



Mrs. Gloria McFarland, director, conducts a group therapy session for girls referred to the Division for Youth's new START center in Willowbrook. Mrs. Marjorie Friars, assistant director, is at left.

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Rocky to Dedicate New START Center

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The State Division for Youth's START center for girls in Willowbrook—already in operation—will be dedicated Nov. 8 in a ceremony attended by Gov. Rockefeller.

The announcement was made by the division's director, Lawrence W. Pierce.

The START (Short Term Adolescent Rehabilitation Treatment) center, a \$275,000-facility for training girl delinquents, opened its doors a few weeks ago.

Eventually, the facility will retrain 20 girls at a time, Mrs. Gloria McFarland, director, explained yesterday.

Mrs. McFarland said the six girls already referred there and the next few admitted will form the "core" groups for the group therapy sessions she and her assistant director conduct. Both are psychologists.

brook State School in food services, payroll, personnel and laundry divisions and receive \$2.50 weekly. It is the hope that in time they will actually free personnel for other duties in the short-staffed institution for the retarded.

The center at 1133 Forest Hill Rd. is directly across the street from the home of Willowbrook's director. The

work experience the girls receive is an important part of the rehabilitation program, Mrs. McFarland said.

The girls are average intelligence or above and have no severe emotional problems.

They are considered able to benefit from a short (four-to-six-month) stay at the center and to develop sufficient self-

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THE GIRLS seem already at home in an environment that is as far from institutional as possible. They work daily at Willowbrook State School.