

Child welfare services including adoption, foster care and
 education services, are provided by various welfare departments
 and private agencies. Particular
 emphasis is placed on preventive services to children in their
 homes. Supervised day-care services for the children of working
 mothers are established in various parts of the country. At pre-
 sent, these services are established mainly in the larger centers.

A number of voluntary agencies also deal with groups that have
 special needs, such as the aged, recent immigrants, young persons
 and released prisoners. Family welfare agencies or centers, for example,
 family and child welfare agencies in urban centers, are engaged in
 after-school services and family counseling on
 such problems as marital relations, parent-child relations and
 family budgeting. Luncheon and recreational services for older
 citizens are being developed by many agencies, and
 organized youth groups, often with recreational and character-
 building programs, offer group participation in such activities
 as physical education, dancing and the development of special
 skills. Welfare councils and community planning councils contrib-
 ute to the planning and co-ordination of local welfare services.