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ABSTRACT

The directory lists 66 national voluntary agencies which are involved either directly or indirectly in providing services for the mentally retarded. Each agency has described in its own words its activities, role, and relationship to the mentally retarded. Addresses and telephone numbers of the national office of each organization are also included, although most organizations have many local chapters which interested persons may contact for further information or services. (KW)

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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON MENTAL RETARDATION

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to the
Mentally
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"The way in which a society responds to the needs of the handicapped is a good measure of civilization itself. We are more aware today than ever before of the interdependence of human beings. We understand that whatever diminishes anyone diminishes everyone."

**—PCMR Chairman ELLIOT RICHARDSON, Secretary,
U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare**

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FOREWORD

There has long been a need, from the grass roots all the way to Washington, to find out who is doing what for the mentally retarded.

This publication is designed to be at least a first step toward indicating services the national voluntary agencies perform either directly or indirectly for the retarded.

Each agency included here has described in its own words its relationship to the mentally retarded.

This directory should serve as a source of information, as well as a generative force for action. We feel that every individual seeking help for a retarded person will find in these pages at least one organization with a nearby chapter.

In turn, the organizations can use this directory to find other groups engaged in a variety of services for the retarded, with each forming a particular and needed part of the mosaic of services required to help the retarded live more normal lives.

Nationally, the directory can give guidance to nationwide coordinated programs on behalf of the retarded, with a minimum of wasted effort.

The list is not complete. Some groups that are performing services for the retarded have no doubt been left out inadvertently. Others, we hope, will join the list as they become aware of their role in shaping the world for the retarded.

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**AMERICAN ACADEMY
OF CHILD PSYCHIATRY**
1011 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Riverside, Rhode Island 02915
(401) 434-3400

The American Academy of Child Psychiatry is particularly interested in the emotional and psychological problems posed by retardation, the contributing factors, and the effect on the family and child. The Academy is concerned with methods of treatment to diminish the effects of emotional stresses upon the retarded child's development. It seeks the best way to collaborate with other disciplines and agencies in this task.

**AMERICAN
ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS**
1801 Hinman Avenue
Evanston, Illinois 60204
(312) 869-4255

The American Academy of Pediatrics is the national association of Board-certified pediatricians with membership in the United States, Canada, Central and South America. Its primary purpose is to "foster and stimulate interest in pediatrics and correlate all aspects of work for the welfare of children." Through its Committee on Fetus and Newborn, the Academy attempts to prevent and encourage prompt diagnosis and treatment of those conditions in the fetus and newborn which may lead to mental retardation. Through its Committee on Children with Handicaps, the Academy strives for prompt diagnosis, treatment and care for all retarded infants and children.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
FOR HEALTH, PHYSICAL
EDUCATION, AND RECREATION**
Unit on Programs for
the Handicapped
1201 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 223-9400

The premise of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (AAHPER), is that regular and active participation in vigorous physical activities and wholesome recreational endeavors contribute significantly to the total growth and development of all the mentally retarded.

Major areas of concern of AAHPER's Unit on Programs for the Handicapped include: Leadership preparation for personnel in the field, for those in professional preparation programs, and for volunteers, parents, and the lay community; research through initiating and sponsoring pertinent studies and projects, and by serving as an information center for research activities in the areas of concern; program interpretation through various publications; and consultive services for organizations involved in physical education, recreation, health, and safety programs for the retarded, and through individual services. Representative of activities of the unit is *Challenge*, a bi-monthly newsletter.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
ON MENTAL DEFICIENCY**
5201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015
(202) 244-8143

The American Association on Mental Deficiency, founded in 1876, is the only inter-disciplinary professional and scientific society concentrating wholly on the problem of mental retardation.

The objective of the Association is to promote the general welfare of mentally subnormal and deficient persons, by furthering the creation and dissemination of knowledge of mental deficiency, by facilitating cooperation among professional persons engaged in work in the field of mental deficiency and allied fields, and by encouraging the highest standards of treatment of the mentally deficient.

The AAMD promotes and encourages research, training of qualified personnel and over-all program development at the community, state, and national levels. Major publications include *The American Journal of Mental Deficiency*, a listing of *State and Private Training Schools and Homes for the Retarded*, a membership *Directory* and a number of significant monographs.

**AMERICAN
CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION**
156 Fifth Avenue, New York,
New York 10010
(212) 675-5990

The American Civil Liberties Union is concerned about various facets of mental illness that affect personal liberties covering three broad areas: The question of commitment to mental institutions; the rights of patients when they are incarcerated, including the right of treatment, censorship of mail, etc.; and procedures governing their release. While we are just now studying the issue of mental retardation in the context of civil liberties guarantees, we are always concerned with the protection of civil rights for all persons and will examine each issue and case coming to our attention.

**THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
OBSTETRICIANS
AND GYNECOLOGISTS**
79 West Monroe Street,
Chicago, Illinois 60603
(312) 236-6814

In the field of mental retardation The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is primarily concerned with prevention. By the development and publication of standards of obstetric-gynecologic care the College attempts to improve the preconceptional, as well as the antepartal care of all women, so that their babies may be well born. The College's Committees on Maternal Health and on Mental Retardation and Perinatal Health exemplify these efforts. Significant parts of the College's scientific programs for obstetrician-gynecologists, for general practitioners and for residents are devoted to the genetic, maternal, fetal and perinatal aspects of the prevention of mental retardation.

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION
 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20006
 (202) 298-6940

The dental profession has become increasingly concerned over the problem of assuring that dental illnesses and dental diseases are not overlooked in the treatment and rehabilitation of patients afflicted with mental problems. Mentally retarded children are of particular concern.

The Association believes that in all cases the professional "team" approach should be fostered and utilized in the overall treatment and rehabilitation of retarded patients.

