

### **6.5.3 Family planning**

The Family Planning Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare was formed in January 1972 to provide a centre of responsibility for the federal family planning program. Its objective is to ensure, in cooperation with the provinces and territories, the accessibility and availability of family planning services to all Canadians who want them. This is achieved by informing Canadians about the purpose and methods of family planning, promoting the training of health and welfare professionals and other staff involved in family planning services, and aiding family planning programs operating under public or voluntary auspices through federal grants-in-aid and joint federal-provincial programs.

The division's major program activities include consultation, information, training and the family planning grants. Consultation is provided to a broad range of government and non-government organizations. Information on family planning, sex education and family life education is distributed free of charge. Canadian material on these subjects is currently being developed. To the extent feasible, the division's consultants assist in training professional health, welfare and educational staff and others working in the area of family planning.

Since the inception of the Family Planning Grants program in April 1972, a total of \$5.8 million has been provided for the support of innovative family planning services, demonstration, training and research projects and for university fellowships. Grant recipients have included provincial and municipal government departments, national and local voluntary family planning agencies, native community organizations and universities.

### **6.5.4 Emergency Welfare Services**

The function of the Emergency Welfare Services Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare is to develop and maintain community capability to provide the basic survival and emergency social services in any emergency in Canada. This consists primarily of five emergency services — lodging, feeding, clothing, registration and inquiry, and personal services.

A program has been developed so that, in a national emergency, the division can coordinate the efforts of welfare departments at all levels of government, organizations, private social agencies, professional groups and volunteers to assist in recovery from a given situation and promote rehabilitation.

### **6.5.5 The Adoption Desk**

The Adoption Desk was established in the Department of National Health and Welfare in 1975 to provide a coordinating and facilitating service to the provinces in the areas of international and interprovincial adoption placement. The interprovincial registry has been fully operational since October 1975 and has been instrumental in arranging a significant number of interprovincial adoption placements. The Adoption Desk has also coordinated a number of international adoption placements.

### **6.5.6 National Day Care Information Centre**

This centre was established in the Department of National Health and Welfare in 1972 as a clearing house for information on day care. The centre has developed a series of pamphlets, a bibliography and a quarterly newsletter and makes an annual survey of day care services in Canada.

### **6.5.7 Rehabilitation services**

The purpose of the Resource Centre of the Social Services Programs Branch is to compile and disseminate information related to rehabilitation of the physically, mentally or socially handicapped. The centre has published a bibliography on rehabilitation of the handicapped, a layman's guide to some of the literature and a bibliography on social service aspects of rehabilitation.