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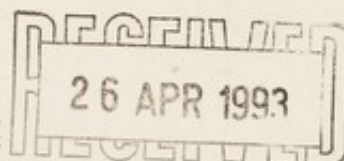
SYMPOSIUM ON THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY HIV

- A European perspective

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CHILDREN AND HIV: ROME SYMPOSIUM

Enclosed is some advance information on a symposium which takes place in Rome this May. The first of its kind, it brings together experts from all over Europe who have experience of meeting the needs - both medical and social - of children and families who are affected by HIV.

While we are all familiar with images of AIDS orphans in the developing world, there is less awareness of that fact that HIV is increasingly affecting children and families in industrialised countries. This symposium aims to harness skills and expertise in this area with a view to effective action on a pan-European basis.

A number of British experts - including Professor Catherine Peckham, Chairman of the Institute of Child Health and Naomi Honigsbaum, Consultant with the National Children's Bureau - will be contributing to the symposium and are available for interview both before and after the event.

The symposium takes place from 14-16 May and is followed by a press conference in Rome on Monday 17 May.

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