

Center residents deserve best care

I wish to take this opportunity to respond to some of the articles that have appeared in the Advance in the past few months concerning Staten Island Developmental Center and the union that is representing its employees, or any way it may seem Civil Service Employees Association against United Cerebral Palsy or C.S.E.A. against state. Any way you print it, it all boils down to C.S.E.A. versus human decency.

Since the inception of C.S.E.A. the union and its members have not been, nor are capable of, rendering the service to the residents they have been employed to take care of. All of a sudden, after Geraldo Rivera of Eyewitness News exposed the conditions there and the courts awarded United Cerebral Palsy the responsibility of caring for some of these neglected children, Felton King and Richard Hyter feel the C.S.E.A. can do a better job because its members were hired by the state.

Well, as a former employee of Willowbrook, I know that United Cerebral Palsy provides much better care. Gov. Carey, the Willowbrook Review Panel and parents, as well as those residents under U.C.P. care, know that the state employees do not provide the service that U.C.P. employees provide.

When Mr. King gets rid of the negative thoughts in his mind about U.C.P. and its employees maybe Ms. Howe and Mr. Shonhorn can concentrate more on resident care improvements.

The Willowbrook court decree is here to stay, and the sooner Mr. King and the union realize that fact then maybe a compromise can be reached and the business of resident care can go forward with improvements and without any more scandal.

Staten Island is a nice place to live and we will insure that the residents of

the Staten Island Developmental Center have a nice place also.

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