

SYDNEY KORET, Ph.D
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Koret is a New Englander from Providence, Rhode Island. He received his B. S. Degree from the University of Rhode Island; M.S. in Social Services from Boston University, School of Social Work; M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees also from Boston University.

After leaving the Boston University, School of Social Work, Dr. Koret served for two years as a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Rhode Island State Hospital for Mental Diseases. From there he moved to the Emma Pendleton Bradley Hospital in Riverside, Rhode Island where he served as Chief Psychiatric Social Worker. While in Rhode Island he also served on the Governor's Committee for Research on Social Issues.

In 1958, Dr. Koret came to the Convalescent Hospital for Children in Rochester, New York to construct and direct a new Residential Treatment Center. After this had been achieved, he became instrumental in converting it into the first comprehensive community mental health center for children in the United States. This facility has been described as providing the most comprehensive programs for children in the country with residential treatment, day treatment, preschool, summer camps, consultation, outpatient services, research and training, foster and group homes.

He has been a pioneer in developing children's mental health services and child care facilities running parallel to the comprehensive community mental health center concept.

Dr. Koret serves on the Faculty of the University of Rochester, in both their Graduate School in Psychology and the School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is Past President of the Genesee Psychological Association and the American Association of Children's Residential Centers. He is a past Board Member of the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children, assuming the Presidency of this Organization in 1982. He is Past President of the National Consortium on Child Mental Health Services; served as Consultant to the National Institute of Mental Health; to HEW's Department of Defense and OCHAMPUS Programs; also was an Executive Committee Member on the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital for Psychiatric Facilities. Currently, he is Chairman of the Division of Accreditation for the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children; and is Chairman of the Council of Children's Mental Health Organizations.

He was on Governor Rockefeller's Committee on Children in the State of New York, and as member of a number of Boards on Child Care and Day Care Agencies has exerted a great deal of influence flowing from his interest in early child care and treatment.

He was appointed by Governor Carey in 1979 to Chair the Advisory Committee on Children and Youth to the New York State Office of Mental Health; reappointed by Governor Cuomo.

He has published numerous writings including being co-author of "Mental Health Programs for Preschool Children." Other writings spread from the emergence of the community mental health center for children to pseudoschizophrenia, sociotherapy, family therapy and evaluative research, residential treatment and day treatment.

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