

Dr. Alfred Joseph Kahn, who was born on February 8, 1919 and died on February 13, 2009, at age 90, was a renowned social policy and social planning scholar and educator. He taught at Columbia University for 57 years and pioneered comparative international research in child and family policy. In 1952, Dr. Kahn was awarded the first social welfare doctorate in NYS. He served as consultant to federal, state, and local agencies, international organizations, and foreign governments. A relentless advocate, Dr. Kahn made innovative contributions to social planning and social policy theory, social welfare programs, and graduate social work education. Dr. Kahn's international comparative social policy research with Professor Sheila B. Kamerman alerted American policy makers to needs and options in child care, maternity and parental leaves, child welfare, and poverty and welfare issues. Early in his career (1947 - 1966), as consultant to New York's Citizen's Committee For Children (CCC), Dr. Kahn provided leadership to research staff and community lay leaders, and he authored some 15 studies of city and state programs concerned with truancy, youth, police, children's court, protective services, and child guidance programs for children in trouble. The widely-publicized and discussed results offered blueprints for local reform and national attention. They were also the foundation for a 1963 book by Dr. Kahn with a Foreword by Eleanor Roosevelt, *Planning Community Services For Children In Trouble*. In the 1980s, Dr. Kahn chaired the influential Committee on Child Development Research and Public Policy of The National Academy of Science.

As author and/or editor, Dr. Kahn produced over 50 books and 300 articles and chapters that continue to have impact worldwide. He received numerous awards and honors from universities and professional associations, among them, several honorary degrees, including one from the University of York in England. Degrees: B.S.S., CCNY, 1939; B. Heb. Lit, Seminary College of Jewish Studies, 1940; M.S. 1946 and D.S.W. 1952, Columbia University. For further detail, see Marquis' *Who's Who In America* (all editions since 1967) and *Who's Who In The World*.