home, or placing him in a group home or other institution.

Duquette and others involved in the U-M child advocacy program stress that recent national statistics showing widespread child abuse underline the need for efforts to investigate the problem and train professionals to work in the area. According to recent figures, there are more than one million cases of child abuse and neglect reported nationally each year and an estimated 600,000 unreported cases.

The long-range goals of the U-M clinical programs in the three professional schools are to generate research and to develop training materials for students and professionals, according to Duquette.

Another goal for the Law School, says Duquette, is to motivate students to work in the general area of "family law," which includes child abuse cases.

"Generally, within the legal profession, family law has a low status," says Duquette. "Actually, family law presents complex, intellectually taxing and socially relevant challenges both in law and in interpersonal relationships. One of our hopes is to attract students to this area, and we seem to be achieving this."

Eventually, Duquette would like to establish continuing education programs dealing with child abuse for practicing lawyers.

The six U-M law students participating in the child advocacy program this semester are receiving academic credit for their work. "Their work on actual cases provides them an opportunity to develop interviewing, counseling and negotiating skills in sensitive and emotional situations," says Duquette.

"They have conducted actual court hearings which have sometimes included the use of expert witnesses. In addition to actual legal experience, the students take part in mock trials dealing with child abuse and attend seminars featuring specialists in a variety of related fields."

Duquette himself has been closely involved with child abuse problems as both a social worker and a lawyer. He was a social worker in Muskegon, Mich., for three years before attending U-M Law School. After receiving his law degree he became assistant professor in the Medical School at Michigan State University, where he was involved in teaching and in child advocacy litigation.

Others from U-M Law School active in the child advocacy project are Dr. Andrew Watson, professor of psychiatry and law, and Steven Pepe, who heads all clinical law programs at the Law School.

Heading the child advocacy clinical program at the U-M Medical School is Dr. Mark Hildebrand, while Prof. Paul Glasser is directing the program at the U-M School of Social Work. Other active participants include Dr. Jack Pascoe, a pediatrician, Dr. Ann Snyder, a psychiatrist, and Janet Stubb, a pediatric psychologist, all of whom are with the U-M.

The child advocacy program, formerly known as the U-M Interdisciplinary Program for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, is headquartered at 202 East Washington Street, Room 507, in Ann Arbor (phone: 313-763-5000).

The Towsley Foundation, which is funding the project, is named for Dr. and Mrs. Harry Towsley of Ann Arbor. Dr. Towsley is professor emeritus of pediatrics at the U-M and also served as chairman of the Department of Continuing Medical Education in Health Sciences. Mrs. Towsley, a Michigan graduate, for the past 35 years has directed the Children's Play School of Ann Arbor.

The Towsley Foundation has assisted the University and the Ann Arbor community with its support since the foundation was established in 1960.

"Flying Professor" Named "Top Gun" In Competition

Law students owed by U-M Prof. James White's rapid-fire delivery and pointed questions in class might be interested to know that the professor received "top gun" honors in a recent non-legal competition.

White, who is a lieutenant colonel in the Air National Guard, earned the "top gun" honors among units of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing in simulated military operations.

White, a member of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group of the Ohio Air National Guard and commander of the 112th squadron, flew an F-100 in the competition.

The "flying professor" had the highest aggregate score in dive-bombing, low-angle bombing, and strafing among 32 pilots.

He was competing against pilots not only from the 180th fighter group but also from groups in Columbus and Springfield, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Students Help Taxpayers With Contested Returns

A group of U-M law students is helping taxpayers whose returns are audited confront the federal bureaucracy.

In a program authorized by both the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the U.S. Treasury Department, the law students are participating in a new "clinical" course under which they offer free legal counsel to clients whose returns have been contested by the IRS.

Douglas Kahn, one of the professors who initiated the program, notes that potential clients will be limited to those with tax problems under $1,000.

Kahn believes the program will perform a "valuable public service to both low and middle income taxpayers who would not usually choose to hire an attorney to assist with their tax problems."

"For a large part of the public," says Kahn, "income tax problems create tremendous friction. This is particularly true if a taxpayer whose returns have been audited feels that he is right but does not want to go through the bureaucratic process of pleading his case."

The U-M tax program is supported by a grant from the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR), a Ford Foundation affiliate. The program is one of only three in the country. The other two are at Hofstra University in New York and Southern Methodist University in Texas.

The U-M program is being supervised by a local tax attorney, Charles Ladd. Participating students may also seek advice from the Law School's two tax specialists, Prof. Kahn and Prof. L. Hart Wright.

The program is being limited to six students each term to ensure close faculty supervision, notes Prof. Kahn. As with other Law School "clinical" programs, the students will discuss their experiences at law school seminars and receive academic credit for their work.