

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN, INC.

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I talked to Frances Coakley today and from talking to her I get the feeling that they are really quite flexible as to which patients from Faribault will go to Cambridge. I suggested that maybe a way of doing this would be to send a group to Cambridge similar to the group that would be taken off the waiting list; however, Faribault evidently prefers to select their own people, according to Frances. Dr. Engberg is going to talk to Dr. Adkins and try to send some wheelchair patients in addition to the ambulatory patients.

The waiting list at the present time, Frances said, consists of 76.3% children, broken down as follows:

0-4	years	29.7%
5-9	years	33.9%
10-14	years	12.7%

The balance of the waiting list breaks down as follows:

15 - 19 years	9.7%
20 - 24 years	2.1%
25 - 39 years	5.0%
40 - 64 years	6.9%

The population of the waiting list is also 63% male.

The December 18th population of Faribault was 3,090, of which 109 are on the outside at the present time.

Regarding Ah Gwah Ching, she felt that perhaps 95 retarded over 65 years of age could eventually be taken there. She did give me the feeling that they are trying to reduce the population of Faribault considerably. They are conscious of the over-crowded situation and are very concerned.