



THE

WAYNE COUNTY

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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is under the government and control of an Administrative Board consisting of seven members. The Board members include: the Judge of Probate presiding for Wayne County, the Superintendent of the Intermediate School District of Wayne County, the Director of Special Education of the Board of Education of the City of Detroit, and four citizens, residents of Wayne County elected by the Board of Supervisors.

HOPE



FOR OUR CHILDREN

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PHILOSOPHY

When an educable retarded child between the age of 8 and 16, is admitted to the Development Center, the Center assumes the responsibility to provide not only his care but also his treatment and training necessary for the physical, mental and social-emotional growth and development.

Placement is not the "last resort", to be turned to with a feeling of hopelessness only when all other resources fail.



Admission to the Development Center may be only one phase of a total treatment plan, part of which may involve the use of community facilities after a period of residence. Our emphasis is upon treatment and training for return to the community, not upon custodial care. Our goal is to prepare each youngster, to the best of our ability, for a productive and satisfying life upon return to the community.



ADMISSION AND RELEASE PROCEDURES

Children are referred for admission by public and private community agencies, local school systems, and children's courts. Application material should include a recent psychological evaluation and social, medical and school histories of the child.

An Intake Committee screens all referrals and a pre-admission study, consisting of a social case history, psychological evaluation, and when appropriate, a psychiatric appraisal is scheduled for all eligible applicants. An interview with the child and parent is a part of the intake study.

A Discharge and Placement Committee determines when children leave the Development Center. Most of the children are returned to their homes or other appropriate settings. Some enter the community as employed, self-sufficient young adults. An after-care program provides supportive services to the children and their families after they leave the Development Center.

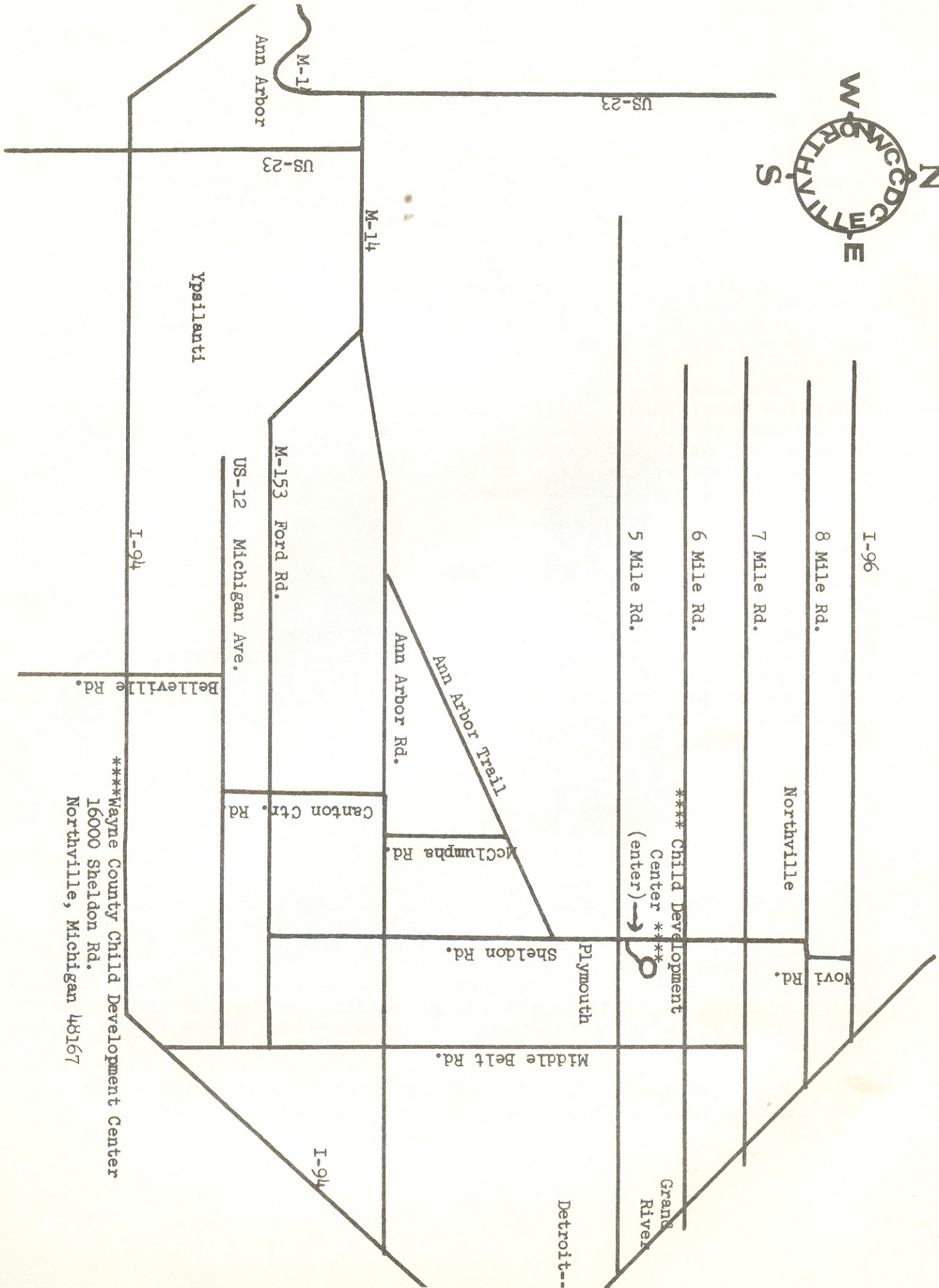
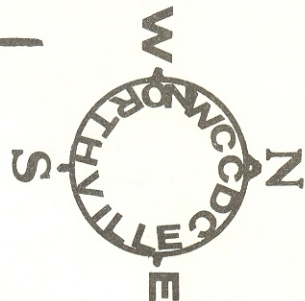
FEEES

