

BOARD OF SPONSORS

- Richard Howard  
Professor, Indiana Univ.  
School of SW
- James N. Dunn  
Prof., Dept. of SW  
Antioch College
- Barbara Ehrenreich  
Health Right
- Irwin Epstein  
Prof., Univ. of Michigan  
School of SW
- John L. Erlich  
Prof., School of SW  
California State Univ.,  
Sacramento
- Madison Foster  
Prof., School of SW  
Univ. of Michigan
- Jeffrey Galper  
Prof., Temple Univ.  
School of SW
- Marvin E. Gettleman  
Prof. of History  
Polytechnic Institute of NY
- Emily Gibson  
Author, Activist
- David Gill  
Prof., Florence Heller School  
Brandeis Univ.
- Clyde Giles  
Prof., Wayne State Univ.
- Norman N. Geroff  
Prof., U. Com., School of SW  
City University of NY
- Josephine Niemasz  
Research Director,  
Center for Puerto Rican Studies  
City University of NY
- Antonia Pantola  
Prof., School of SW  
San Diego State Univ.
- Wilhelmina Perry  
Prof., School of SW  
San Diego State Univ.
- Frances Fox Piven  
Prof. of Political Science  
Boston Univ.
- Felix Rivera  
Prof., of SW,  
San Francisco State Univ.
- Summer Rosen  
Prof., Columbia Univ.  
School of SW
- William Ryan  
Prof. of Psychology  
Boston College
- Ruth Sidel  
Author, Lecturer
- June Thomas  
College of Urban Development  
Michigan St. Univ.

Affiliations for identification purposes only.

Please make checks payable to INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE ALTERNATIVES

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

CATALYST ★  
 BOX 1144  
 Cathedral Station  
 New York, N.Y. 10025

SUBSCRIPTION RATES (4 issues)

- Regular \$10
- Unemployed \$6
- Institutional \$20
- Sustaining \$25

# CATALYST

A SOCIALIST JOURNAL  
OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES

P. O. BOX 1144, CATHEDRAL STATION, N.Y., N.Y. 10025



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

*Mariarosa Dalla Costa  
 Via Cristofori, 35  
 Padova, 35100,  
 Italy*

**FIRST CLASS**

**Social services are being ravaged. Programs are gutted, clients are devastated and workers are demoralized. The current solutions have only deepened these crises.**

We are a group of workers who feel the effects of this assault on the social services. While we represent diverse backgrounds and interests—from organizing to education, from planning to psychotherapy—we all are dissatisfied with the traditional liberal analysis of the problems facing us and the strategies put forth to meet them. We are convinced that the field needs a new forum to provide a socialist perspective.

Toward this end, **CATALYST: A Socialist Journal of the Social Services** will begin publication in the Winter of 1977.

### **Why now?**

- **Because the liberal politicians who once defended us now cut our funds while blaming the social services for the country's economic decline;**
- **Because priorities once hidden are now publically announced; military strength over mental health, capital formation over jobs, food, and housing;**

- **Because the professional journals and conferences are filled with narrow discussions of accountability and private practice**

By ignoring the true economic and political nature of the current crisis and by removing itself from the real concerns of the majority of workers and clients, the social service field has lost its way.

This requires a critical response which CATALYST takes as its task. CATALYST will examine existing social service policy and practice and will provide a vehicle for developing alternative analyses and practice models. In it you will find:

- **A radical critique of psychotherapy, casework groupwork, community organizing and planning;**
- **Essays on the political economy of the social services**
- **A socialist analysis of social welfare policy;**
- **Reports on the organizing struggles of workers and clients;**
- **Explorations of ways the social services can perform a liberating function;**

But above all we seek to stimulate new thought and activity among our readers and to provide an open exchange of ideas. In this way we believe we can contribute to building a democratic and independent socialist movement. If you share our concerns, we invite you to join us.

### **TABLE OF CONTENTS Volume I, Number 1**

- Towards a New Age of Social Services: Lessons to be Learned from our History*
- Black Organizing: The Need for a Conceptual Model of the Ghetto*
- Social Welfare in Capitalism: A Socialist Analysis*
- Radical Therapy: A Gestalt Perspective*
- Social Workers, Class & Professionalism*
- PLUS other features, news and book reviews.

### **FOR CATALYST**

MIMI ABRAMOVITZ  
KATHERINE ACEY  
JOEL BLAU  
PETER BREST  
MARCIA COHEN  
CHRISTOPHER DYKEMA  
MARY FITZPATRICK  
CYNDY GILBERTSON  
JENNY GREEN LEE

ARTHUR MAGLIN  
LOUIS MEDVENE  
LINDA MOCKLER  
JAN ORZECK  
ROBERT ROHER  
BRAD SMITH  
BETH ROSENTHAL  
DAVID WAGNER