**AMERICAN FEDERATION
 OF LABOR
 AND CONGRESS OF
 INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS**
 815 16th Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20006
 (202) 628-3870

The AFL-CIO is interested in helping the mentally retarded and supports legislation and community-wide programs to provide the mentally retarded with proper care and training.

The AFL-CIO also participates in and supports programs to provide jobs for the mentally retarded that meet AFL-CIO standards.

**AMERICAN
 FEDERATION OF TEACHERS**
 1012 14th Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20005
 (202) 737-6141

The American Federation of Teachers has had a traditional interest in education for the mentally retarded child. The AFT believes that the mentally retarded individual has potentialities that deserve the right to develop to the fullest extent; and the school is the best qualified agency to initiate and conduct parent-education programs, educational research and curriculum development.

The AFT advocates that the mentally retarded child be (1) educationally diagnosed, (2) physically examined, (3) placed in the best educational program available, (4) taught by qualified personnel, (5) periodically evaluated as to progress, further training, personal and social adjustment.

**AMERICAN HOSPITAL
 ASSOCIATION**
 840 North Lake Shore Drive
 Chicago, Illinois 60611
 (312) 645-9400

The American Hospital Association has actively supported mental health programs in federal legislation as well as through support of mental health through prepayment. We recognize mental retardation as a part of the overall program of mental health and believe it is essential to the health care systems that acute health, mental health including mental retardation, be part of the total health care system, thus involving the acute care institutions as well as long-term care.

The American Hospital Association has a member-

THE AMERICAN LEGION
 P.O. Box 1055
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

**AMERICAN
 MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**
 535 North Dearborn Street
 Chicago, Illinois 60610
 (312) 527-1500

ship affiliation for mental retardation institutions, thus these institutions have available to them the full service of the Association. The AHA is presently expanding its interests in mental health, including mental retardation.

The national organization of The American Legion has concerned itself with the promotion of federal and state legislation to provide improved services for the mentally retarded. Our local American Legion Posts, of which there are over 16,000 located in practically every community in America, have been urged by this division to cooperate with local groups for the mentally retarded. This cooperation at the local level has resulted in various types of recreational activities for the retarded, procurement of school equipment, scholarships for post-graduate training in special education and provision of physical facilities for classrooms for mentally retarded children.

The American Legion Auxiliary, an organization of approximately one million women, has provided substantial assistance for the mentally retarded along the same lines as listed above for The American Legion.

The brochure, *Retarded Children*, is made available to all local posts of The American Legion and units of the American Legion Auxiliary in an effort to encourage their participation in mental retardation activities at the local level.

The American Medical Association is a national professional society of physicians with 50 state associations plus district and territorial associations and county societies.

It has sustained interest in mental retardation, both in the provision of adequate facilities and in transmitting to physicians practical information which can be useful in their practice. The AMA actively supported federal legislation for construction of community mental retardation facilities.

In 1964, its Council on Mental Health and Committee on Maternal and Child Care sponsored a conference of 175 mental retardation professionals to stimulate positive programs directed toward improved methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment. The proceedings of this conference formed the basis for the publication the following year of *Mental Retardation: A Handbook for the Primary Physician* which is distributed annually to a given class of medical students in each medical school in the country.

Mental retardation also is of concern to appropriate committees of state and county medical societies. Liaison with state society committees is maintained by the AMA Council on Mental Health and Department of Mental Health.

**THE AMERICAN
NATIONAL RED CROSS**
17th & D Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 737-8300

The American National Red Cross Safety Program, through selected Red Cross chapters and at several of its annual aquatic schools, offers an instructor course in swimming for the handicapped, including the mentally retarded. One entire chapter in the instructor's manual, *Swimming for the Handicapped*, is devoted to teaching the mentally retarded.

In addition, many Red Cross chapters provide adult and/or youth volunteers to assist the staff of community agencies and institutions which conduct programs for the retarded. Red Cross volunteers assist with a wide range of services in the areas of physical care, education and recreation. The extent of assistance in each community depends on the need for volunteers expressed by agencies and on the resources of the local chapter.

**AMERICAN
NURSES' ASSOCIATION**
10 Columbus Circle
New York, New York 10019
(212) 582-7230

Purposes of the American Nurses' Association are to promote the professional and educational advancement of nurses, to elevate the standard of nursing education . . . to disseminate information on the subject of nursing.

Nursing care of the mentally retarded is a concern of the American Nurses' Association. Articles have been published in nursing journals. State Nurses Associations have participated with other health agencies in bringing health workers up to date on the work being done with tests and treatment of the mentally retarded.

The ANA has testified on mental retardation legislation, and maintains working relationships with other organizations, governmental and voluntary, that are concerned with mental retardation.

**AMERICAN
OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION**
Cafritz Building
1625 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 296-4590

The problems of the mentally handicapped are recognized by the American Osteopathic Association as having social, economic and medical peculiarities requiring the total resources of the community to ease the burden of these problems for affected individuals and their families. Every individual should be given opportunity to reach his fullest

potential. To help insure this for mentally retarded people, the AOA urges its members, members of affiliated associations and auxiliaries to participate as physicians and as private citizens, wherever possible, in the development, functioning and expansion of local programs directed to this end.

**AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC
ASSOCIATION**

1700 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009
(202) 232-7878

Perhaps no other problem requires as delicate a blending of the science and art of medicine as mental retardation. Certainly no other problem in management necessitates a fuller use of other professional disciplines and community resources. The ultimate goal is . . . prevention. Medicine has a large role to play in this connection, for it is estimated that approximately 60 percent of cases are preventable. Although social factors are significant, medical considerations are also prominent. The physician is in a strategic position to identify mental retardation early, since he is usually the first professional person to have continuing contact with the infant and the young child

The APA is a member organization on the Categorical Council for Accreditation of Residential Centers for the Mentally Retarded of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals that establishes, standards for and surveys facilities for the mentally retarded.