Fees for residents of Wayne County are based upon individual family circumstances. Payment for the care of residents of Wayne County is determined by the Michigan Department of Revenue. Non-residents of Wayne County from public and private agencies may be admitted upon the authorization of the Probate Court Judge of Juveniles of the County involved.

LOCATION

The Development Center is located on Sheldon Road between Five and Six Mile Roads about mid-way between the cities of Plymouth and Northville (see Map on following page), on spacious landscaped grounds with an abundance of play areas for active children. For those coming from Detroit, it is easily reached by driving west on Six Mile Road to Sheldon Road then turning left and proceeding on Sheldon Road to the main entrance. Alternate routes may be determined by reference to the Map.

Public transportation is available from Detroit to the Development Center, (see the bus schedule at the end of this Booklet).



****Wayne County Child Development Center
16000 Sheldon Rd.
Northville, Michigan 48167

THE UNIT APPROACH

The institution's programs are organized under Unit Coordinators who are responsible for a complex of cottages. As the Units vary in their programming, the child is referred by the Admission Committee to the most appropriate Unit for pre-admission evaluation and programming recommendations. The Admission Committee reviews the evaluation data and program recommendations to determine if admission to the institution is warranted.

All Units offer service functions representing the various professional disciplines. The Unit staff is under the direction of the Unit Coordinator. The team members include Social Workers, Psychologists, Child Care Supervisors, Special Education Teachers, Recreation Leaders and Child Care Workers. Psychiatric consultants are available to each team. The Child Care Workers and their Supervisors represent an important component of each Unit team. Through cottage staffing and individual consultation with team members, unified consistent programs of child management and treatment are carried out under the direction of the Unit Coordinator.

Since programs can vary somewhat from Unit to Unit, your Social Worker is best equipped to explain the differences in policy. Copies of individual Unit programs are available on request from the Unit Coordinator.

THE COTTAGE

At the present time, each Unit is composed of three cottages which are basically the same in structure, i.e., most cottages contain a basement recreation room; a kitchen, dining room and Day room on the first floor. Sleeping quarters (dormitory style) are located on the second floor.



Thirty children can be housed in each cottage. Meals are prepared in the Main Kitchen under the direction of a dietitian and are conveyed to each cottage in special containers by truck.

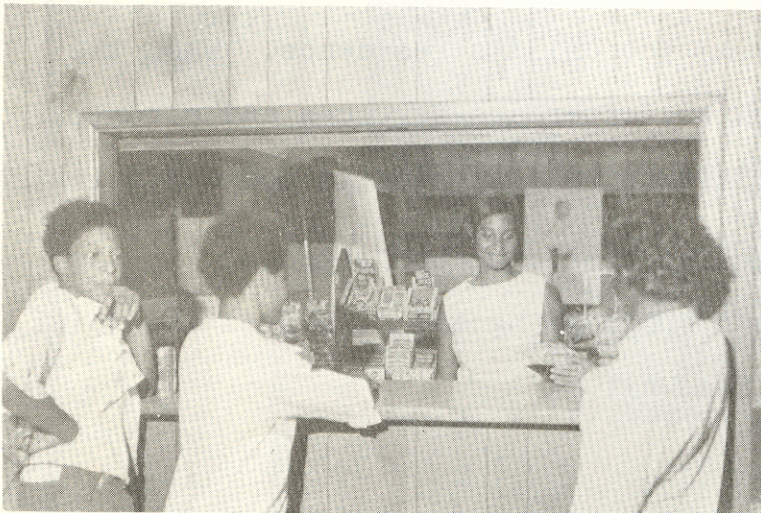
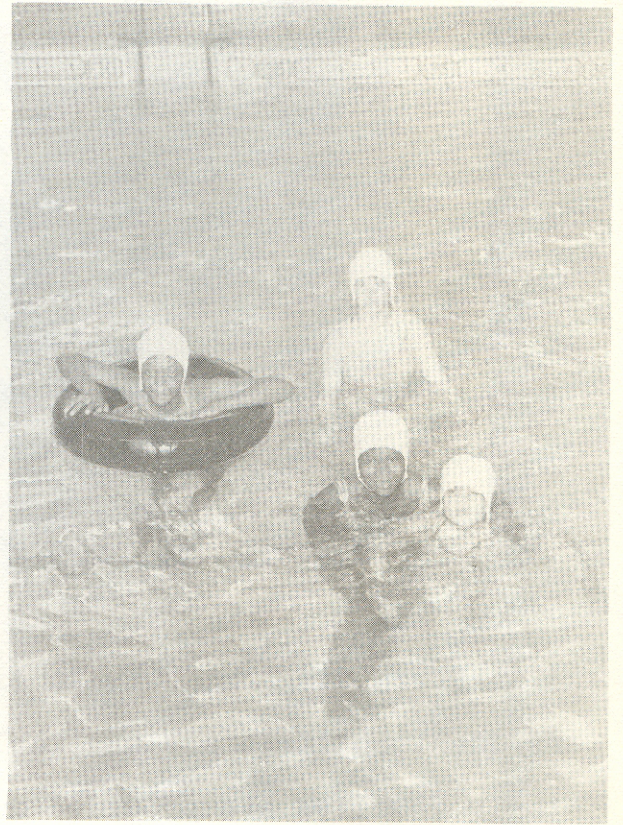
The major portion of the children's clothing is washed and dried at the main laundry - more delicate articles and Sunday clothing may be washed in the cottage (each cottage is equipped with a washer and dryer). Bed linens are also taken care of by the main laundry.

