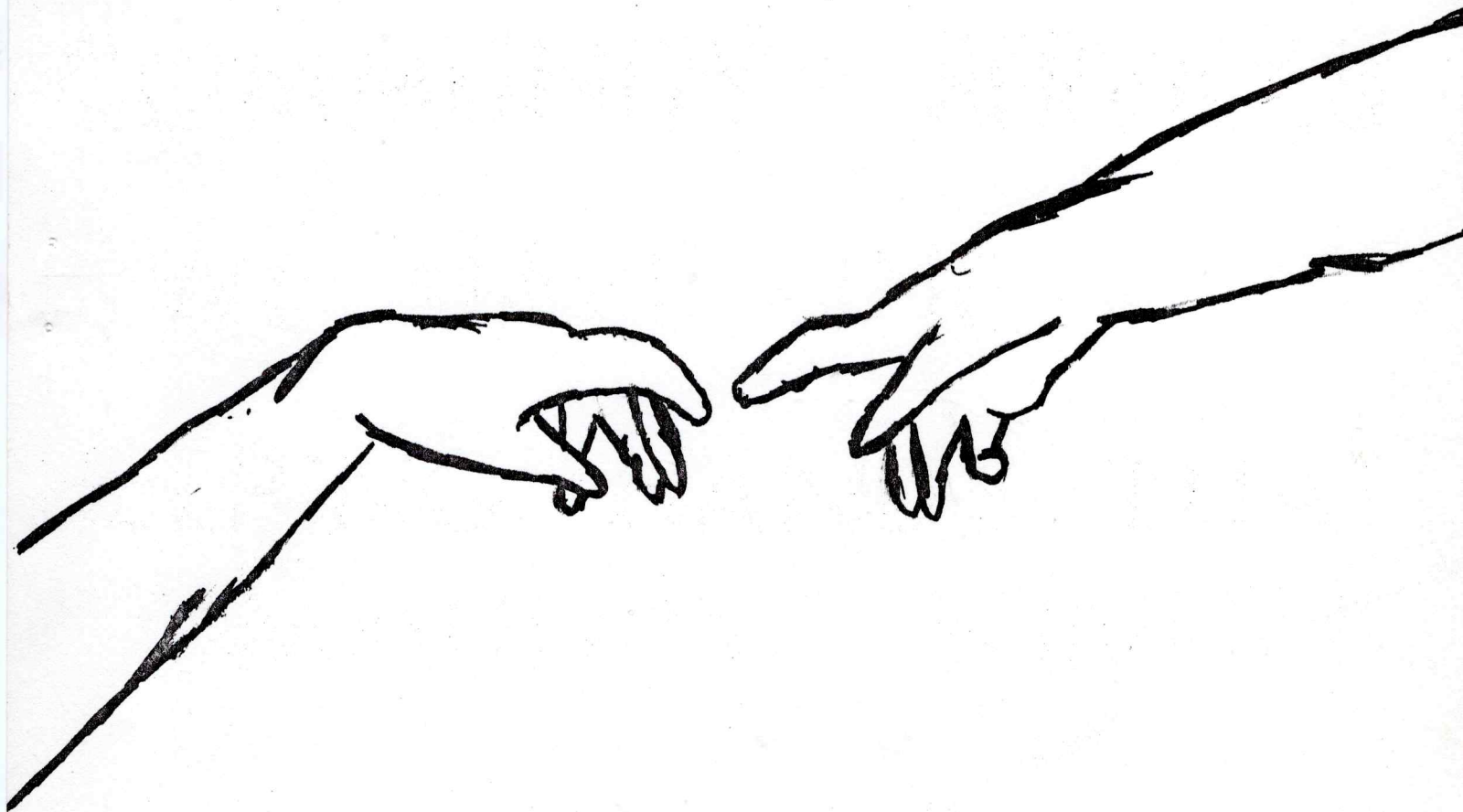


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HELPING HANDS THAT



YOU NEED

429-3969

SOCIAL SERVICES IN MACON COUNTY

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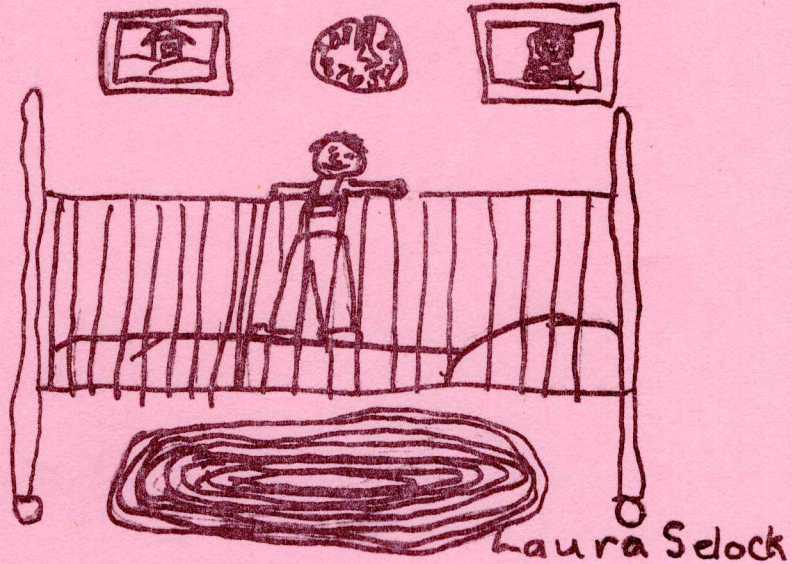
-St. Mary's Hospital 429-2966
(ask for poison control)

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(ask for poison control)

If you need any assistance in obtaining services
or finding help for some specific problem, please
feel free to call us at 429-3969, Macon County
Diversion Services.

Macon County Diversion Services
618 E. Orchard
P. O. Box 1212
Decatur, IL 62525

CHILD CARE



DECATUR-MACON CO. OPPORTUNITY CORPS. (DMCOC)

LONGVIEW DAY CARE

Works with children 6 wks. to 3½ yrs. old. Provides meals appropriate to the time of day.

HEAD START

Children must be 4 yrs. old by December. Provides Breakfast and lunch. A nurse is in the program. Can provide transportation. Also work with handicapped children.

ELIGIBLE: Low-income FEE: None

CALL: For Longview Day Care: 428-2193
Ask for Gail Evans

For Head Start: 429-4799
Ask for Glenna Apsley

ADDRESS: 1429 S. Jasper

HOURS: 8:00 - 4:30



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE (DCFS)

Helps children (also parents) who are abused or neglected. If you are on Public Aid and have to go to the hospital or are sick, DCFS has homemaker services to help you out. Can also provide an advocate for your child. An advocate will be the same sex as your child and will spend time doing all sorts of activities with your child.

ADDRESS: 119 W. William

PHONE: 429-5541

HOURS: 8:30 - 5:00

FEES: None

CONTACT PERSON: Ask to talk to someone in the INTAKE UNIT

FAMILY SERVICE

Provides adoption services.

VARLEY INFANT CARE

If you are 18 or younger, have a baby, and would like to go back to school, Varley will provide day care for your child while you are in class.

SELF-START

Helps children with developmental problems (such as seeming slow to talk). Prepares children for kindergarten. Works with children 3 yrs. old or older. There is a program at Ullrich School and at Mueller Park.

ELIGIBLE: If you don't have much income.