**AMERICAN
PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

1200 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 296-7310

Purposes of the American Psychological Association include the advancement of psychology as a science and a means of promoting human welfare; promotion of research in psychology; encouragement of high standards of professional ethics, conduct and education; and the enhancement of the application of research findings and applied skills to the promotion of public welfare.

Within the Association, the activities of the following divisions are pertinent to mental retardation: Experimental, Evaluation and Measurement, Developmental Psychology, Personality and Social Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Educational Psychology, School Psychology, Psychologists in Public Service, and Psychological Aspects of Disability. For some years the Association has maintained a Task Force on Mental Retardation. Liaison with other groups is maintained through the Professional Affairs office in the Association's headquarters in Washington.

**AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

1740 Broadway
New York, New York 10019
(212) C15-8000

The American Public Health Association believes that the strong support for aiding the retarded, shown by the Congress in 1963 and by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare since then, has been well justified. The APHA would like to see this support continue and grow.

**AMERICAN PUBLIC WELFARE
ASSOCIATION**

1313 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637
(312) 324-3400

Serving as the national spokesman for the field of public welfare, the American Public Welfare Association's major purpose is to give leadership in the continued improvement in the programs, services and administration of public welfare.

The Association is especially interested in strengthening the contribution of public welfare to the total community effort to prevent, reduce and overcome mental retardation. Public welfare programs and services now teach more than 8 million children and adults, several hundred thousand of whom are known to be mentally retarded. The Association is vitally interested in the improvement and extension of economic, educational, health and welfare resources for these and the millions more economically and socially deprived individuals in this nation who are especially vulnerable to the causes and effects of mental retardation. APWA supports all effective efforts, both within and outside public welfare, directed toward this end.

**AMERICAN
SOCIAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

1740 Broadway
New York, New York 10019
(212) Circle 5-8000

Four major social ills of the nation comprise the fields of service of the American Social Health Association. These areas are venereal disease; drug dependence and abuse; commercialized prostitution and family life breakdown. Interest of the Association in mental retardation stems, in one instance, from its surveys of prostitutes, a number of whom are borderline cases of retardation. The Association has been instrumental, with law enforcement agencies and the courts, in referring these persons to rehabilitation centers. The Association is concerned with disseminating VD information to all of society, including the mentally retarded. The Association does not have local chapters, but serves communities by organizing leadership to work through existing organizations.

**ASSOCIATION
OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUES
OF AMERICA, INC.**

825 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(212) 355-4380

Each of the 215 Junior Leagues, located in the United States, Canada and Mexico, is autonomous in its development and implementation of programs and projects designed to meet community needs and membership interest, both being based, in part, on financial feasibility. The purpose of the Junior League is "to train its members for effective participation in the community through a program of education and volunteer service." In accordance, a League project also should include opportunities for high quality volunteer placement and administrative operation.

Over the years, many Junior Leagues have responded to the needs of the mentally retarded. Often joining with other local groups within their respective communities, Junior Leagues have developed a variety of projects, including, classes for the profoundly retarded; sheltered workshops to help high school students learn various trades; nursing schools; day care centers and day camps, to mention but a few of the many projects undertaken by Junior Leagues on behalf of the mentally retarded.

BIG BROTHERS OF AMERICA
341 Suburban Station Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103
(215) 567-2748

Presently, there are 150 Big Brother agencies affiliated with BBA throughout the United States and Canada. Several of these affiliated agencies have developed, or are developing, special demonstration projects designed to help fatherless retarded boys make the transition from institutionalization to life in the larger community by assigning specially selected and supervised Big Brothers. Additionally, other agencies serve retarded fatherless boys on a selective basis through assigning Big Brothers when it is indicated that the boy can benefit from this kind of relationship.

BLUE CROSS ASSOCIATION
840 North Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60611
(312) MO 4-2457

Blue Cross Association and its Member Plans share the concerns of many other national health organizations in the plight of those affected by mental retardation. To the extent that long-term disability can be eliminated or reduced by prompt and effective treatment of acute conditions which may lead to such disability, Blue Cross Association stands ready with its 65 million subscriber members to provide health care protection against such illness. Through the financing of such services as prompt medical and hospital attention following severe head injury, the administration of rhogam to post-partem mothers, and PKU testing immediately following childbirth, Blue Cross expresses its interest in prevention as well as treatment of mental retardation.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

New Brunswick
New Jersey 08903
(201) 249-6000

For the mentally retarded boy the upper-age limit for participation in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Exploring varies. In units sponsored by a school or parents association for retarded children, a mentally retarded boy sometimes is permitted to register as a Cub Scout for a year or two past age 10. This practice would be followed also in situations where there are not enough boys available to form a Boy Scout patrol or troop.

In many troops and posts where all members are mentally retarded (in schools and other special groups), boys are permitted to register in the program as Boy Scouts or Explorers when they are 17 years of age and older.

Teachers, parents and leaders in activities for mentally retarded boys recognize the values of Scouting in the training and education of such boys.

BOYS' CLUBS OF AMERICA

771 First Avenue
New York, New York 10017
(212) 684-4400

Numerous affiliated Clubs of the Boys' Clubs of America throughout the country have provided physical facilities for organizations that work directly with the retarded. In other instances individual Boys' Clubs have conducted special education, recreation, and social activities which provide, either exclusively or together with regular Club members, opportunities for retarded children to take part in the activities of the Club. The local telephone directory gives the name and number of the nearest Boys' Club.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS, INC.

65 Worth Street
New York, New York 10013
(212) 925-1980

Camp Fire Girls, Inc., recognizing that the basic needs and desires of all girls are the same, has for many years included retarded girls in its membership. These girls participate in neighborhood groups, in special schools, in rooms for retarded in regular schools and in a variety of institutions giving attention to the retardate. Every effort is made to use the normal program but to pace its activities to suit the girls who learn more slowly. Our goal is to help them to have happy experiences and to become increasingly secure and responsible social beings who are accepted by their families and friends.

