

# V-A FACTS

**Q --** I am a veteran with a 60 percent service-connected disability. Will the Veterans Administration pay an allowance for my son who was born two months ago?

**A --** Yes, but you must notify the agency by filing a claim within one year of your child's birth.

**Q --** I lost my National Service Life Insurance policy which I have carried since World War II. Can I get a copy from the Veterans Administration?

**A --** Yes. Request a copy from the VA insurance center where you pay your premiums. If you had a paid-up policy, direct your request to the insurance center in Philadelphia.

**Q --** My father was killed in service during the Vietnam War, which makes me eligible for War Orphans Educational Assistance from the Veterans Administration. Now that I'm in the military service, can I take advantage of this benefit?

## Ruby Says

by **Ruby Duncan**

The State Legislature is approaching again, and Clark County Welfare Rights Organization will be involved in trying to get some new bills passed that will benefit the poor in Nevada. At the last session in 1973, we worked very hard lobbying for the food stamp program in Nevada, and were successful. If it weren't for Clark County Welfare Rights Organization, there would not be a food stamp program here now. But some of our other important bills were not passed, so our work is cut out for us this session.

The bills that would affect all ADC recipients, and probably the most important, is a bill to raise ADC grants to 100 per cent of need, instead of just 61 per cent. Nevada's grants are among the lowest in the entire country. Also we will be supporting an ADC program which would include families with unemployed fathers. With unemployment so high and still increasing, it is inhumane not to have assistance for such families. If a father loses his job now, he has to leave his family in order for them to survive. We will work to enact an emergency assistance program also. A family applying for aid now has to wait 45 days for a grant no matter how desperate their need is.

**A --** Sorry, no. A person eligible under the War Orphans Educational assistance program may not participate in the program while in service.

**Q --** I am a female veteran going to school under the GI Bill. Can't I claim my husband as a dependent?

**A --** Yes. Since October 1, 1972, female veterans have been entitled to claim their husbands as dependents.

**Q --** Can a veteran's wife use his educational benefits?

**A --** Only if he is 100 per cent permanently and totally disabled from service-connected conditions.

**Q --** I am a World War II veteran. Can I get dental treatment at a Veterans Administration hospital?

**A --** The Veterans Administration provides dental treatment on a one time basis for veterans up to one year from their date of release from active duty. After that, dental treatment is provided only for service-connected conditions.

Many other organizations have banded together to work for legislation important to senior citizens. CCWRO is a member of the Coalition for MASS Action (Medical and Social Services). This coalition, which includes churches, welfare agencies, agencies for handicapped individuals, social workers, and others, is working for a medically needy program and expanded social services. Such a program will greatly benefit senior citizens living in fixed incomes. The social services bill will also affect working ADC mothers, since some of the money can be made available for day care. There are no real programs for the children of working mothers, and for us this is very important. The medically needy program extends medicare coverage to persons or families who do not qualify for a grant, but who would be eligible if they could deduct medical expenses from their income. This will help many people who are just above the eligibility limits, and can't get medicaid even though they have high medical bills.

Candidates who ran for office in the fall made many promises in order to get our votes. Again this session we will keep them reminded that many Nevadans deserve a better life, disabled, blind, and needy families.

## URBAN COUNSELING

Applicants are being sought by a new Michigan State University Institute established to train "central city" counselors.

MSU's Urban Counseling Institute is accepting applications for fall term, 1975, for masters' and doctoral programs in urban counseling.

Institute director, Thomas S. Gunnings says the institute teaches the "Systemic intervention" approach, that is, "positive adjustments in institutions will result in positive adjustments on the part of clients."

Gunnings believes this approach is particularly appropriate for minorities of the central cities.

"How can a minority child be told to work hard in school," Gunnings says, "if he sees that it hasn't done his friends any good to do so."

Counselors should focus on changing institutional practices that prevent minorities from fulfilling their potential."

The counseling curriculum combines training in counseling techniques and research methods with field work in community, school and prison settings.

All qualified persons may apply, but black, Latino, native American Asian American, and women applicants are especially urged. Financial aid, including a stipend for living expenses and allotments for dependents, is available.

The program is funded by a grant from the National Institute of Mental Health.

More information is available from Dr. Gloria Smith, Urban Counseling Institute, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.

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