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their pre-school and early elementary school years. The research proposed here is concerned with the experiences and status of Head Start graduates and their families as they progress through school.

The study will build on the successful recruitment and maintenance of a sample of 120 Head start children and families from Rhode Island now in the 4th and 5th grades and will include a non-Head Start sample.

The study will assess children's academic achievement, social-emotional and behavioral adjustment, family support, and family involvement in learning from the fall of 1997 through the spring of 2000. It will also investigate the kinds of family support services needed and received by families, and the impact of those services on family members and children.

The researchers are primarily concerned with the impact of family support services and family involvement in children's learning in so far as it influences child outcomes. They propose to examine closely what types and what intensity of family support services work best with which types of families under which circumstances. They anticipate that the results of this research will define new ways to assess families and plan family services. These more appropriate family interventions will help strengthen family self-sufficiency, involvement, and support for children's learning and school adjustment. The total federal request is for \$147,000 each year for three years.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SEXUAL DIVERSITY AWARENESS WEEK

This year the Simmons College School of Social Work's Sexual Diversity Awareness Week overlaps for several days with GALA week on the Simmons College main campus. Some of the events listed below are occurring on the main campus, so check the location listings carefully.

Wed., 10/22

SSW 11:30-12:30 PFLAG: Parents, Friends, & Families of Lesbians & Gays. Two older parents of gay children will discuss their experiences and describe the role of PFLAG as a monthly support and information group. PFLAG welcomes people of all sexual orientations **Brckett Room**

Main Campus 12-1:00 Queer Studies Curriculum Chat with Diane Raymond, Chair of Women's Studies **Special Functions Room**

Main Campus 3:30-5:00 Film It's Elementary: Talking about Gay Issues in Schools; ongoing video: "Gay Youth" **Fens Lobby**

Thurs., 10/23

Main Campus 12:30-1:30 Career Workshop Facilitated by Margaret Shue **Student Activities Conf. Ctr.**

Main Campus 4:00 Philosophy Chat Panel discussion about religion and sexuality **Faculty Staff Lounge**

Main Campus Ongoing Video: "Out in Suburbia" **Fens Lobby**

Fri., 10/24

Main Campus 4:00 LBA Tea Panel led by Simmons students

Main Campus Ongoing Video: "Prelude to Victory" **Fens Lobby**

Mon., 10/27

SSW 11:30-12:45 Video: "It's Elementary: Talking about Gay Issues in School" **Brckett Room**

Wed., 10/29

SSW 11:30-12:30 Social Work Student Panel Discussion **Brckett Room**

SSW 3:00-4:00 Video: "Very Queer Kids" A film about the Boston Alliance of Gay & Lesbian Youth **Room 4-301**

COMING EVENTS:

Wed., Oct 22 Fall Alumni/ae Program at MCB.

Thurs., Oct. 30 "Impact of Hospital Restructuring on Nursing Management" at the Science Center on the Main Campus, Rm S183 at 7:30 p.m.

*Food for thought...
Love is tolerance & understanding
It makes hearsay taboo,
Trust a must, and
Communication essential
-Johnson, Wellington*