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DRAFT A RESPONSE

MEMO TO: PARC Chapter Presidents/Executives

DATE: August 6, 1973

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FROM: L. Steuart Brown
President

RE: Resolution VI, 23rd Annual PARC Convention

On June 9, 1973, the general membership of the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children adopted Resolution VI concerning the Rights of Institutionalized Retarded Citizens.

This Resolution committed every Chapter of PARC to place as one of their first priorities the responsibility to monitor institutions within their geographical area.

As you know in the past year, a parent training program was instituted to train in methods of monitoring and evaluating public institutions. The PARC Regional Vice Presidents took a major responsibility in conducting these training programs and a number of people were trained and gained a sensitivity in order to go into institutions.

I am asking our Regional Vice Presidents to take specific responsibilities to coordinate such training programs once again this year and I will be looking for a continued effort on the part of every chapter to work together with institutions to improve the facilities and to be sure that the conditions for the mentally retarded are safe.

→ I will appreciate your responses and indications of what steps and plans you are instituting within your counties.

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R E S O L U T I O N
VI
RIGHTS OF INSTITUTIONALIZED RETARDED CITIZENS

WHEREAS, the offenses against the rights of institutionalized retarded citizens are legion; and

WHEREAS, the current methods of monitoring the state institutions for the mentally retarded have failed to assure the rights of retarded citizens within institutions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all local chapters of the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children place as one of their first priorities the responsibility to monitor institutions within their geographical area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that though the eventual solution of the problems associated with institutionalized residents is community residences, the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children and all of its local chapters must demonstrate real concern for institutionalized retarded citizens through constant monitoring and reporting of any offenses to the official in charge of the institution as well as the state association.

Duly enacted this ninth day of June, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

SIGNED

R. Stuart Brown
President

ATTEST:

Jerome L. Bernstein
Secretary