The cottage is staffed with from six to eight child care workers, including the cottage parent, who is responsible for the physical condition of the building; well-being of the children and direction of his immediate staff.

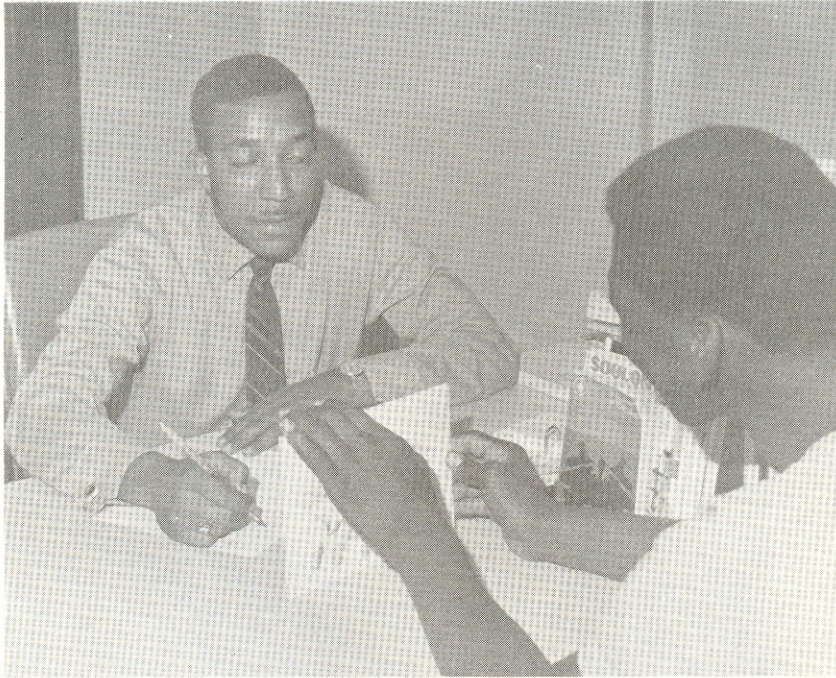
The children are under supervision twenty four hours per day.

The Child Care Supervisor (CCW IV) is on duty or on call twenty four hours per day to handle emergencies and staff problems.

GIRLS



PSYCHIATRIC, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND
SOCIAL CASE WORK SERVICES



Psychodiagnostic evaluations and outpatient services for non-resident children are available. Casework services for children and their families are provided during the child's residence. When the child leaves the Development Center, aftercare services and parental counseling are available to facilitate readjustment to community living.

Group and individual counseling sessions, conferences with parents, and changes in a child's internal programming all stem from the joint efforts of the team members in the Unit.

BOY SCOUTS

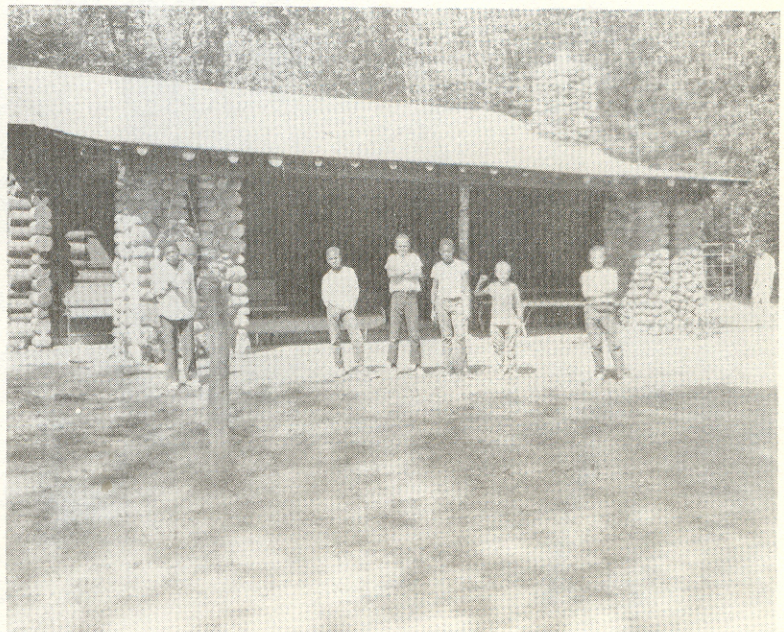


OUR CABIN

OATH

On my honor I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;

