

STATE SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL AND INTERIM CARE COMMITTEE

PARENT TRAINING WORKSHOP

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Ideas from discussion:

- * Show the films to legislators and senators.
- * Produce a local film and/or local slides showing actual conditions in Western Pennsylvania.
- * Educate the public to the needs and problems of the retarded, then pressure the legislature.
- * Public service T. V. spots.
- * Call in to talk shows.
- * Involve neighbors and friends more.
- * Get Fred Rogers to help with attitudes among younger children.
- * Educate the "professionals". Do doctors really care about the retarded? Social workers often seem uninterested.
- * Mobilize the groups that were concerned about POW MIA to help the retarded.
- * Demonstrate in Washington..... Go there in busloads.
- * Ask legislators to go with us to State Schools and Hospitals and Interim Care Facilities unannounced.
- * Support Auditor General. A. G. now devising a check list for a "performance audit".
- * Document a complaint and send it to the Auditor General's Office in Harrisburg.
- * The right of a parent to visit his mentally retarded child's living unit needs to be established.

How can the multiply-handicapped, profoundly retarded citizen be helped?

- * Ex-retarded child care workers.
- * Foster grandparents,
- * Community volunteers.