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New York State Education Dept.  
Bureau of Child Development and Parent  
Education  
Albany, New York.

Dear Friend:

I'm writing to request some help concerning a pamphlet called So You are Starting a Nursery School. The pamphlet was published in 1957 by this bureau, according to the title page. A friend sent us one copy in connection with our community center program, and we would like more copies, if that is possible. Many of our centers have started informal nursery classes with neighborhood children who are too young to go to school. These classes are in the community centers during the days, and on the whole are very successful. Other centers are just starting such preschool groups. These centers would like to expand and intensify this program and make a regular nursery program, if funds become available. They have asked us for information about ~~requirements~~ requirements for licensed nursery classes. Since the State of Mississippi's requirements are not too helpful in planning a nursery program, I would like to supplement a description of State requirements with your pamphlet, because it gives a more realistic idea of the workings of a nursery program.

At the present time, COFO centers have no budget for community center expenses. Necessities such as lights and rent are paid for by the regular COFO voter registration program, and books and supplies are mostly donated by friends groups in the North. We have no money for little extras such as program planning materials other than those we write ourselves. Therefore, we would be very grateful if you would send us about thirty of these pamphlets as a gift. I am enclosing a list of the centers which are involved in preschool programs; if you can give us these materials, you can send them either to me in the Jackson office, and I'll distribute them, or you can send them directly to the persons involved. In either case, we will thank you very much. If you cannot give us the pamphlets, thank you anyway for your time.

Yourstruly,

(Miss) Lois Chaffee  
COFO Community Centers

Enclosure