ADDRESS: 151 E. Decatur HOURS: 8:00 - 5:00

PHONE: 429-5216

Ullrich: 423-9022

Mueller Park: 423-2388

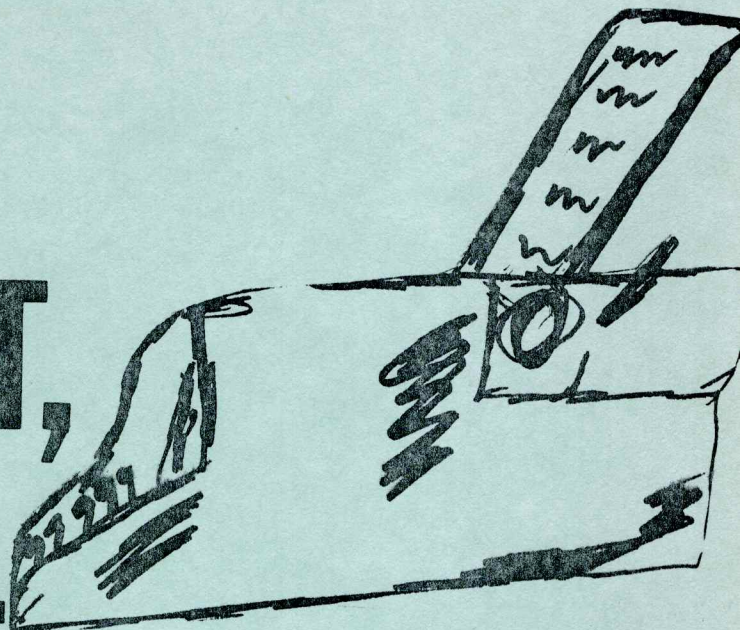
FEES: Based on what you can afford

CONTACT PERSON: Bea Lovette

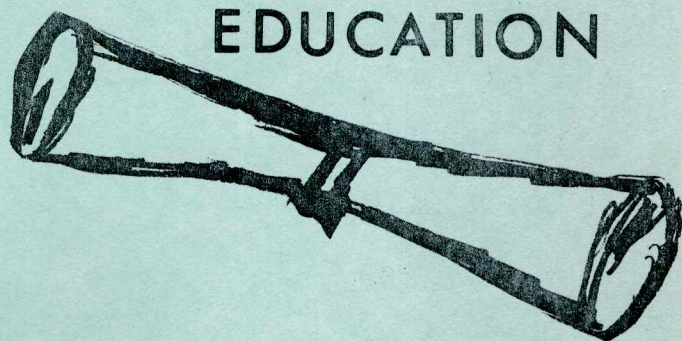
Ullrich: Mrs. Young

Mueller Park: Mrs. Pugh

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, VOCATIONAL



EDUCATION



RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE - GED PREPARATION

If you are interested in getting your high school diploma, Richland can help.

Richland offers four GED classes. You must take a pre-enrollment test before taking the class. The classes are in succession. Class 1 thru 3 teach basics in vocabulary, reading, grammar and math. Class 4 is advanced courses. The classes are held at Richland and are 16 wks. long. You must be 18 or older to take the GED test. (You could start the classes if you were 17 yrs. old or 17½ yrs. old)

PHONE: 424-7279

ADDRESS: 100 N. Water

FEE: \$10, plus costs for books

CALL: Richland - Public Services

AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER

G.E.D. classes, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Saturday classes for high school students; 8:00 a.m. - noon.

For more information about classes, call Area Vocational Center.

ADDRESS: 300 E. Eldorado

PHONE: 424-3074

COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING ACT (CETA)

Provides job training and employment service for those who can't seem to find a job. Several programs are available according to age and eligibility.

For some programs, you have to be unemployed 15-20 weeks; for other programs, unemployed for 30 days.

There is also a youth program, for young adults, 14-21 years of age. If you feel you might qualify for a CETA program, call or drop in.

Also provides literacy classes:

You have to be referred by CETA. You can either be working in a CETA program or CETA can make a referral without you being a part of the work programs. The classes have been for adults over 18 yrs. old, but there is a possibility that Work Experience Program people will be considered. Classes offer basic educational skills needed to make it in our society. If you are working through CETA, ask your CETA Counselor about the classes.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone, between 15 and 65 yrs. old, who falls into the guidelines for the programs