**CHILD STUDY ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA, INC.**

9 East 89th Street
New York, New York 10028
(212) AT9-2600

The Child Study Association of America has developed methods of group education and individual counseling that have special significance for parents of mentally retarded children. Through these methods, parents of handicapped children have been helped to reach a better under-

**CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE
OF AMERICA, INC.**
44 East 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010
(212) 254-7410

CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL
115 North 21st Street
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
(205) 324-7554

standing of their children as individuals and to meet the problems imposed by the particular handicap

At present the Association provides training for social workers who work with retarded children and their families in group educational approaches. The Association also provides such training programs for selected persons from other disciplines involved in mental retardation—nurses, psychologists, educators, physical, recreational and occupational therapists and others.

The Child Welfare League of America views the development, extension, and improvement of child welfare services for the mentally retarded child and his family as being an appropriate and timely area of concern for the child welfare field. Further, it believes that the child welfare field should join in accumulated wisdom and experience to concerted planning efforts with other professional groups involved in this social problem.

Many of the CWLA's basic publications, with slight adaptation, are applicable to child welfare services for mentally retarded children and their families.

Rehabilitation, treatment, scholarships for teachers of the mentally retarded, training centers and other facilities are among the programs to aid the mentally retarded, supported by Civitans through the years. . . . Research has also been among the top departments receiving Civitan help.

New treatment, new insight into the problems and needs of the mentally retarded have been created; new teaching methods put into practice, and inventions for educational instruction made available through these Civitan projects in the expanding and progressive development of aid to the mentally retarded.

Civitan International is a pioneer among service clubs in aid to the mentally retarded child. Its entry into this field started approximately twenty years ago through the activities of local Civitan Clubs. Work on the international level began when this program was adopted as a primary project of Civitan International at the annual convention in 1956. Civitan International works very closely with the National Association for Retarded Children and annually awards several trophies and honorariums to NARC chapters whose work has been judged most commendable.

**THE COUNCIL FOR
EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**
900 Jefferson Plaza
1499 Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Arlington, Va. 22202
(703) 521-8820

The primary purpose of The Council for Exceptional Children is to promote the adequate education of exceptional children. Its methods of work for accomplishing this basic purpose include the following:

1. Cooperating with educational and other organizations and school administrators, supervisors, parents and teachers, to assist in the improvement of education for all children and youth.

2. Cooperating with public and private, local, state and national organizations which are interested in the education of exceptional children. This cooperation is carried out through various levels of the CEC structure.

3. Encouraging good professional relationships with various disciplines which are concerned with the identification, treatment, and care of exceptional children.

4. Encouraging the professional growth of Council members.

5. Promoting adequate standards for professional personnel engaged in the education of exceptional children.

6. Stimulating and encouraging research about the education of exceptional children and assisting in the dissemination of the findings of such research.

7. The publishing of *Exceptional Children*, the official journal of CEC, and other publications designed to strengthen and reinforce the educational processes for exceptional children.

The Division of Mental Retardation of the CEC particularizes the goals of CEC as they affect the mentally retarded.

**COUNCIL
ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION**
345 East 46th Street
New York, New York 10017
(212) OXford 7-0467

The Council on Social Work Education, responsible for the quality and quantity of social work education at all levels, has as one of its stated purposes the continuing enrichment of the curriculum to ensure its relevance to human well-being. Learning to work with the mentally retarded illuminates understanding of human behavior and the social environment and the interaction between behavior and environment; it provides vivid illustration of social services and social policy as they affect, and are affected by, the needs and rights of special groups of the disadvantaged in our society; it gives new evidence of the range of interventive measures that are necessary if the goals of prevention, treatment, and control are truly to be achieved.

**EPILEPSY FOUNDATION
OF AMERICA**

733 15th Street, N.W.
Suite 1116
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 638-4350

The Epilepsy Foundation of America was created by the merger of two nationally respected organizations, Epilepsy Association of America and The Epilepsy Foundation of America, from its National Headquarters in Washington and through sixty local affiliates, aims to promote better understanding of epilepsy through public and professional education and basic scientific research.

Within the program of Epilepsy Foundation of America there are opportunities for referral services at the local and national level for the mentally retarded individual who also suffers convulsive disorders.

The consultation services of Epilepsy Foundation of America's National Vocational Administration Center are available to government and private agencies in the area of vocational rehabilitation, to provide optimum care for epileptics who are mentally retarded.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

815 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10017
(212) 867-8400

(Section for Experimental
and Specialized Services)

It is our function to provide the Executive Council, and through it the Church, a variety of specialized and technically-oriented resources and services to assist the Church in anticipating and responding to the human situation in a society of constantly accelerating change.

A member of the Executive Council staff serves on the NCC Committee of the Department of Educational Development for Christian Education with Mentally Retarded Persons. This committee is developing an inter-denominational curriculum for both trainable and educable persons. The committee is also planning a series of interfaith conferences on the ministry to retarded persons and their families.

**FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA**

44 East 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010
(212) 674-6100

Membership of the Family Service Association of America includes more than 300 Family Service Agencies throughout the United States and Canada. These agencies provide casework and counseling services for individuals and families.

Many of these member agencies are serving families whose problems center around a mentally retarded child. Some agencies offer such allied services as homemaker services and foster home care. Some have special programs for children and in some instances have been concerned with

provision of nursery school or residential care for mentally retarded children.

Currently FSAA is participating with National Urban League and National Association for Retarded Children in a pilot program of education, action and research. In five cities, local agencies affiliated with the three national groups are involved in a coordinated effort to blend our individual skills, knowledge and resources in order to reach and serve low income families with one or more members who are mentally retarded.

