

Caiazza: Willowbrook still same

Democratic state Senate candidate Pat Caiazza, a Port Richmond attorney, has accused Willowbrook Development Center of ignoring federal court directives, and says the facility has shown "no improvement" in its care of patients.

Caiazza says that "reliable eyewitnesses" told him they counted two ward attendants per 33 residents in the school's Building 8, and two per 40 residents in another building.

"A federal court ruled that there must be one attendant for every nine residents," he said. "This is a disgrace," he said. "Little has changed during the past year."

Caiazza said that while linen shortages had been cleared up in some buildings, the linen was stored in bins and not given to residents, who "are still found nude or half dressed." He added, "Bathrooms still have no toilet paper and television sets are left on with no picture."

Caiazza demanded that the State Department of Mental Hygiene present an updated report on the current status of patient care at Willowbrook.