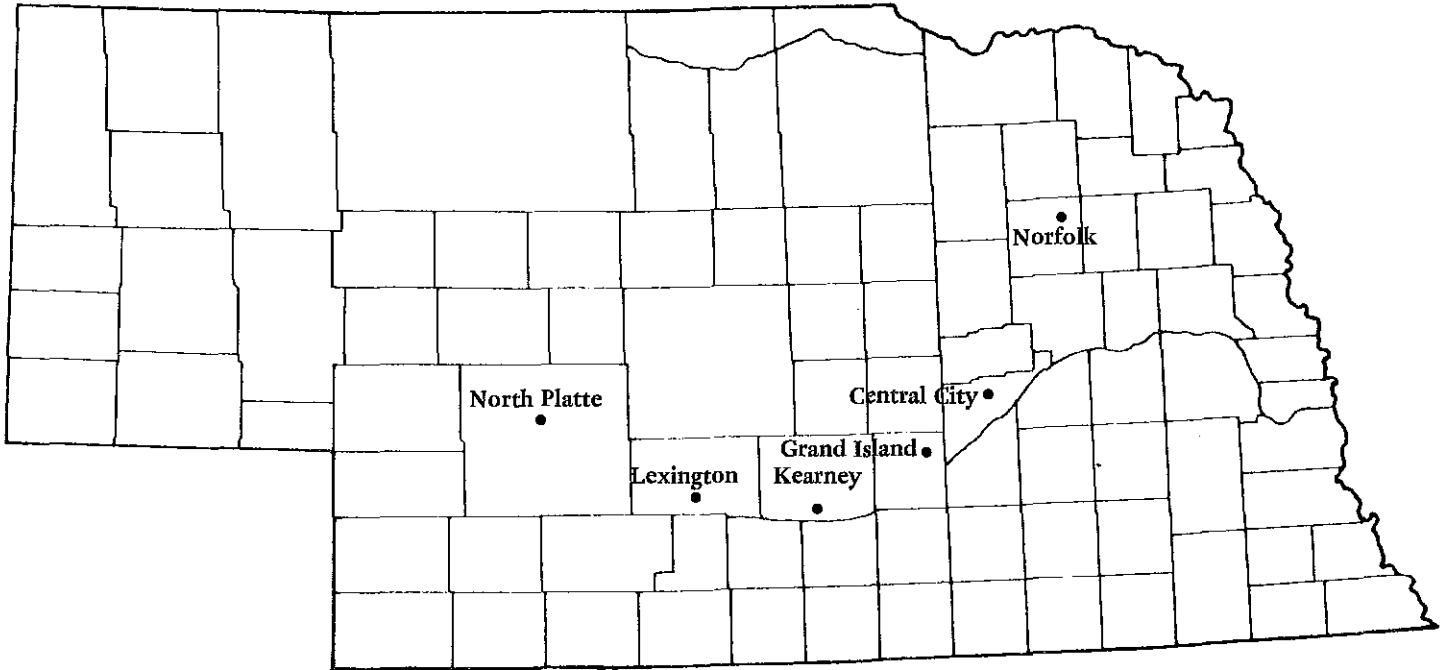
Career Planning

"Mid-life Career Planning for Nebraska Rural Women" is the title of a project directed by Carole Davis. With Dorothy Graham as consultant, a curriculum was developed for a workshop series consisting of six two-hour sessions.

Local community college counselors were trained to present the workshops which were held at North Platte, Hastings, Grand Island, Central City, Lexington, Kearney, and Norfolk. (See Map 2.)