**DIVISION OF 4-H—
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Federal Extension Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250
(202) 388-5673

The 4-H philosophy of "learning by doing" offers a mentally retarded person an action program keyed to his individual ability as well as a group experience. The 4-H projects include cooking, sewing, knitting, woodworking, gardening, caring for animals, and many other subjects closely related to daily living. Such projects as forestry, photography, and geology develop additional interests. Demonstrations of good health practices and personal grooming often are included at club meetings.

We find many examples of mentally retarded youth having meaningful experiences at 4-H camps in outdoor settings.

**GIRL SCOUTS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

830 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(212) PL 1-6900

Girl Scouting's informal educational program has been open to mentally retarded girls since the late 1930's. Many retarded girls belong to troops affiliated with special schools, with local associations serving retarded children, or with special classes in the public schools; some belong to troops of non-handicapped girls in their own neighborhoods—a trend which appears to be growing.

It is the aim of Girls Scouts of the U.S.A. to make the retarded girl's scouting experience as much like that of non-retarded girls her age as possible. For that reason, there is no "special" Girl Scout program for retarded youngsters. The mentally retarded girl wears the Girl Scout uniform appropriate to her chronological age, pursues the activities (adapted, if necessary) designed for that age group and "graduates" from Girl Scouting at the same age as do non-handicapped girls. Guidance for leaders working with handicapped girls—including those who are mentally retarded—is contained in the publication, *Handicapped Girls and Girl Scouting*.

**GIRLS CLUBS
OF AMERICA, INC.**
133 East 62nd Street
New York, New York 10021
(212) 832-7756

Girls Clubs accept retarded and handicapped children as members if the individual child is able to participate beneficially in the program. Activities and classes include cooking, sewing, physical fitness, swimming, arts, camping and community service. In addition, some clubs, such as those in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, have undertaken special programs in swimming and camping for more severely retarded children. Special programs like these can be conducted in cooperation with schools or local associations for retarded children when qualified staff can be made available and the individual Girls Club facilities are not being used by girl members or other community groups.

Girls Clubs provide a daily after-school and weekend program for girls from first grade through high school. There are approximately 150 clubhouse centers in the United States and Canada serving 100,000 girls, most of whom live in crowded urban areas.

**GOODWILL INDUSTRIES
OF AMERICA, INC.**
9200 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20014
(301) 530-6500

One hundred and forty Goodwill Industries throughout the United States, under the leadership of its national membership body, Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., provide vocational rehabilitation services to a substantial number of mentally retarded adults. The percentage of persons with neuro-mental-social handicaps has been increasing steadily in recent years, and over 40 percent of all clients served currently are in this category. This amounts to about 40,000 persons annually.

Through referrals from private agencies, state vocational rehabilitation services and other sources, Goodwill Industries accept clients for a range of services, including medical and psychological examination, counseling, pre-vocational testing, evaluation, training, work experience, sheltered employment and placement. Services generally are provided on a fee basis, and those assigned to the workshop program earn wages based on productivity.

**THE GROUP FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHIATRY**
419 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016
(212) 889-5760

The life-long nature of the retarded individual's problem reinforces the need for the kind of over-all care that is the physician's logical concern. He can and should function as an ongoing part of the team whose other members may change according to the age and needs of the retarded person and his family. Mild retardation is a very

broad problem that has social, cultural, educational, vocational, and medical aspects. Many of the retarded children and their families are little aware of the existence of good medical care and how to obtain it. Some turn quickly to the physician, often with hopes of magical solution.

The problems of the mildly mentally retarded are confronting the medical profession with a challenging set of tasks. It is essential that the growing body of knowledge in this field be shared as rapidly as possible so that it can be more widely and more effectively utilized.

The Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry participates in the dissemination of knowledge concerning mental retardation through the publication and distribution of reports formulated by its Committee on Mental Retardation.

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF
REHABILITATION FACILITIES**
7979 Old Georgetown Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20014
(301) 654-5882

The purpose of this organization is to assist in the development and improvement of services of member facilities which have integrated, coordinated, individualized programs appropriate to the goals of the facility, and which are engaged in restorative, adjustive, vocational, evaluative, training, employment, and sheltered work services to the handicapped, including the physically, mentally, socially, culturally, technologically and educationally impaired.

**THE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR.
FOUNDATION**
719 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 347-1731

The Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation engages in a program of support of scientific research, care and treatment in the area of mental retardation. The ultimate aim of the Foundation is to discover the causes of mental retardation and seek ways of preventing this affliction.

Major research projects have been established in nine universities throughout the country. In addition, fourteen institutions for diagnosis, treatment and education of the mentally retarded are supported by the Foundation. Assets are in excess of \$10,000,000.

Types of support include senior scholars at selected universities; research and training programs; service grants primarily in physical education; construction grants for university mental retardation programs. Fields of interest in mental retardation are biological and behavioral research on etiology and treatment including education, and physical education and recreation.

The Kennedy Foundation prefers to select its own grantees, but is willing to receive applications. Senior Scholar support for research related to mental retardation has been awarded in neurology, genetics, biochemistry, pediatric neurology, virology, obstetrics, pediatrics, embryology, experimental psychology, neurochemistry, neurosurgery, child psychiatry and physiology, special education and physical education.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

101 East Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611
(312) 943-2300

While assistance to the mentally retarded is not currently a major emphasis of Kiwanis International, recommendations for programs of assistance are always included in our annual programs distributed to clubs. A bulletin with suggested projects is available to all clubs.

Among projects which clubs report are entertainment programs at institutions, sponsorship of Scout units for the retarded, the provision of staff and facilities for exceptional children, recreation and outings, employment and assistance, etc. Each Kiwanis Club is autonomous in selecting its service projects.

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

10 Columbus Circle
New York, New York 10019
(212) 757-7800

The National Association for Mental Health is a national voluntary citizens' organization.

