

It's your opinion

Willowbrook aides defended

I am "hopping mad." I am an attendant at Willowbrook, as well as a student at Community College.

I became very infuriated when I read the article stating that Gov. Carey was intending to cut the resident population to 250 at Willowbrook over a six-year period.

My deepest feeling is that Gov. Carey has joined the many celebrities, as well as politicians, who have gained overwhelming support due to their commercializing on the situation at Willowbrook.

No one gives us credit for anything. There are many dedicated employes at Willowbrook. Many of us travel 30 to 40 miles to get to work every day, regardless of the weather. Many residents have received wonderful care and therapy, thanks to many dedicated employes at Willowbrook.

We have many residents at Willowbrook who are severely and profoundly retarded. They do not need to leave Willowbrook. There are enough qualified employes to care for these residents.

All I am asking is that someone stop and consider the attendants at Willowbrook. Don't we have any rights? The people who come to Willowbrook to criticize don't work there. They come to throw their stones, and leave. There are a lot of jobs and people's livelihoods on the line...

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