MAP 2

CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOPS



Foster Parent Training

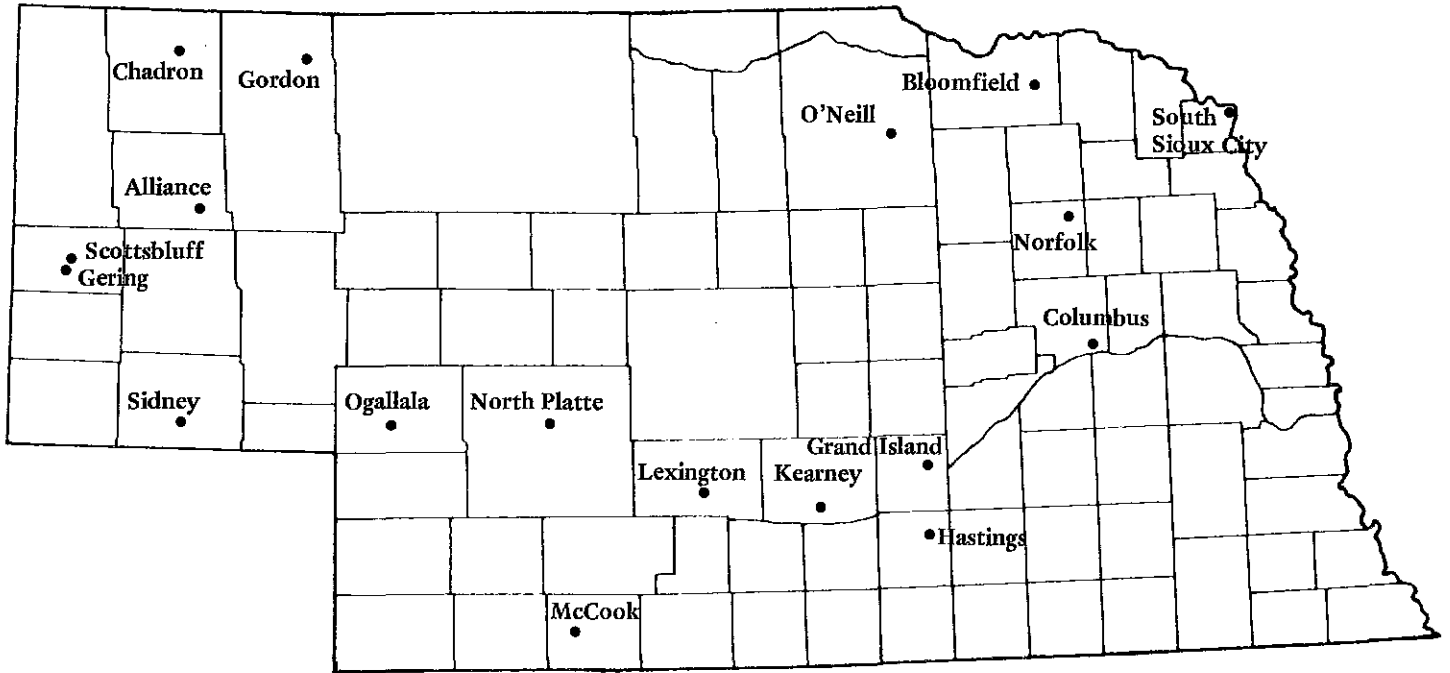
As part of the continuing Foster Parent Training Program under the direction of Barbara Kendrick, project coordinator, and Carol Ertl, technical consultant, a curriculum on Fostering the Adolescent has been developed and implemented. An orientation program, which is used by agencies to train caseworkers and recruit foster parents, has also been developed. Foster Parent Program training sites in 22 Nebraska towns are shown on Map 3.

Betty Luce is adapting four of the Fostering the Adolescent lessons for self-instruction. Audio tapes have been developed so that people may call in and listen to them.

A newsletter, Share, is edited by Jan Jensen, project secretary, and distributed statewide.

MAP 3

DAY CARE PROGRAM TRAINING SITES



Community Service

For Norfolk, CAUR did a needs assessment and attitude survey in new community development areas. A brochure was prepared by Marian Meier to explain the availability of housing rehabilitation grants and loans in that city. Jack Ruff was in charge of these projects, assisted by R. K. Piper, CAUR's graduate assistant.

