

Woman named to Willowbrook watchdog unit

Sonia Braniff of 116 Hillside Ave., Stapleton, a long-time Staten Island activist for the disabled, was sworn in yesterday by Family Court Judge Holt Meyer



**Sonia
Braniff**

to the Board of Visitors of the Staten Island Developmental Center in the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen Melchiore, in Willowbrook.

Mrs. Braniff will serve a four-year term on the board, a watchdog organization which oversees the Staten Island Developmental Center.

Mrs. Braniff is employed by the city's Board of Education as coordinator of a citywide project that trains the parents of special education children to better understand and help their children.

She has also served as chairwoman of of the Staten Island Regional Disabilities Council and the Boro Delivery Services Organization. Mrs. Braniff has been a member of the Staten Island Mental Health Society's board of directors and treasurer of the Interagency Council, a citywide non-profit organization to help the disabled.