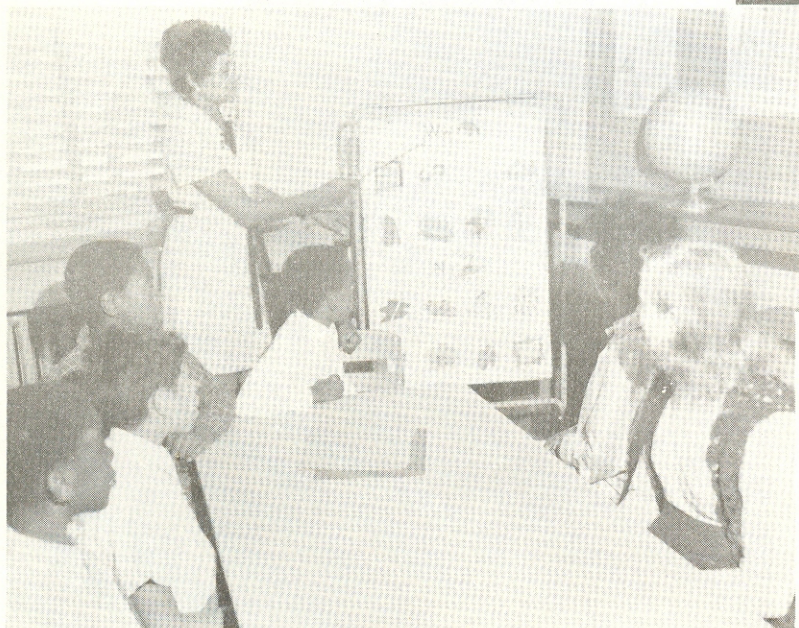
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