The interest of the NAMH in mental retardation stems from the following concerns and considerations:

- The NAMH is concerned with all the mentally ill, including those who are also mentally retarded.
- The mentally retarded and the mentally ill are often cared for in the same institutions or in facilities operated by the same authority. Therefore, the NAMH, in working to bring about the highest standards of service in such institutions and facilities, is working in behalf of the mentally retarded, as well as the mentally ill.
- Many past and ongoing NAMH research efforts—particularly in biochemistry, genetics, and traumas—may well prove beneficial to the field of mental retardation. Similarly, such research by others in the fields of both mental retardation and mental illness may prove mutually beneficial to both fields.
- Legislation supported by NAMH frequently embraces

programs and appropriations designed to assist the mentally retarded, as well as the mentally ill.

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR RETARDED CHILDREN**
2709 Avenue E East
Arlington, Texas 76010
(817) 261-4961

The purpose of the National Association for Retarded Children and its state and over 1,300 local member units is to promote the welfare of all the mentally retarded and, through stimulation of research, improved prenatal care and techniques of early intervention to prevent mental retardation in children of the future.

NARC develops and makes available to local units comprehensive consultative services, both in scientific fields and in practical methods of meeting everyday problems. NARC also has the facilities to prepare literature and materials for local guidance or use. NARC develops training materials and works in the field of the recruitment of needed professional people; it promotes public and professional education.

Over the years, this organization has reached out beyond its own membership through research programs in mental retardation and interest in prevention. It also has to an encouraging degree been reaching out to other community leaders and professional advisers to promote public awareness and to help establish a wider range of services.

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF COORDINATORS
OF STATE PROGRAMS
FOR THE
MENTALLY RETARDED, INC.**
Charles D. Barnett, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Mental Retardation
South Carolina Dept.
of Mental Retardation
Columbia, S.C.
(803) 758-3671

The corporation is organized not for profit, but for the general and exclusive purpose of conducting educational, benevolent and scientific activities pertinent to the field of mental retardation. To this end, the corporation shall promote mutual assistance, cooperation and research in the administration of programs in mental retardation, (1) through development of data, studies, and trends in mental retardation, and (2) through encouragement of the exchange of information, experience, and ideas relating to care, treatment, training, research, institutional facilities, financial factors and other relevant data in the administration of public mental retardation programs in the various states.

It is the intent of this organization to convey to our Governors the definite conviction that progress in the field of mental retardation will be enhanced and expedited with a minimum of confusion and cross purposes by the designation of a knowledgeable person to bring together tangible and intangible resources, as well as the collective wisdom of

the many agencies and organizations playing major roles in this problem of such intense national concern.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF MANUFACTURERS**
918 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 737-3630

The Association believes that the business community should muster its best resources (knowledge, manpower, and financial support) in an effort to develop effective, imaginative approaches to solving educational problems of our urban centers and rural areas.

Particular attention should be given to the problems of the disadvantaged groups and to methods or techniques for accelerating their education and employability.

NAM's booklet, *Effectively Employing the Hard Core*, describes a number of techniques applicable to the mentally retarded.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF SOCIAL WORKERS**
2 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016
(212) 686-7128

The program of the National Association of Social Workers has three primary objectives:

1. To promote activities that strengthen and unify the social work profession;
2. To stimulate sound and continuous development of various areas of social work practice as a contribution to the meeting of human needs; and
3. To contribute effectively to the improvement of social conditions.

The NASW program related to the field of mental retardation is concerned with the social component in mental retardation—its origin and diagnosis; its consequences for the individual, his family and his community; its amelioration and prevention.

Future Association programs should promote an accepting attitude toward programs for the prevention of mental retardation and the prevention and amelioration of associated social problems.

Beyond affirming the rights and dignity of every man, social work in the field of mental retardation reaffirms the right to be different as an essential human right; it affords the same consideration of need to the socially dependent as to the socially productive; it honors the value of sustaining people even if minimum social functioning represents maximum achievement; and it accepts and promotes the belief that service must be adapted to people, not people to service.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF STATE MENTAL
HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS**

Suite 800, Dodge House
20 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202) 638-2383

The National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors is an association of 54 state treatment programs for the mentally ill and mentally retarded.

The association is a cooperating affiliate of the Council of State Governments.

Representatives of the states are formally responsible for administration of state residential and day-care programs for the mentally retarded in 37 states and territories. (In all 50 states, however, retardates are treated in the institutions administered by members.)

The Association performs the following functions for the state MH-MR agencies: (1) coordinates information on state programs, (2) advises on federal legislative developments, (3) maintains liaison with federal agencies, and (4) maintains liaison with national organizations.

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC
EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

1 Dupont Circle
Room 350
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 293-5954

The National Catholic Educational Association's Department of Special Education cooperates with dioceses throughout the United States in planning special educational facilities and programs for mentally retarded children. These facilities may take the form of residential schools, day schools, or classes. The national office advises on plans for particular special education programs.

The Department of Special Education publishes a periodic Newsletter, sent to all members, in addition to a *Directory of Catholic Special Facilities and Programs in the United States for Handicapped Children and Adults*. Copies may be ordered through the N.C.E.A. office.

The Department also participates in an annual national convention, at which lectures panels, demonstrations, and field trips are arranged to provide a forum for the study and solution of problems relative to the education and training of the mentally retarded.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 332-2730

The National Conference of Catholic Charities has a deep concern for the well-being of those who require special care and service. It therefore seeks to promote legislation and programs which assist the mentally retarded and his family.

Pertinent information gathered from both public and private sources is given wide distribution through the membership of some 530 local Catholic Charities, several thou-

sand individuals, and many Catholic clinics and residential settings for the retarded.

Traditionally, the National Conference has lent support to legislation which strengthens life and promotes the dignity of individuals. The Conference goes to the local Catholic Charities offices and their boards for suggestions, recommendations for programs, and support. Through its Commissions, annual meetings and institutes it is in a position to focus on the needs in mental health and mental retardation.

