



*Sarawak  
Women  
for  
Women  
Society*

July 1996



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CPL NEW VOLUNTEERS

20 JULY 1996

2.00 PM

AT THE DIC

PLEASE COME AND WELCOME THE NEW  
GROUP.



*White Elephant Stall*

*Salvation Army Open Day*

3) *30 August 1996*

*Please collect "junk" items for the stall and  
volunteer to help run it on the day.*



W. I. SEMINAR ON "THE FAMILY"

18 SEPTEMBER 1996

HILTON HOTEL

SWWS TO PERFORM SKIT

ANGIE TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR



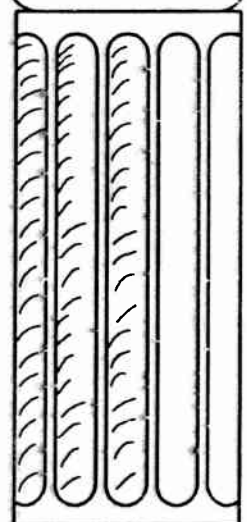
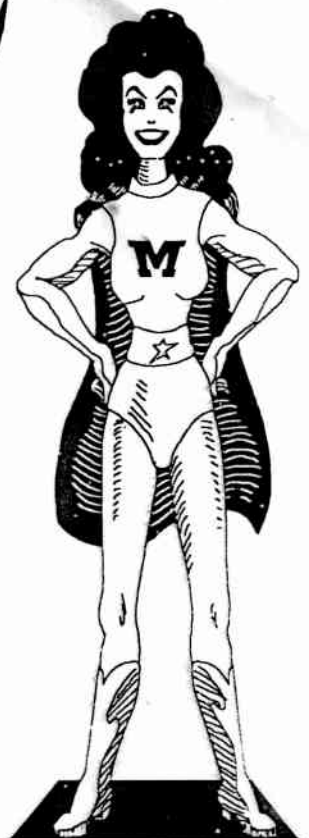
*SWWS chairing*

*Kuching meeting with*

*Malaysian Aids Council*

31 *27 July 1996*

*Telang Usan Hotel*



**SUPER  
MOM**



# Groups: Sex education the answer

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By NANCY CHIN and CHAU PAO LING

PETALING JAYA: Women's groups want the Government to step up comprehensive sex education instead of meting out punishment for unwed mothers who abandon their babies.

"There is no point in punishing them after what they have done when we didn't inform them about the consequences of having sex beforehand," said spokesman for All Women's Action Society (Awam) Zaiton Mohd Kassim.

She said the authorities must recognise the fact that young people need information on sex to enable them to decide before engaging in sex and getting unwanted consequences.

"The relevant authorities should not be afraid to be seen as condoning sex education if it is for the good of society," she said.

Tenaganita director Irene Fernandez said the lack of sex education and support from the community were reasons why babies were abandoned.

"Besides understanding how their body functions through sex education, the society must also understand that some of these girls were victims of circumstances," she said.

She also said that the increase in abandoned babies was a reflection of the society's lack of responsibility towards the young.

The Social and Welfare Department, meanwhile, is appealing to unwed mothers to contact the welfare officers if they need help.

Its deputy director-general Jaafar Abdul Wahid said the department had 2,175 professional welfare officers in about 100 centres.

"They can be assured of confidentiality," he said.

## HELP FOR UNWED MOTHERS

There is a crying need for support among young unwed mothers. They or the concerned public can seek help through the following centres.

### FOR SHELTER

- Sister of Good Shepherd's Convent, Ipoh  
Tel: 05-547 2085
- Sister of Good Shepherd's Convent, Sabah  
Tel: 088-237 575
- All Women Action Society  
Tel: 03-757 0224

### STATE WELFARE OFFICES

- Perlis — Tel: 04-976 5679
- Kedah — Tel: 04-733 4679
- Penang — Tel: 04-261 4836
- Perak — Tel: 05-254 4326
- Selangor — Tel: 03-559 2876
- K. Lumpur — Tel: 03-292 6095
- N. Sembilan — Tel: 06-762 4391
- Malacca — Tel: 06-282 2811
- Terengganu — Tel: 09-622 1078
- Kelantan — Tel: 09-747 1720
- Labuan — Tel: 087-421 316
- Sabah — Tel: 088-255 133
- Sarawak — Tel: 082-411 511
- Johor — Tel: 07-224 3478
- Pahang — Tel: 05-296 1760

### COUNSELLING: WHERE TO GO

- Pusat Khidmat Wanita  
61 & 63 Jalan SS3/53  
Taman Subang  
47300 Petaling Jaya  
Toll-free: 800-6787  
Tel: 03-773 8744  
Coordinator: Mariam Abdul
- Asrama Good Shepherd  
Tel: 03-456 3852
- Tenaganita  
28C Lorong Bonus 6  
off Jalan Masjid India  
51000 Kuala Lumpur.  
Tel: 03-291 3681 / 291 3691
- Church of Shekina Glory  
2/8 Jalan Kem  
2nd Floor Embassy Hotel  
42000 Klang.  
Tel: 03-367 8014