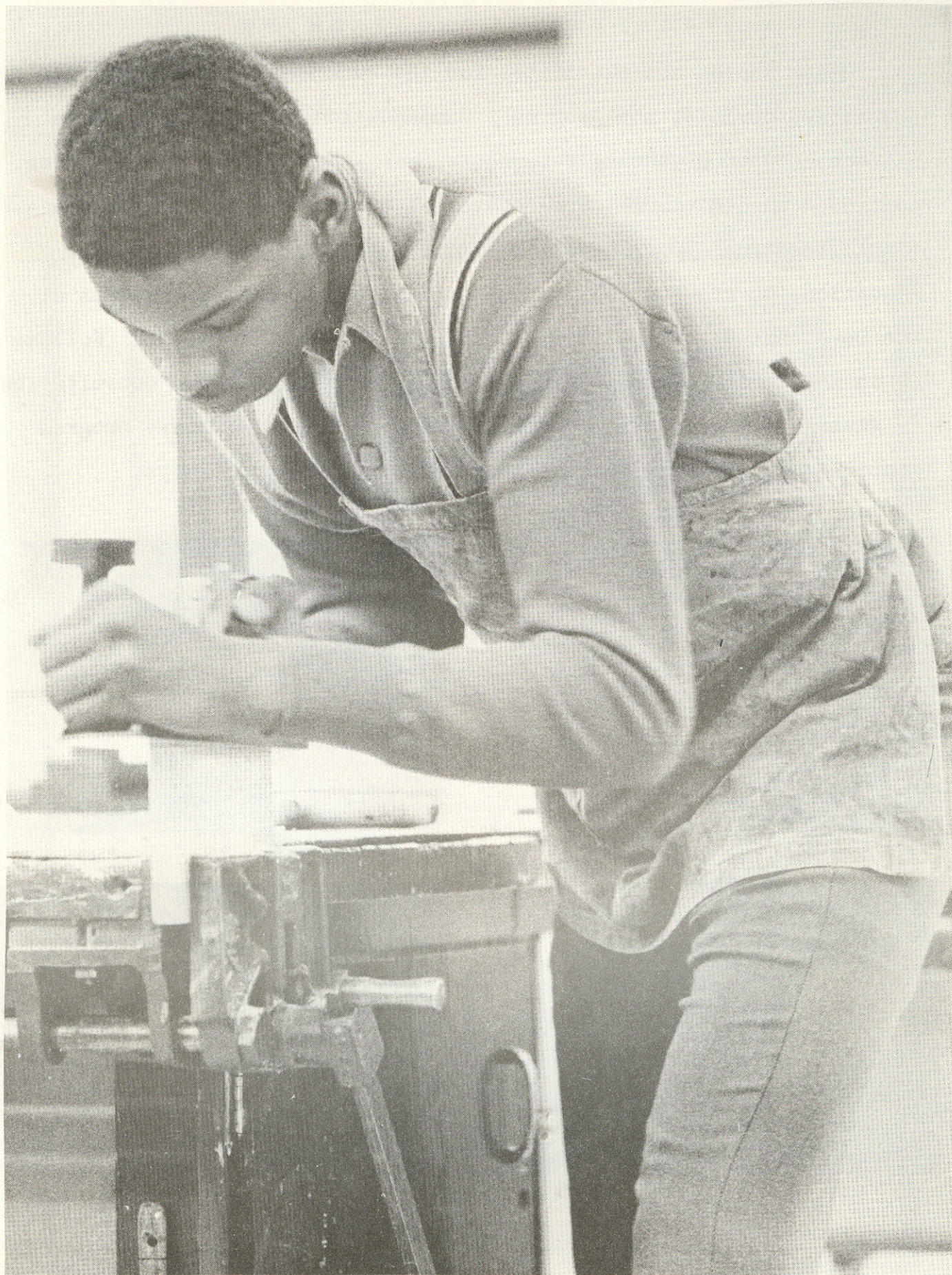


SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

The Central School is designed to assist educable mentally retarded children who have been unable to make an adequate adjustment in the community and its schools, and who often have not used their limited capacities to the fullest extent. The school program offers not only academic courses, but speech, art, music, home economics, and shop training.

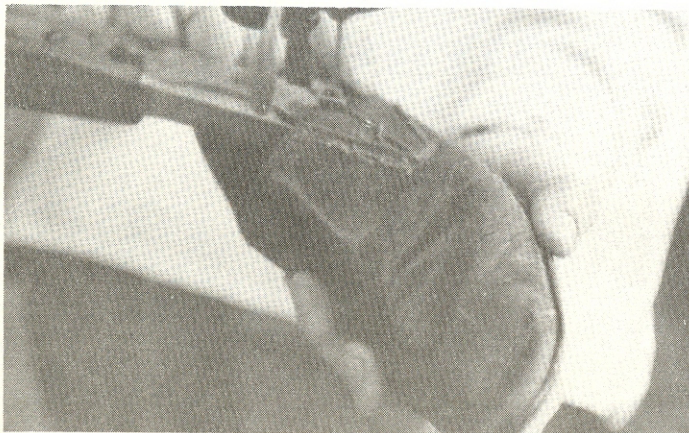
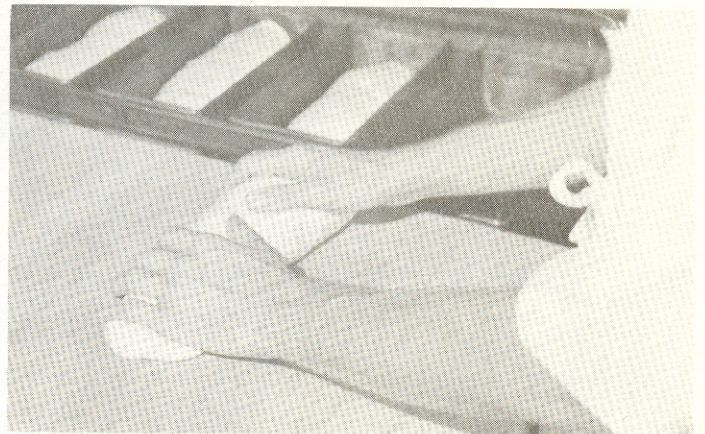
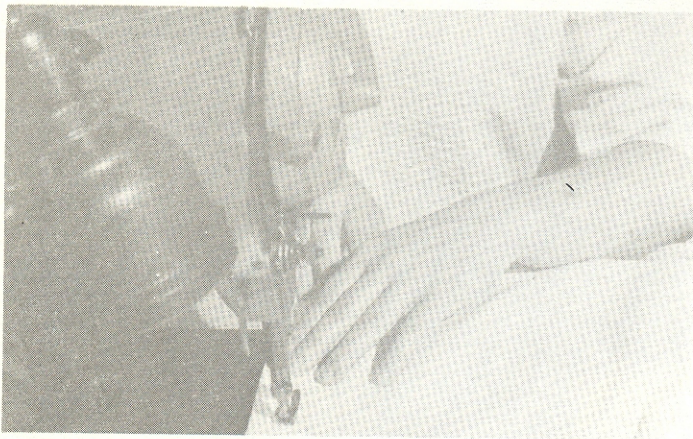
While the majority of the children are assigned to the Central School on grounds, a variety of educational therapeutic approaches are also utilized to meet individual educational needs. A number of the children initially present attitudinal problems toward school attendance and achievement. Other children present needs for specific behavior control and management techniques as their inability to function in the regular Development Center Central School setting is due for the most part to their hyperactivity, short attention span, and extreme distractibility.





VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Older youths are candidates for the Work Preparation Unit. If judged appropriate, the program recommendations would include some balance between psychological, social work, and psychiatric services, continued academic work, pre-vocational evaluation, and initial vocational training. Over a period of time, this includes vocational education, on-grounds job training and selected work experiences at the Development Center leading to off-grounds job placement. Follow-up in the employment setting is routinely carried out and consultation is given the youths' employment supervisors. The aftercare program continues supportive services to youths following discharge.

