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## *Office Memorandum*

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SUBJECT: Suggestion for convention orientation

Those in the profound group present special problems to an activities leader because of their low intellectual level and in many cases physical disabilities.

Personnel coming into contact with those in this group must accept this fact and not set their goals and hopes too high,

When we speak of the profound group we are talking about individuals with intelligence levels ranging from 0 to 25. At our institution many of those with IQ, 15 and up are included in organized routine group activities with the trainable. They, of course, don't possess the skill to perform as well as some of the others in the group but do receive a lot of emotional satisfaction in being a part of the group and I'm sure training is involved also. Mixing them with trainables doesn't frustrate them because they are accepted.

Age is also a factor because those in the younger brackets, below 12 chronologically, in many instances are not mature enough for organized group activities. Ideally, these patients, in recreation should be handled in groups of not more than fifteen, however, because of limited staffing and lack of facilities, in most cases, this is impossible.

These negative problems present a picture of hopelessness for the activities staff and this consequently makes it hard to keep them motivated and interested in the profound group.

Wenevertheless try to have a program of some kind for these patients. In some cases it can honestly be questioned if the program is really recreational or just a matter of giving additional attention.

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