FEE: None

ADDRESS: 1450 E. North

CALL: Mark Walston

HOURS: 8:30 - 4:30

PHONE: 423-1312

INQUIRY

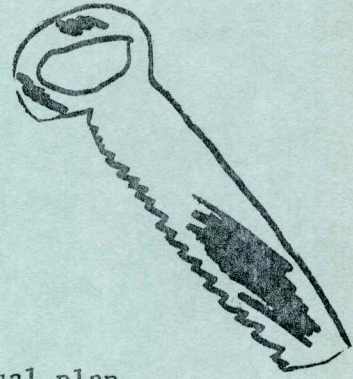
Offers free services for any adult interested in going back to work or school. They can give you educational information on schools, colleges, and community agencies that offer courses and degrees. They can give you information on job descriptions, requirements, and salary ranges. Also provides testing to find out your abilities and interests; counseling for educational and career planning opportunities; and information on financial aids, child care, and credit for experiences gained outside the classroom.

CALL: Sally Bennett HOURS: Mon - Sat.
8:00 - 8:00

PHONE: 422-0684 or 422-4862

ADDRESS: American Red Cross Building
500 E. Lake Shore Dr.

WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM (WIN) ILL. STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE



Labor Department - helps people on AFDC to earn money through an individual plan providing vocational training, on the job training, work experience, counseling, and guidance.

ELIGIBLE: Anyone on welfare and referred by caseworker to WIN

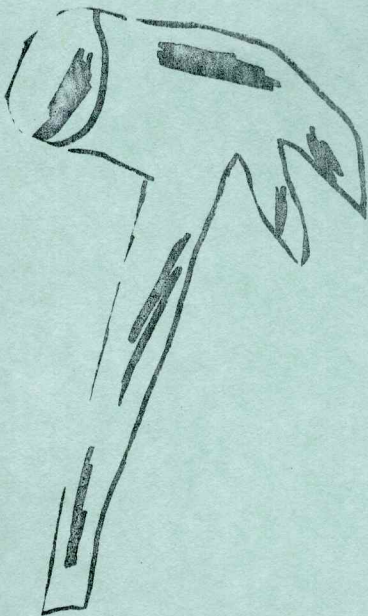
FEE: None

CALL: Your Public Aid Caseworker and ask if they can refer you to WIN

ADDRESS: 151 W. Main

PHONE: 429-5128

HOURS: 8:00 - 5:00



MACON COUNTY REHABILITATION FACILITY

Provides employment and training for persons who are physically or mentally disabled.

ELIGIBLE: At or near working age

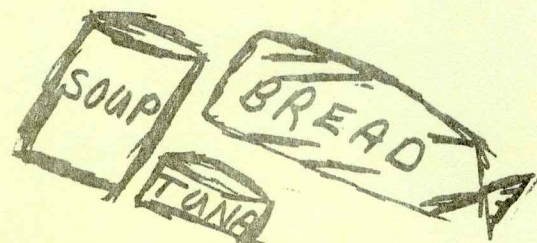
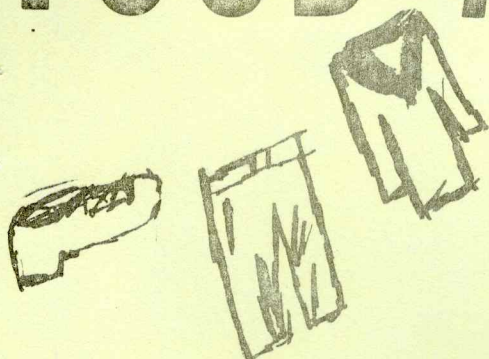
FEE: None, unless family is able to assist

ADDRESS: 1424 E. North St.

PHONE: 429-0120

CALL: Tom Ward or Jan Miller

FOOD AND CLOTHING



NORTHEAST CENTER

Help low income families obtain information about available services in the community. Also follows up cases to make sure people are getting the services. Provides food, clothing, furniture, and in emergencies, a place to stay.

ELIGIBLE: Anyone with Federal Poverty Guidelines, call to see if you can get help

FEE: None HOURS: 8:00 - 4:30

ADDRESS: 564 Longview

CALL: Mrs. Zandra Willis

PHONE: 429-0636

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Provides used clothing and furniture

ELIGIBLE: Anyone ADDRESS: 247 Prairie

FEE: Based on services and what you can afford to pay

PHONE: 429-3458 CALL: Paula Nave

HOURS: 8:30 - 4:30

CLOTHING ROOM: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 1:30 - 3:00
Fri.: 9:30 - 11:00

SALVATION ARMY

Hands out clothing and furniture to the needy. For other program information, call the Salvation Army.

