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## State School Residents in Need of Home

An intensive search is being conducted in Staten Island and Brooklyn to find homes for residents of Willowbrook State School, from toddlers to senior citizens, who are ready and eager to return to normal community life, according to Robert Gilson, director of the social service department at the school.

Gilson said that more than 100 residents have been selected and prepared by his staff for the transition to community living. Working much like any adoption or foster-care agency, Willowbrook will compensate the family taking a resident "as long as it meets mutual needs," Gilson said.

### 35 Already Placed

The director pointed out that 35 residents have already been placed in foster homes with great success and many of the younger residents grow up calling their foster parents "Mom" and "Pop." Families of any age or ethnic background are eligible to "adopt" and the only requisite is that they "have a genuine human interest in other people," Gilson said.

The family-care program is one of several at Willowbrook which center on returning the resident to the community.