

The Administration at Willowbrook received some of the most pointed criticism in the report, which scored the dominance of the medical profession in the facility.

"Hospital routines prevail, and non-medical as well as medical decisions are made only by doctors. With the major emphasis on medical problems, all of the other professional disciplines compete with each

other for attention and resources in order to survive, with little money left for any cooperative effort on behalf of the residents."

The report also claimed that the administration was fragmented, and "departments were found to be somewhat self-serving with survival overshadowing the objective of quality service to the residents."

But the final message of the report is clear: "Willowbrook as it now stands should be dissolved."

Willowbrook is a problem which the state has decided cannot be solved on its own terms. With this report, the state is committing itself to smaller, community-oriented treatment facilities for the retarded.

Willowbrook, according to the report, should be used to "serve only Richmond."

The report does not promise dramatic improvement in the lives of the mentally retarded. In fact, it says that the most permanent contribution to be made in the field is to reduce the occurrence of mental retardation.

But the report insists that the public is largely responsible for aiding the retarded.

"A large responsibility remains for the public who must provide not just sympathy, but active support for the changes at Willowbrook and at all institutions for the retarded," the report said.

"Apathy must not allow the creation of any more Willowbrooks."

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