**NATIONAL CONGRESS
OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS**
700 North Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611
(312) SU7-0977

The National PTA has long worked at all levels—local, council, state and national—to provide exceptional children, including the mentally retarded, with the opportunities their special needs require, and to develop a better understanding of their needs.

The Objects of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers are:

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION
OF SETTLEMENTS
AND NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS**
232 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10016
(212) 679-6110

Many of the settlement houses in our membership host or sponsor services for retarded children and adults. Believing that with training and opportunity many retarded can lead productive and satisfying lives, all of our agencies relate to specialized services and refer their members to them.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES OF CHRIST
IN THE U.S.A.**

475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10027
(212) 870-2385

THE NATIONAL GRANGE

1616 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 628-3507

NATIONAL HEALTH COUNCIL

1740 Broadway
New York, New York 10019
(212) 245-8000

**NATIONAL
JEWISH WELFARE BOARD**

15 East 26th Street
New York, New York 10010
(212) 532-4949

Recognizing the churches' concern for people with physical limitations, the National Council of Churches urges its constituent churches to support efforts designed to encourage the employment of handicapped persons. We are conscious that in our society their gainful employment not only increases their self-respect and benefits the economy of the nation, but also enables them to serve God and their fellowmen more fruitfully and in accord with their desires.

The National Grange, oldest of the nation's farm organizations, is a fore-runner in the field of vocational training. It has also supported legislation for more positive programs for the detection of mentally retarded children in public schools.

Many members of local Granges across the country are involved with mentally retarded children, particularly in helping to train them for jobs and everyday living in rural America.

The three principal functions of the National Health Council are:

- to help member agencies work together more effectively in the public interest;
- to identify national health problems of concern to a majority of member agencies and to promote the solution of those problems;
- to further the improvement of state and local health services both governmental and voluntary.

The broad coordinating program of the National Health Council includes concern for mental retardation as a national health problem. The major national health organizations with concern for mental retardation are members of the Council.

Jewish Community Centers, affiliates of the National Jewish Welfare Board, singularly and in collaboration with local community agencies in the voluntary and public sector, sponsor and house special programs to serve the mentally retarded child and his family. These Centers provide a wide range of groups wherein, by means of adult intervention,

mentally retarded children can be individually placed in order to interact with normal peers.

Programs for the EMR child and his family are conducted during the school year at the Jewish Community Centers and during the summer in country camps and day camps under their auspice. To complement this service, Centers, in consultation with appropriate bodies serving the mentally retarded, provide counselling to parents and carry out staff training programs.

The National Jewish Welfare Board maintains liaison with appropriate national bodies related to current developments and concerns around the mentally retarded child. It is the repository of information and experiences of Jewish Community Centers. In its national capacity it provides counsel and resources to the Jewish Community Centers as they carry out programs to serve these children.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE
FOR NURSING**
10 Columbus Circle
New York, New York 10019
(212) JUdson 2-1022

The National League for Nursing is a membership organization for cooperative action by nurses, allied professional persons, other citizens, nursing service agencies, and schools of nursing to improve nursing. It fosters community planning for nursing, the development of nursing manpower, and high standards of nursing service and education.

Within the program of NLN there are opportunities for consultation services related to problems associated with nursing in mental retardation in the broad areas of prevention, habilitation, continuing care, and community education and planning for nursing services as related to these activities.

Consultation services to institutions for care of the retarded, public health nursing agencies, and community planning for nursing are offered through the Department of Hospital and Related Institutional Nursing Services, Department of Public Health Nursing Services, and Services for Community Planning for Nursing respectively.

**NATIONAL
PUBLIC RELATIONS COUNCIL
OF HEALTH AND
WELFARE SERVICES, INC.**
419 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016
(212) 685-6650

The Council is a membership organization primarily concerned with the public relations of health, welfare, recreation, character-building, and related non-profit organizations. Through a variety of services and activities, it aims to discharge its stated purpose: ". . . To study and improve public education and public relations practice in the fields of health, welfare, and cultural activities." It was established in 1922.

As a clearinghouse, the Council collects and disseminates information and ideas to serve the needs and interests of member agencies. It also maintains a loan library of materials on scores of subjects for the use of members. It publishes a semi-monthly newsletter, *Channels*, reporting trends and practices in public relations, public education, fundraising, etc. It also publishes low-cost, how-to-do-it manuals on public relations and allied subjects.

**NATIONAL RECREATION
AND PARK ASSOCIATION**
1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 223-3030

N.R.P.A. is an independent, nonprofit, educational and service organization dedicated to the conservation of natural resources, the beautification of the environment and the development, expansion and improvement of park and recreation programs, facilities and services for the enrichment of the lives and well-being of all our citizens.

N.R.P.A. provides services related to the mentally retarded, through its therapeutic recreation consultation service and through one of its branches, the National Therapeutic Recreation Society. The consultation service provides information and technical assistance regarding career training and opportunities in therapeutic recreation which includes mental retardation, as well as information and assistance regarding specialized programs and services to the ill and handicapped.

The National Therapeutic Recreation Society is one of the professional branches of the Association. It is made up of approximately 1,000 trained therapeutic recreation specialists who encourage professional development of therapeutic recreation personnel, advance sound administration practices in therapeutic recreation, and work or consult with committees, agencies and governments in establishing services, programs and facilities for the ill and handicapped with whom these organizations may be involved.

**NATIONAL
REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION**
1522 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005
(202) 659-2430

The National Rehabilitation Association recognizes the fact that rehabilitation programs for the mentally retarded, in the main, lag far behind programs for the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped. This situation justifies special programs for the mentally retarded over and above the normal level of rehabilitation activity in a given community, in order that steps can be made to catch up in the area of mental retardation.

State rehabilitation agencies, special education pro-

grams for the mentally retarded, and facilities designed to facilitate the rehabilitation of the mentally retarded should be included in joint community planning efforts.

