

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

TO: All members of the plaintiff class in NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN v. CUOMO and PARISI v. CUOMO, defined as all persons who were residents at the Willowbrook State School on March 17, 1972, their relations and interested persons:

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that an application will be made and hearing held before the Honorable John R. Bartels, Ceremonial Courtroom, Second Floor, U.S. District Court, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York on March 11, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. to approve a permanent injunction, submitted by attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants, to replace the Willowbrook Consent Judgment, dated May 5, 1975. The permanent injunction provides, among other things, for: the closing of the Office of the Special Master on March 31, 1993; the continued funding and operation of the Consumer Advisory Board to provide representation and advocacy services for noncorrespondent class members and investigate violations of rights guaranteed under the permanent injunction; the right of all class members to meaningful full day habilitative programming, protection from harm, a safe, clean and appropriate physical environment, services appropriate to their individual needs, and sufficient staff to safeguard their rights under the permanent injunction; placement of most class members into community facilities; and monitoring of community residential and day treatment programs through 1995. You have the right to attend the hearing and object to the proposed permanent injunction. If you have any questions concerning the proposed permanent injunction or this notice, or if you wish to obtain a copy of the proposed permanent injunction, contact Robert Levy at the New York Civil Liberties Union, 132 W. 43rd Street, New York, New York 10036, tel., (212) 382-0557.