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[James P. Comer and Alvin F. Poussaint are psychia- likely to be receptive and discuss the problem with her. trists and the authors of the book "Black Child Care." Dr. Comer is professor of child psychiatry and associate temporarily overwhelmed by her son's behavior. dean for student affairs at Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Poussaint is associate professor of observations or give some advice rather than to barge in psychiatry and associate dean for student affairs at and start preaching. You can point out that you are Harvard Medical School.)

disturbed child to encourage his mother to seek and the members of your family feel. It should be professional help. My 6 year old nephew is a problem obvious-but if not. make it so--that others with less but I don't think he needs such help. He is just reason to be accepting of such behavior must be even obnoxious and aggressive. He fights, lies and steals--nothing important, but I'm afraid that will be the next step. He lives nearby and I hate to see him coming. problem of a different childrearing style with her him do whatever he wants to do. She thinks it's cute. I agreement. Some of your nephew's behavior is probably

a tempted. How else might I handle the problem?

Worried Aunt

professional help, but the parents may. But before to get what they want. They don't understand that they considering that possibility, let's talk about what may be going on and ways to deal with it short of professional treatment.

may represent different upbringing, beliefs and temperament. But it may represent subtle but serious marital disharmony.

to recognize the harm their difference of opinion about childrearing can cause and, therefore, they have no * Families and neighbors are most often the victims of motivation to reconcile their differences.

develop as the problems of the child, and perhaps their to be effective, fair, responsible people. They must be unlicensed operators to own, grow more difficult. A number of young people feel that traditional childrearing practices made children too passive. Some to "Getting Along." care of this newspaper.) young parents who feel that they were too passive and conforming themselves try to rear their own children so that they will be more assertive and aggressive.

A likely time would be an occasion when she is

It often helps to ask whether you can make some commenting because you care about her and her family. Dear Dr. Comer: Recently you advised the aunt of a Then describe how your nephew's behavior makes you more irritated.

You should suggest to you niece that she discuss the His father is too strict and his mother, my niece, lets husband so that they can begin to work toward greater don't want to ban them from our house, but I am related to the confusion and insecurity that the extreme differences in childrearing style create for a child.

Incidently, children who are six are not really lying or Dear Worried Aunt: The child may not need stealing. They are usually trying to control the situation can't have what belongs to others. They need help in learning this.

That is why your niece can't permit her son to do Sharp differences in childrearing beliefs and styles whatever he likes. You might point our that unless children are helped to develop the balance between standing up for their own rights and opportunities and not compromising those of others, there is a good chance It may be a simple communication problem or a failure that they will become selfish, unfair people who exploit others.

such people. Social problems aren't solved by such Even if there is no serious marital problem now, it can people. Children aren't born with the balance necessary reared to become responsible. (If you have any questions for the doctors, send them (C) 1979. Summit Press Syndicate

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Day Care Centers Must Immunize

quarantine law."

Children attending li- censed or not, may result censed day-care centers in closure under the new now must be immunized against the childhood di-

seases, or an offending operator runs the risk of losing the facility's license

Under the new state immunization law, any child attending a licensed day-care center must have been vaccinated against measles, polio, diptheria, rubella (German measles), whooping cough, and tetanus before admission, or within 30 days after admission.

Previously children were not required to get this protection until they started to kindergarten or first grade.

"We see this stronger law as an important step toward eliminating unprotected children from our pre-school populations," said Dr. J.N. MacCormack head of the communicable disease branch of the Department of Human Resources. "While we have the mechanism for enforcing the law at licensed facilities, we must depend on the good judgement of the small,



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I have met young black parents who feel that their children must be assertive and aggressive so that they won't permit conditions of the past to return and so that they will attack racial problems of today.

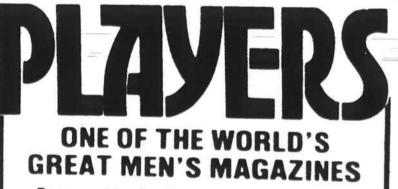
As I have stated before in this column, helping children become assertive and aggressive enough to fight for their rights and opportunities is desirable. But it's desirable only as long as children are also encouraged to be fair, responsible and not to compromise the legitimate rights and opportunities of others.

Far too many people from all kinds of groups--racial. religious, income--are more interested in obtaining opportunities for themselves, often calling them rights. than in being concerned about fair play, personal responsibility and the rights and opportunities of others. Social problems from increased white collar crime to dangerous streets are related to this growing tendency. I suggest that you pick a time when your niece is most

"It's 2 A.M. and I feel rotten. Who has time to read medicine labels?"

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