NRA feels the need particularly for the coordination of educational programs in the public schools and special schools for the mentally retarded with the programs of state vocational rehabilitation agencies and rehabilitation facilities.

It will be particularly concerned for increasing appropriations to state departments of education, to state vocational rehabilitation agencies to make their programs for the mentally retarded more effective, and for the development of rehabilitation facilities.

NRA recognizes the need for an active recruitment program to interest capable individuals in careers in the field of rehabilitation, including working with the mentally retarded.

Institutional or residential programs that serve the mentally retarded must be coordinated with other programs in the community designed to serve the mentally retarded, including rehabilitation. The aim should be that a maximum number of enrollees are graduated into the community.

**TRAVELERS AID
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**
44 East 23rd Street
New York, New York 10010
(212) 254-1700

Travelers Aid Association of America is a federation of 81 autonomous, voluntary social agencies in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada. They, with the assistance of our 800 cooperating representatives, reach into 3,000 communities to serve the distinctive needs of mobile people in trouble. Persons whose problems are movement-related are offered case work services, which can include financial assistance, if needed. Travel services for people, including children, who need some measure of protection because of age or handicap, are provided. Through the intercity chain of service, maintained by TAAA, case work planning and arrangements to meet travel appointments can be worked out in two or more communities through TA agencies.

**UNITED
CEREBRAL PALSY
ASSOCIATIONS**
66 East 34th Street
New York, New York 10016
(212) 889-6655

The United Cerebral Palsy Associations is the only national voluntary agency devoted exclusively to developing and promulgating the many services which children and adults with cerebral palsy need for treatment and habilitation as well as the support of a broad-based research and professional training program.

Over 50 percent of individuals with cerebral palsy have some degree of mental retardation. Many are so severely involved as to be excluded from local community services supported by other voluntary agencies or by tax funds. In many state institutions for retarded, the proportion of patients with the diagnosis of cerebral palsy runs as high as 40 percent.

The local affiliates of UCPA are heavily committed to the provision of day care and developmental programs, particularly for those not being served by other agencies. UCP and its affiliates are making an important contribution in the field of mental retardation by pioneering services at the community level for those individuals who are both mentally and physically handicapped. The agency is also assisting many institutions to improve their facilities, equipment and techniques for managing the many clinical and case problems of such patients.

**UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
GENERAL BOARD OF
HEALTH & WELFARE MINISTRIES**
1200 Davis Street
Evanston, Illinois 60201
(312) 869-9600

There are three agencies related to The United Methodist Board of Health and Welfare Ministries that have services for mentally retarded. They are as follows:

Southeastern Methodist Agency of the Retarded, Inc.
The United Methodist Church
150 Forrest Avenue, Northeast
Suite 508
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

This is a planning, coordinating and resource development agency. No direct service is given at the present time.

North Mississippi Methodist Agency for Retarded
Route 3, Box 29D
Aberdeen, Mississippi 39730

This agency, in cooperation with other community organizations, provides day care at two locations.

The Baby Fold
108 E. Willow
Normal, Illinois 61761

This agency provides care for retarded infants pending admission to an institution or return to their own family.

**THE
UNITED STATES JAYCEES**

Box 7
Tulsa, Oklahoma
(918) LU4-2481

The mental health and mental retardation program is a major program of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. Every state has a chairman and a committee specifically for mental retardation activities; 80 percent of the state publications are carrying monthly articles about mental retardation; 90 percent of all states have had a special project or seminar on mental retardation; and, 80 percent of the states have developed and distributed a directional kit for the use of local mental retardation chairmen.

Over 9,000 projects dealing with mental retardation have been operated by local chapters resulting in nearly 2,500,000 man hours of donated time.

The United States Jaycee Mental Retardation Program proved to be so successful during the first two years that mental retardation was adopted as an international program by the 77 countries in Junior Chamber International at the Sydney, Australia, World Congress in 1965. This adoption has resulted in over 30 countries actively participating in endeavors in mental retardation and the printing of the United States Jaycees publication about mental retardation, *Doesn't Anyone Care* in French, Spanish and English for international distribution.

**YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION**

291 Broadway
New York, New York 10007
(212) 349-0700

The Young Men's Christian Association of the United States (YMCA) conducts programs for the mentally retarded in many of the over 1,800 locally autonomous YMCA units.

These programs are varied in their approach with swimming as the most popular for instruction and recreation.

Although some of the programs are supervised by professionals only, the majority of supervisory personnel is drawn from volunteers. In some cases the programs are organized, financed and conducted by local YMCAs, while others develop as a cooperative community project.

**YOUNG WOMEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
OF THE U.S.A.**

600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(212) 753-4700

The Young Women's Christian Association of the U.S.A. is a voluntary membership organization at work in this country in some 6,700 locations—community YWCA's, student associations and many decentralized programs. Its program, aimed at meeting the needs of girls and women, is varied and in some communities, YWCA buildings with their swimming pools and other recreational accommodations, provide opportunity for physical activity for mentally

retarded children in an understanding and helpful setting. The YWCA of this country, as well as associations in the more than 75 other countries of the world where the YWCA is at work today, is dedicated to the moral, spiritual, social, intellectual and physical welfare of girls and women.

New organizations started as this publication went to press:

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF
SUPERINTENDENTS OF PUBLIC
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES**

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Medical Lake, Washington 99022

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF PRIVATE
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
FOR THE MENTALLY
RETARDED**

Coordinator: Manford Hall
1645 Jonquil Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20012

**MEDICAL RETARDATION
CENTERS GROUP**

Chairman: Charles R. Strother, Ph.D.
Child Development
and Mental Retardation Center
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington 98105

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- . . . to advise him on what is being done for the mentally retarded;
- . . . to recommend federal action where needed;
- . . . to promote coordination and cooperation among public
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- . . . to stimulate individual and group action;
- . . . and to promote public understanding of the mentally retarded.

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