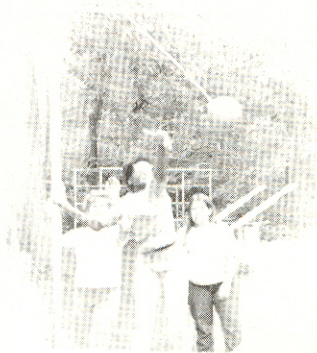


LEARNING HANDS

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Recreation programs are planned and structured by the Recreation Department, and they include therapeutic as well as fun programs. Off-grounds excursions are related to community resources as much as possible. Trips, cottage parties, and team competition may at times include one cottage or several. All children are encouraged to participate in the many recreational activities, formal and informal, that are provided as part of everyday cottage life.

Facilities are available for swimming, basketball, baseball, bowling, horseback riding, camping trips, ice-skating, rollerskating, sledding, dancing, parties and hobby activities. Frequent recreational trips to nearby communities are arranged.

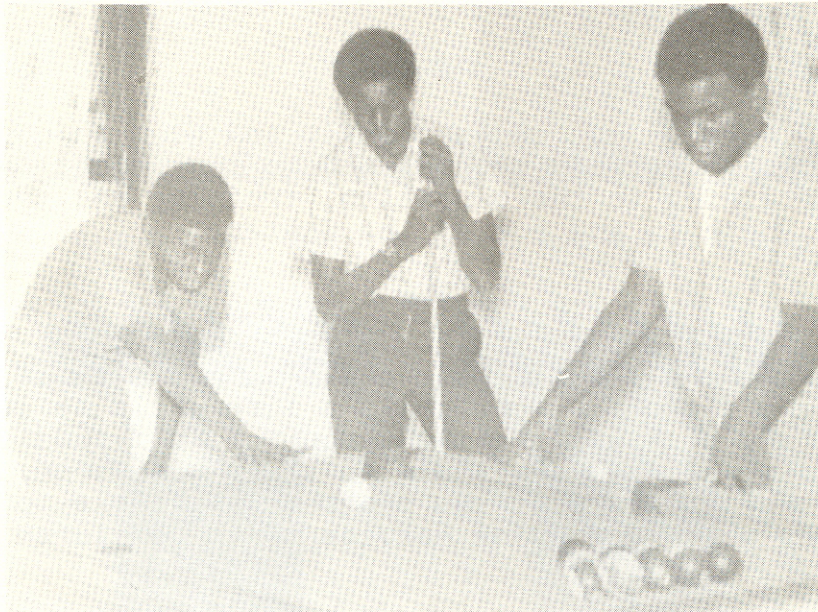


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All children, unless ill or otherwise physically or emotionally incapacitated, attend religious services weekly, or as specially scheduled. A Catholic and a Protestant Chaplain conduct the worship services to further the spiritual growth and religious education of the residents. Some religious instruction classes leading to confirmation and membership in the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths are provided through volunteer lay workers and clergymen. A number of churches in the Detroit Metropolitan area are involved in various religious services and programs at the Center. If you object to your child attending services, a written letter from you will excuse him.



BOYS



MEDICAL SERVICE

The general health and well-being of all children is maintained by a staff of medical consultants, pediatricians, nurses, a dentist and a dental hygienist. Two convalescent sickwards are maintained. Children requiring acute medical and surgical care are transferred to the University Hospital in Ann Arbor or to the Wayne County General Hospital.

RESEARCH

Research is carried out independently and also in cooperation with local universities to develop methods and to investigate a wide variety of questions pertaining to the education, training and treatment of retarded children, both in and out of the Center.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

The staff which deals with your child in his stay at the Center is the most important factor in your child's life while he is here. It is necessary that they be a well trained group of individuals who practice the most up to date methods available to their vocations. It is equally important that they be aware of the programs available to your child at the Center and be able to provide service to the children in a consistent and helpful way.

In order to help the staff perform effectively in those two areas, a system of training programs has been developed at the Center for the staff, to make them more effective in helping your child. These programs cover all staff and take into account their different needs. From the day new employee arrives on the grounds, his training begins. New employees are trained for a period of time varying from two to four weeks depending on their jobs.

Staff training is one of the ways that the employees of the Center strive to serve your children's needs better.

IN SUMMARY

The complex of internal programs at the Development Center are designed to habilitate children and adolescent youths with multi-handicaps of an educational, emotional and behavioral nature. A consistent therapeutic milieu provides the overall structure in which specialized services to individual children are carried out. Vocational training and planning represents an important service component for older youths. The habilitation of our functionally retarded children represents the Development Center's highest priority and is an important contribution to the resolution of social problems.

-QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK-

NOTE: Your child is under adult supervision 24 hours a day (including medical staff) you will be notified if a serious problem occurs concerning your child.

Leaves of Absence ?

All requests for children to leave the grounds of the Development Center, except in emergency situations, must be made in writing to the Medical Superintendent or in person at the Children's Care and Living Center by the parent, guardian or responsible adult. The individual requesting the leave must pick up the child at the Children's Living Center unless otherwise instructed.

Visits away from the Development Center fall into the following categories, weekend vacations, summer vacations, special visits, emergency visits and holidays. Local bus schedules can be found on the last two pages of this booklet.

When returning your child to the Center from such a visit please be sure that he has none of the following items: (1) cigarettes, (2) matches, (3) cigarette lighters, (4) lighter fluid, (5) knives, (6) fire crackers, (7) alcoholic beverages, (8) perishable food, (9) other like materials.