Now in progress is a survey to determine attitudes toward government services and to find out about shopping patterns of Blair residents. Jack Ruff is also director of this project. Tim Humberger and Larry Lavelle, Urban Studies students, have been working on it.

Jack Ruff participated in the annual state convention of the Nebraska Association of Housing and Renewal Agencies for which he also serves as an adviser. He gave a talk, "Long and Short Term Marketing Strategies for Public Housing Projects." David DiMartino spoke on the census and housing in Nebraska at this meeting.

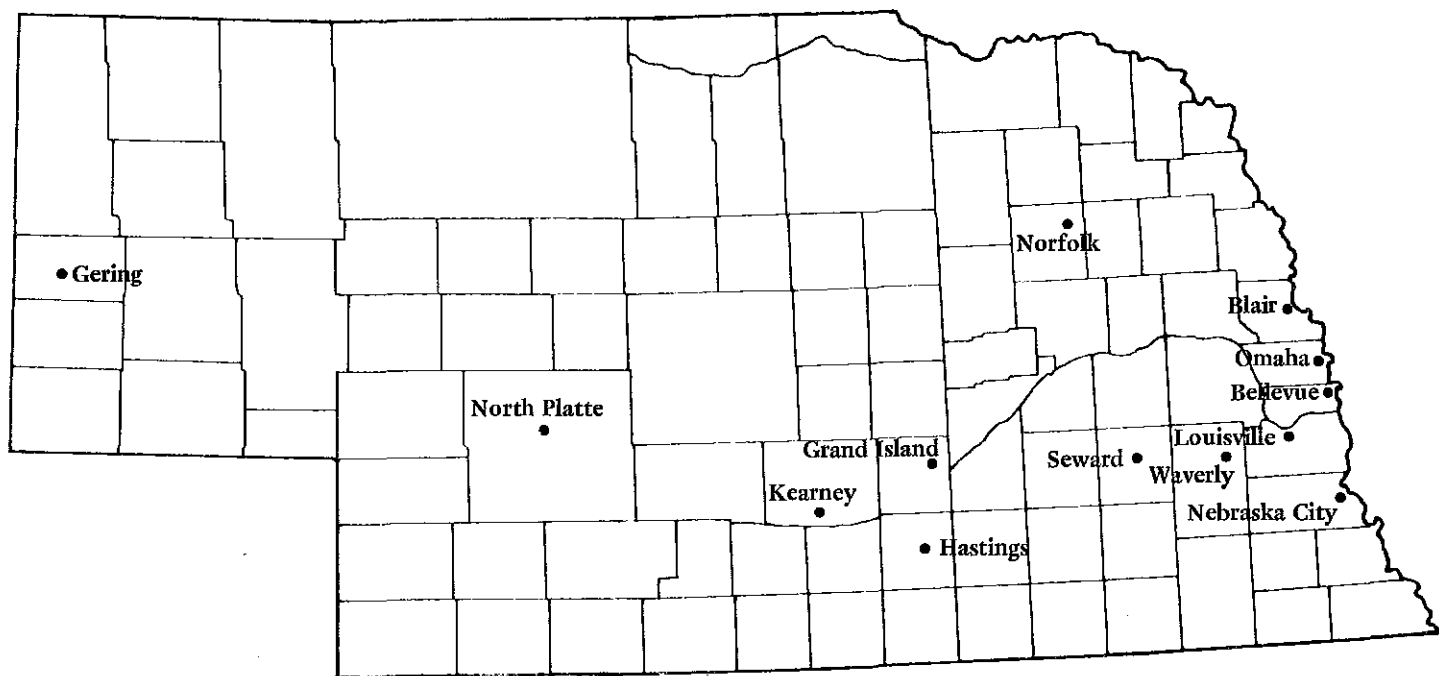
Norfolk, Kearney, Bellevue, and Waverly were assisted in writing grant applications for community development projects.

Jack Ruff was program director for a series of five workshops on public housing management. These workshops, held in Gering, North Platte, Grand Island, Norfolk, and Nebraska City, were sponsored by the National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

Municipalities where CAUR has done community service work are shown on Map 4.

