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The ARC's Accomplishments & Our Concern for Tomorrow

Look at the past to correctly assess the present & realistically plan a secure future proper for people who are retarded.

Before 1950, there were only a few brave, dedicated parent & professional warriors standing very much alone in their battle for retarded persons. Most parents would not admit they had a retarded child. Most professions were not interested or involved. Most experts, parents & legislators believed that the person who were retarded could not be helped & why not institutionalize, feed, clothe & forget them.

We then witnessed the birth of Our Own ARC. NARC was born in 1950 in Omaha. Minn ARC - was born in 1951 & Maryland in 1955. Of most importance we witnessed the strengthening of the few existing & birth of many new local ARCs throughout our state & nation. It is almost unbelievable story. It is literally amazing what was accomplished organizationally & legislatively by so few but so extremely able & dedicated parents & professionals.

What Was & Is Our Mission

To prevent mental retardation & to see to it that each person who is retarded secures all of the services he or she needs, has the opportunity for employment, the legal rights to which he or she is entitled, the acceptance by the public as a person & the dignity & love which each so richly deserves.

Let's take a look at where
we have been & what we have
accomplished in music:

(Statistics)

MINN ARC

1955-56

1965

1977

Members	741	4448	10,624
Local ARC	16	65	81
MINN ARC INC	7,258.28	204,842 (inc camp 32,318)	561,000 incl camp 178,000
Staff members	0	16	16 (now 12)

DAY ACTIVITY CENTERS

Number Centers	4	36	144
MA PERSONS		461	4600
State aids	0	(1961 \$36,000) 425,000	(1847 per pupil per year) 8.5 million

Sheltered Workshops

Number of Shops	8	19	47
MA PERSONS			1129
STATE AIDS	0	15,000	1.8 million

Education

1963-64

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Educable Children	191	523	1:85	approx 204
Educable Pupils	3300	6803	(state aid \$14,960,181)	10,559
Trainable Children	21	61	1:8	approx 537
Trainable Pupils	200	483	(state aid \$11,633,537)	4298
State aids	\$1,215,563 annual	\$2,828,249 annual		\$26,593,708
Transportation		\$225 per pupil		

State Inst

Number	3 FSN, Broad-Camb	3	3 (not including others)
Residents	4872	6200	1923 (1976-77)
Operating Budget	\$1,215,563	\$2,828,249	FSN and Broad 65,590,514
Per diem	\$2.87	\$6.02	\$46.72
Other Resident in OTHER STATE HOSP			999
			2912

Total Resident FSN and Broad \$57.60

Community Residential

ICF-MR FACILITIES	81	178
Residents in ICF-MR	2000	3619
CHILDREN IN ICF MR		585
Children in COST OF CARE		465
AV PER DIEM COST ICF MR		\$27.00
Total state costs		\$35,665,245
Total cost if TAKE	3619 x \$27.00 x 365 days	
Foster Care Facilities	(1973) 430	
MR in FOSTER CARE	938	

Why Did Our One ARC Grow

1. Our predecessor recognized the need to prevent M.B. & to secure service for their children, to secure ist class citizenship & public acceptance for them. We told the public of their needs.
2. Our predecessor rolled up their sleeves & did something about the cause in which they believed - they did not wait for the other guy, the other agency, the government, or the United Fed or other community service to first take action. Our predecessor concluded that the meek should not inherit the earth but only 6 feet of it unless they took action.
3. They invited upon County & Washington of effort at the local, state & National levels of our One ARC. It is one of the few grass roots voluntary organizations in the U.S. It is one of the largest health agencies in the country; it generates over 100,000,000 per year. It has its fights, but remains unified & dedicated to a common purpose of juvenile crime has reaped the benefit of the seeds sown in the past.

Have we accomplished Our Mission -
altho many parents & professionals are acting
as if we had, & altho substantial progress has been
made, I submit the answer is a resounding
NO -

all or most
1. We have not prevented MR

2. MR citizens are being denied needed funds

3. MR citizens are not accepted by all of the public & do not have the dignity & honor they deserve

4. MR citizens are living in abject poverty in our cities & rural communities

5. MR citizens are in danger of losing money which we have fought so hard to achieve for them & I believe are beginning to lose proving the moral spirit & increased costs involved

6. the ARC is becoming old,

~~stagnant & self-satisfied~~ & self-satisfied & the ARCs are in severe financial

difficulties. More cut 2/14,000 out

of the budget in 1975 & 1976; Many

ARC cut its budget from 16 to 10 this year. Some local ARCs are disbanding.

Can we permit the Negative attitude to continue? No. When my wife & I are dead, I would not give a penny worth for my daughter achieving her right to life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness unless there is a strong One ARC with a membership 5 times as large as now. We can lose everything we have gained. It is easier to lose appreciation than to secure them. Burying cutting is very popular in some circles today.

What is Wrong? Where are we failing?

The answer is simple. You & I are the problem. It is so much easier for me to analyze & criticize my wife than me. It is so much easier to criticize & blame the other levels of our One ARC than my own local ARC.

We have to ask ourselves some tough questions?

1. What did I do to recruit new & retain old members.

2. What did I give in cash to my ARC. Last year?

3. How many other people & corporations did I ask for contribution?

4. How many members did I get involved in the work of the ARC.

5. How many times did I expect staff or other members to do the job I should have done.

6. How many young people did I get active in my ARC.

7. How many Christmas cards & Calendars did I buy & sell.

8. How effective was I in seeing to it that my local or state ARC planned

Q¹ Did I sit back & rely solely upon my United Fund.

9. How much time did my ARC spend on fund raising, planning, membership expansion & reorganization. Did every part of my city or county, in every part of my state had an effective organization with members who had responsibility.

10. How much time did I spend teaching & training others to take my place.

11. Did I see to it that new, younger members were given opportunity & position for leadership?

12. Did I see to it that we had a youth ARC & these members were on our committee & came on to our board.

13. Did I involve some of the past leaders in the work.

14. Did I make certain that my ARC represented all segments of people in my community or did it confine its activity to operating a AAC or a community residential facility.

15. Did I make certain that there was leadership turnover or was I

a party to turning off
new member participation.

I believe Our Mission is possible;
I also believe that unless we change our
ways, roll up our sleeves, go to
work, involve our membership &
make certain that Our A.R.C.
represents all Atlanta people whether
in the community, the firm, or in
the institution, whether young or old,
expand our membership, raise money
don't rely upon outside funds for
our support, go back to letting
the public about our needs,
don't rely upon the expert
or the other guy to do the job,
we will lose ground & the Atlanta
people will suffer.

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When we accomplish our task

The people are the same

Age - youth

-- Roy Anderson
 PWB Weyhle--

1976 41
 1977 45.85

-- 296-2012
 Elliott Green--
 296-8587

1977-78 52.20
 1978-79 57.60 - Amy

1976
~~Salaries~~
 9,241,337
 Cont 8,625,398
 FSA 13,143,154
 31,009,889

Gen Engrg Jan 30, 1977
 Amy
 Salaries

Amm 10,301,028
 Cont 9,791,142
 FSA 14,488,525

34,580,695
 31,009,889

1977-1978

1977
 Brumil 459
 + 41
 Contbil 569
 FSA 854

A 1,262,824
 C 1,152,749
 B 1,745,705

B 71,550
 C 67,830
 F 95,640

1923
 + addit 989
 2912

B 64,142
 C 66,052
 D 74,639

Current expenses
 95 go allstate

1978-1979
 -ASB- 1,282,880

ambily 1,143,710
 PSA 1,960,080

Repair & Replacment

26,550
 67,538
 95,640

Salaries