

# Parents detail UCP failings in caring for retarded

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Complaining of deteriorating conditions in the Karl D. Warner Center, a Willowbrook institution for the mentally retarded, a group of parents met yesterday with the institution's administrators and a state commissioner.

The parents said the 450-bed institution, operated by United Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State, has failed to provide adequate services to its patients in areas including education, recreation, food, clothing and transportation.

"We are all here to try to create a system which addresses the needs of the clients," said Anthony Pinto, a member of the parents' committee. "This is not meant to destroy anything. It is meant to improve the facilities we have available."

Joseph R. Harris, one of three commissioners in the state Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled, attended

the meeting at the parents' request.

Often emotional, the meeting stretched into more than three hours of debate on a 6-page agenda prepared by the parents. About 10 parents and an equal number of United Cerebral Palsy administrators participated in the session in a Warner Center building.

Keith Penman, director of the Warner Center, conceded that the parents were accurate in most of the deficiencies they cited. He said, however, that United Cerebral Palsy had developed a new table of organization for the institution's 2,500-member staff which would remedy a wide range of problems.

But Peter Siringano, a member of the parents' committee, accused United Cerebral Palsy of operating through trial and error. "Your method is to

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