

# Buildings run by palsy group to be called Warner complex

A victory for parents of mentally retarded people and supporters of the Willowbrook Consent Decree will be realized Sept. 30 when the United Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State officially will dedicate its one-year-old center on the grounds of the Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook.

UCP last year assumed the responsibility for the

care of more than 600 handicapped children and adults living on the grounds of the developmental center.

It was the first time in state history that a non-profit agency was asked by parents, the state government and the federal court, to assume responsibility for patients in a public institution.

The seven buildings at the developmental center taken over by UCP will be dedicated as the Karl D. Warner complex, honoring the longtime supporter of UCP programs.

The ones to be dedicated are Building 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 26 and 28. Five of the buildings make up a "baby unit" housing mentally retarded children. Other buildings house multiple-handicapped adolescents.

Four of the five buildings constituting the baby's unit are run exclusively by UCP, according to UCP executive director Robert Schonhorn. UCP has hired state-paid therapy aides and a professional staff for the remainder of the buildings.

Gov. Carey and Mayor Koch have been invited to the dedication ceremonies. Others invited are Brooklyn Federal Judge John R. Bartels, who oversees the Willowbrook case; Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly; Assemblyman Guy Molinari; Katherine Schaninger, executive director of the Willowbrook Review Panel, and Elin M. Howe, director of the Staten Island Developmental Center.