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Parents told role in placement of retarded vital

The head of United Cerebral Palsy's Willowbrook facility yesterday told parents of retarded children that their involvement is vital to state placement of retarded children from institutions into the community.

Theresa A. Rafferty, director of UCP's Karl Warner Center, honored yesterday by the Willowbrook Benevolent Society, said that only by monitoring the decisions of state lawmakers and retardation officials could parents assure that the "scandal" of the late 1960s and early 1970s at Willowbrook would not reoccur in new surroundings — community residences.

Miss Rafferty was among several officials and employees of the Staten Island Development Center and the Karl Warner Center honored at a luncheon yesterday in the New York Hilton, Manhattan.

Named employees of the year by the parents' group were Irene Hillis and Marilyn Wilson.

Also honored were Staten Island Advance reporters Anemona Hartocollis and Bruce Alpert.

Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly also addressed the luncheon and praised the work done by SIDC director Elin Howe and Warner director Raifferty, saying it was an example of the fine job that women can do under difficult circumstances.

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