



Building 1, left, is the administrative headquarters at the Staten Island Developmental Center. The huge Building 2, behind, is vacant.

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also provided. Phone 727-1515.

● Elizabeth W. Pouch Center for Special People, a division of the Staten Island Mental Health Society, at 657 Castleton Ave., Randall Manor, provides diagnostic and evaluation services, individual and family counseling, referrals, program consultations and individual school consultation.

Early childhood programs include a diagnostic/therapeutic nursery operating five days a week for children ages 2 to 5 with development problems in speech, motor coordination and/or social skills.

There is also the Early Intervention Guided Home Training, provided on-site care by a multidisciplinary team for children from birth to 3 years with severely delayed development. An infant evaluation service provides evaluation for children under 4 years of age.

A school for children with learning disabilities, ages 4½ to 7, is conducted at the PS 25 Annex with the joint sponsorship of the Board of Education.

Education for Adulthood prepares the mentally retarded to live in a community setting. The TIPS program offers training in parenting skills to mentally retarded adults who have children. Telephone number is 448-9775.

● R.E.A.C.H. Program, sponsored by the city Parks and Recreation Department, provides recreation, athletics and creative arts to handicapped persons age 3 and up. Programs are scheduled after school, evenings and Saturdays, in addition to a preschool session. Phone 720-1555.

● Richmond Association for the Developmentally Disabled provides weekend trips, bowling, theater, movies and restaurant outings. Also operates a parent support group. Phone 979-0294.

● Staten Island Aid, based at Bayley Seton Hospital, sponsors a variety of programs for the mentally retarded, all of which include psychological and social services, speech therapy and training in self-help skills.

Programs include a preschool for developmentally delayed children; an educational program at 1150 Castleton Ave., West Brighton, for school-age children who are profoundly or severely retarded and multi-handicapped, and a Saturday recreational program.

The Stephen O'Halek Day Treatment Center, 550 Bay St., Stapleton, teaches independent living skills and provides pre-vocational training to about 50 adults. The Mary Campbell Ellis Vocational Training Center, 15 Bay St., St. George, provides occupational training and sheltered workshops to about 154 clients. Telephone is 447-5200.

● Staten Island Chapter, Muscular Dystrophy Association, 78 Guyon Ave., Oakwood, provides referral services.

● Staten Island Parents of Autistic and Developmentally Disabled, 21 Iona St., Midland Beach, provides a Saturday recreation/education program for autistic and developmentally disabled persons ages 5 and up. Also sponsors a Scouting program, a parents' support group and a referral service. Phone 979-2993.

● Staten Island Special Olympics provides training clubs and sports activities for all handicapped people on a weekly basis. Phone 356-0901.

● United Cerebral Palsy of New York City provides infant stimulation, education, day treatment, vocational rehabilitation and home habilitation. It operates two group homes.

● United Cerebral Palsy of New York State operates a 50-bed residential facility for mentally retarded adults, five four-bed apartments and a 10-bed group home for former Willowbrook patients, in addition to a day treatment program. Phone 979-6220.

● Volunteers of America Developmental Services operates 10 community residences for mentally retarded adults and operates a preschool and infant stimulation program for developmentally disabled children under 6 years old. Phone 816-9451 or 52.

● Special Education program of Region VI located at 211 Daniel Low Terr., St. George serves school-aged children — 4 to 21 — who have been certified as handicapped. Services are counseling, training, placement appropriate to educational needs, parent training, and education and referral.

The following parent support groups are also available in addition to those affiliated with a specific agency:

● Benevolent Society for Retarded Children, 698-1440.

● Prader-Willi Parent Group, 685-2546 or 767-6077.

● Richmond Occupational Training Center PTA, 273-8622.

● Staten Island Parents of the Hearing Impaired, 447-5003.

● Talking Over and Understanding Children with Handicaps (TOUCH), 273-1613.

● Tourette Syndrome Association, 224-2999.