Return children to the Children's Living Center.

1. Weekend Vacations may be requested after a short period of residence consistent with your unit's program. Requests for weekend leaves must be made in writing, either by letter or personal visit to the Children's Living Center. For normal weekends, requests made by letter must be post marked not later than the Saturday before the leave begins. Requests made by personal visit must be made by 4:00 p.m. the Monday before the leave begins.
2. Summer Vacations (Brief) may be arranged to begin after July 1st. Vacations are arranged on an individual basis according to the needs of the child and the family.
3. Special Visits may be requested for car rides, shopping trips, special medical care, etc. Visits of this type are usually only for a few hours.
4. Emergency Visits - because of the nature of emergency situations that may arise at home (e.g., death or a serious illness in the immediate family), requests for children to leave the Development Center may be made by telephone, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, call 453-6500; after 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday, Sundays and holidays, call 453-6508 before picking up children for emergency and all other leaves, parents must identify themselves at the Children's Living Center and must sign the appropriate forms.

5. Holidays - home visits are planned for most traditional holidays. Arrangements are to be made with the Social Worker assigned to your child's Unit. Specific dates will be published before each holiday in the Center's Newsletter "The Clock."
6. Visiting Hours - Parents and members of the immediate family are encouraged to visit their children on the grounds. Visiting hours are from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Whenever possible, requests for special visiting arrangements should be made a week in advance by writing to the Medical Superintendent.

Children are not permitted to visit in the Sickward. Regular visiting hours are from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. daily, but any emergency visit may be arranged through the Medical Department. The Sickward is our on-grounds hospital facility for children, located in Cottage 4.

Mail?

Letters may be addressed directly to the children. The mailing address is:

Wayne County Child Development Center
16000 Sheldon Road
Northville, Michigan 48167

The children are encouraged to write home frequently and their letters are mailed each Monday. Stamps should be supplied by the family.

Change of Address?

It is very important that we be informed of any change in address or telephone number without delay. We may need to contact you on very short notice and it is important that we have up-to-date information on your address and phone number. Changes in address or telephone number should be reported to the Children's Living Center and to the Social Service Department.

Clothing?

Clothing for school, recreation, religious worship and social activities should be provided by the family. The child should have several complete changes of clothing appropriate to the season. It is suggested that all out of season clothing be taken home. A list of your children's clothing is kept on a card in the cottage. The cottage parent should be consulted before buying clothes. Laundry facilities are available, but when purchasing clothing, it is well to remember that our laundry uses extremely hot water and strong detergents for sanitary reasons. Any clothing requiring special care should be taken home for cleaning. Although styling is important, durability is equally important.

Children's Petty Cash and Gifts

All funds received for a child's personal use are deposited in the Children's Petty Cash Account and are withdrawn for the child's use as needed (i.g., the Canteen, visits, money for trip off the grounds, bus fare, etc.). All money orders and checks should be mailed to the Medical Superintendent or deposited at the Children's Living Center office. Do not mail cash. Money should not be given directly to children.

Gifts for children may be sent by mail, left at the Children's Living Center or brought personally at visiting time. It is suggested that gifts not be expensive as there is a risk of loss or breakage of such items as wrist watches, radios or rings. Because of limited storage facilities, children may not have bicycles or other large items.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Individuals or groups wishing to participate in our program through contributions of gifts, money or talents and time are welcome. Inquiries for further information should be directed to the Medical Superintendent.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

