

Keynote and Welcome  
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After reviewing some of the history of mental retardation in this country, these remarks stress amelioration and rehabilitation as the various interested organizations in the country were gearing up to enable retarded persons to make an optimal adjustment to community life. The President's Committee on Mental Retardation and Secretary Schweiker's proposed program on prevention are mentioned as being on the top of the federal health agenda. Emphasis is on the biobehavioral aspect of research and service because that's the basis upon which a great deal of the preventive effort is mounted.

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Appropriate genetic counseling  
Biobehavioral research  
Congenital hypothyroidism  
Dental health  
Fetal phenylketonuria  
"Fragile X" syndrome  
Immunization, especially rubella  
Integration of the mentally retarded into  
society  
Mental Retardation  
Physical fitness & exercise  
Premature infants  
Prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome  
Research budget for National Institutes of  
Health  
Research budget for Alcohol, Drug Abuse &  
Mental Health Administration  
Risk factors in pregnancy  
Risks of pregnancy  
Safety in the workplace  
Sexually transmitted disease  
Tobacco & alcohol use

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Dr. Rene Dubos  
First International Summit  
"Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies"  
National Institute of Child Health & Human  
Development  
Presidential Commission on Mental  
Retardation  
Secretary Richard Schweiker