

In recent years the Center for Residential and Community Services (formerly the Developmental Disabilities Project on Residential Services and Community Adjustment) has been a primary source of data on residential services for developmentally disabled people. Located in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Minnesota, our purpose has been to collect and disseminate nationwide comprehensive information on characteristics of public and private residential facilities and their inhabitants. Studies have been conducted in the areas of administration, personnel, resident and facility demographics, programs and services provided to residents, health, behavioral and physical characteristics of residents, environmental characteristics of facilities and resident movement.

With a three year grant provided by the Health Care Financing Administration, the activities of the Center, in collaboration with Dr. Richard Scheerenberger, the Center for Health Services Research at the University of Minnesota, and the National Association of Superintendents of Public Residential Facilities, will continue to focus on the collection of national trend data on characteristics of facilities and residents. This information will also be applied to recommendations for state and federal policies on long-term care. Studies underway at this time include an analysis of state response to PL 97-35, Section 2176-Waiver for Home and Community Services to Developmentally Disabled persons and the development of a cost model for analyzing the relationship between per diem, case mix and facility characteristics in community based facilities.

1982 Nationwide Survey Underway

Decreasing reliance upon public institutions for mentally retarded people has resulted in a

considerable expansion in the numbers and types of privately operated residential facilities. In 1977, the Center identified 62,397 mentally retarded persons living in 4,427 community facilities and 4,999 residents in specially licensed foster homes.

A 1982 national mail survey of residential facilities for mentally retarded people is again being conducted to determine changes that have taken place in the last five years.



All facilities meeting the following definition are included.

Any facility which provides 24 hour, 7 days a week responsibility for room, board and supervision of mentally retarded persons as of June 30, 1982 with the exception of: (a) single family homes providing services to a relative; (b) nursing homes, boarding homes and foster homes that are not formally state licensed or contracted as mental retardation service providers; and (c) independent living (apartment) programs which have no staff residing in the same facility.

The job of compiling state by state lists of residential facilities took many months and the cooperation of state and regional personnel in Mental Retardation, Welfare and Health departments. An initial mailing went out to approximately 18,000 public and private residential facilities and foster homes. Center staff are working to insure input from every facility so that we have accurate responses from a complete list of residential facilities in the nation.

Recent Publications

Sourcebook on Long Term Care for Developmentally Disabled People, CRCS Report No. 17. (Available for \$4.00 pre-paid to the University of Minnesota).

This sourcebook summarizes the recent national trend data on long-term care of developmentally disabled people as it presents data relevant to understanding the effects of

“deinstitutionalization.” The volume discusses five major interrelated topical areas: 1) trends in the provision of residential care to mentally retarded people, 2) characteristics of the persons residing in residential facilities for mentally retarded people, 3) characteristics of programs and services for mentally retarded people in residential care, 4) costs of the residential and related services provided to mentally retarded people, and 5) movement of people, out of, and within the residential care system.

Mentally Retarded People in State Operated Residential Facilities: Year Ending June 30, 1980, CRCS Report No. 10 (available for \$3.00 pre-paid to the University of Minnesota).

This is a revised edition of the third publication in a series of annual reports. Its major purpose is to present basic data on mentally retarded people who were served in state-operated residential facilities in the United States during the year July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980. Data presented includes aggregated facility and resident census data, resident movement data, and cost data. (A national survey to collect this information from public residential facilities during the year July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982 is currently underway.)

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