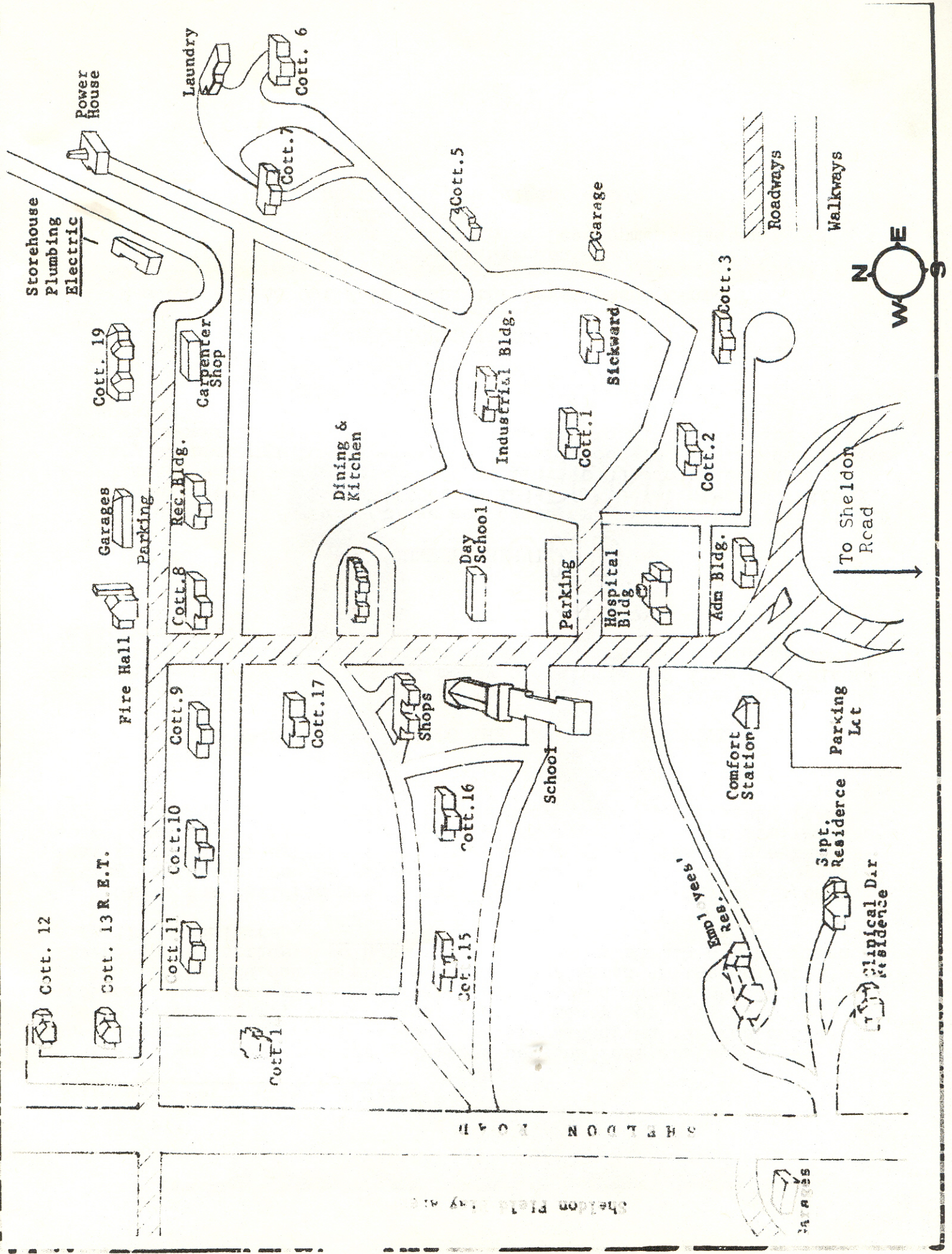
Volunteers, 17 years of age and older are welcome to serve at the Development Center. Every effort is made by the Volunteer Services' Coordinator and the Center's staff to provide the volunteer with a variety of meaningful and beneficial experiences in helping our children. Each volunteer is given an assignment suited to his or her abilities and interests.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

How Can I Find Out More About the Development Center?

Write to.

Medical Superintendent
Wayne County Child Development Center
16000 Sheldon Road
Northville, Michigan 48167



LOCAL BUS SCHEDULE

ANN ARBOR - NORTHVILLE - PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

READ DOWN	ESH	ESH	ESH	ESH	ESH	DLY	ESH	ESH	ESH	DLY	ESH	DLY	ESH
LV Ann Arbor	805	807	809	811	813	801	815	817	819	803	821		
University of Michigan Union	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM		
Pittsfield Village													
Ypsilanti													
Plymouth													
Northville	7:00	8:00	9:00			10:40	2:00	3:30	4:30	5:15	6:00		
Northville St. Hospital	7:05	8:05	9:05			10:45	2:05	3:35	4:35	5:20	6:05		
Schoolcraft College	HS	HS	HS			HS	HS	HS	HS	HS	HS		
Livonia Mall	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:10	12:15	10:55*	2:15	3:45	4:45	5:03*	6:15		
Jct. 7-Mile & Grand River	7:25	8:25	9:25	10:20	12:25	11:00	2:25	3:55	4:55	5:35	6:25		
Jct. 7-Mile & Telegraph Rd.						11:02				5:37			
Southfield (Telegraph & 12-Mi. Rd.)						11:10				5:45			
Pontiac						11:40				6:05			
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AR													

EASTERN STANDARD TIME. Additional trips will be operated between the Junction of 7-Mile Road at Grand River Avenue and Northville Downs, when there is need during racing meets.

- LV - Leave
- AR - Arrive
- * - Bus picks up and discharges passengers on 7-Mile Road entrance to Livonia Mall - DOES NOT GO INTO MALL.
- ESH - Operates Daily Except Sunday and Holidays.
- DLY - Operates daily.
- HS - picks up and discharges passengers at 7-Mile Road and Haggerty Road.

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PONTIAC - NORTHVILLE - ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

READ DOWN

LV Pontiac

Southfield (Telegraph & 12-Mile Rd.)

Jct. 7-Mile & Telegraph Rd.

Jct. 7-Mile & Grand River

Livonia Mall

Schoolcraft College

Northville St. Hospital

Northville

Plymouth

Ypsilanti

Pittsfield Village

University of Michigan Union

AR Ann Arbor

ESH 806 AM	ESH 808 AM	ESH 810 AM	ESH 812 AM	ESH 814 AM	DLY 802 AM	ESH 816 PM	ESH 818 PM	ESH 820 PM	ESH 822 PM	DLY 804 PM
6:30	7:30	8:30	9:45	10:30	12:20	1:30	2:30	4:00	5:30	6:45
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and by all possible and appropriate means -
the mental and physical health of all of our
citizens.

- John F. Kennedy