In autumn of 1962, the United States Congress passed legislation establishing within the Public Health Service an Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Or.Robert A.Aldrich has been appointed Director.

The new Institute will be concerned with research on the continuing process of growth and development from conception to old age. The program is expected to include research and training in such areas as: biological and physiological aspects of the processes of human reproduction, growth, and development (with studies on genetics, comparative anatomy, physiology, and biochemistry in relation to the problems of child health and human development); maturation processes, including physical, intellectual, and social development (with emphasis upon behavioral aspects and upon normal development); and biological, medical, and behavioral aspects of aging.

The Centers for Research in Ageing and in Child Health, now located in the Division of General Medical Sciences, will be transferred to the new Institute.

The law authorizes the Institute to conduct, as well as support, research; but plans for intramural programs have not yet been developed.