MAP 4

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Innovation Center

The exchange of technical information among municipalities and other governmental units in the state is the aim of the Innovation Center which is in its preliminary stages.

Publications

The Review of Applied Urban Research continued to publish articles condensed from longer research reports as well as some written especially for the publication.

It is distributed to about 2,200 persons throughout the state and nation. Nine issues were published during the fiscal year.

Two community development newsletters are each produced quarterly through CAUR. One, the Vanguard, is a nationally distributed publication, and the other, the Network, is for the state of Nebraska. Joan Holley and Mele Koneya are the editors, and Marian Meier is the technical editor.

#### STUDENT UPDATE AND INSTRUCTION

One staff member taught a three credit-hour course, "Urbanism and Planning in the United States" (Community and Regional Planning 411/811), to 12 students during the spring semester.

Another CAUR staff person was on loan to the College of Business Administration during the fall and spring semesters to teach two courses.

Eight students were placed at CAUR in internships, in special studies programs, or as graduate assistants. These students participated directly in four community attitude surveys, a survey of municipal administrators, preparation of Community Development Block Grant applications, publication of a brochure on housing rehabilitation grant and loan requirements, neighborhood conventions, sampling procedures, and a variety of types of secondary data analysis, including gathering and analyzing data on Nebraska Mortgage Finance Fund lending activity in Omaha. These students earned 45 credit hours in various departments of CPACS.

Two graduate Social Work students earned a total of 30 credit hours in CPACS units as a result of their work at CAUR. One student was involved in both the Title I grant to provide business and administrative training for day care center directors and the research project for the Health Planning Council of the Midlands. The other has worked on the latter project.

An Urban Studies student worked on census data for Omaha.

Three other graduate students participated in four projects: the Downtown Housing Study, the Neighborhood Information Program, the Legal Aid Study, and City Government/Neighborhood Organizations.

Two students coded and compiled raw data for the Economic Indicators for Omaha, and another student did sampling work for the Legal Aid study.

An Urban Education student worked on a study of office space in Omaha.

CAUR staff members have also served as guest lecturers for other University departments. Lectures were given to graduate Social Work classes, journalism classes, a sociology class, and to students from Shizuoka University attending a summer intensive language study tour in Omaha. Four lectures on Omaha, UNO, and CAUR were given to faculty and students in Japan by David DiMartino while he was in residency there.

#### PROPOSALS (PENDING OR UNFUNDED)

Bellevue Community Development (Pending)  
Carpooling on Five Educational Institutions  
Children's Intervention/Prevention Program (CHIP) (Pending)  
Community Recycling and Source Separation Program: Implementation and Evaluation  
Development of State Briefing Books on Low-level Radioactive Waste Management  
Development of Comprehensive Development Plan for Columbus, Nebraska  
Diversified Neighborhood Development Programs  
Downtown Development Study for Kearney, Nebraska (Pending)  
Identification of Legal, Institutional, Social, and Economic Barriers to Wastewater Reuse for Irrigation (Pending)  
Impact of Energy Costs on Low-Income Families in the Greater Omaha Area (Pending)  
Impact Study of the Proposed Harrison Road and I-80 Interchange  
Nebraska Program for Technology Transfer (Innovation Center) (Pending)  
A Needs Assessment for Pre-teen Girls in Selected Nebraska Counties  
Neighborhood Energy Consumption and Conservation Study for Highland Park  
A Review and Evaluation of Existing Plans, Development Programs, and Needs for Southcentral Nebraska (Pending)  
State-wide Training Program for Day Care Providers (Pending)  
A Study of Attitudes and Alternatives Concerning the Omaha North Freeway Project  
Study on the Factors Influencing Location Decisions of Office Space Users  
Survey of Council Bluffs Residents Concerning Public Transportation Options (Pending)

Training of Adult Protective Service Workers  
Utilization of a Central City Educational Facility  
History of Omaha Neighborhoods



APPENDIX

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