ELIGIBLE: Anyone in need

ADDRESS: 229 W. Main St.

CALL: Major Wert

FEE: None PHONE: 428-4672

HOURS: 8:00 - 4:00

Salvation Army Pick-up Services
Address: 253 E. Orchard St.
Phone: 428-4513

DOVE

Provides food, clothing, and furniture if you are in need of these

ELIGIBLE: Any low-income person

FEE: None

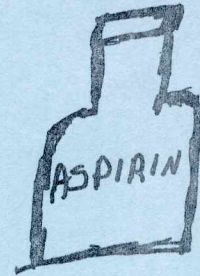
HOURS: 9:00 - 5:00

CALL: Fred Spannaus

ADDRESS: 1112 E. Locust

PHONE: 428-6616

HEALTH AND PRE-NATAL



CHIC

Provides health and medical care. Also provides sickle-cell testing, pap tests, pelvic exams, and V.D. testing. Call for an appointment!

ELIGIBLE: Everyone

HOURS: 8:00 - 4:00

PHONE: 422-9177

FEE: Free

CALL: Jan Mueller

ADDRESS: 360 E. Grand

DECATUR MENTAL HEALTH

Provides mental health services to children and adults of Macon County who can't afford private professional care. For other services offered, call Decatur Mental Health for information.

ELIGIBLE: Public

HOURS: 8:00 - 5:00 Mon, Wed, Fri

FEE: According to ability to pay

ADDRESS: 2300 N. Edward St., Bldg. #5

PHONE: 877-8613

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY: 429-4411

HEALTH DEPT.

Provides venereal disease exams, control, and immunization clinics.

V.D. clinics are held on Wed. from 2:00 - 3:45 (immunization); Thurs. 1:30 - 4:30 for results; and on Fri. 8:30 - 10:30 (testing and immunization).

Also provides well-child clinics, held on Monday 1:00 - 4:00, Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00, and on Wednesday 9:00 - 12:00

Who can get services: Anyone for V.D. clinics, and if you are referred by any health or welfare agency.

FEES: None

ADDRESS: 1085 S. Main (by Lake Decatur)

PHONE: 423-6988

CALL: Ask to speak to the nurse

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Provides medical services, physical exam by medical doctor, pap smear, urine and blood tests, contraception, V.D. screening, pregnancy testing, and other counseling and sexual education information along with other services.

ELIGIBLE: Anyone

HOURS: Mon - Fri. 9:00 - 4:00

FEE: Based on
what you can
pay

PHONE: 429-9211

ADDRESS: 988 S. Main (Bus: Route A - South Shores)

CALL: Ask to speak to the nurse

ST. MARY'S

Provides prenatal clinics on Wed.; 11:00 - 2:00 ONLY

ELIGIBLE: Must be on Public Aid

ADDRESS: 1800 E. Lake Shore Drive

PHONE: 429-2966

CALL: For appointment

VISITING NURSES

Provides health care services in your home that are ordered by your doctor. You can call, yourself, to get services. Also provides physical and speech therapy and meals brought to your home.

ELIGIBLE: Anyone ADDRESS: 1567 N. Water

FEES: Based on what you can afford
(Medicare or Public Aid can be used)

HOURS: 8:00 - 4:00, Mon - Fri.
(Meals delivered Mon - Fri, 11:00 - 1:00)

PHONE: 429-2538 or 877-3188

CALL: Esther Connor

DECATUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Provides prenatal clinics on Friday,
10:00 - 12:00

ELIGIBLE: Must be on Public Aid and/or
Township

ADDRESS: 2300 N. Edward

PHONE: 877-8121 (You must talk to
Secretary and then
Credit Dept.. The
Secretary will make an
appointment for you, if
you are eligible).

DISCRIMINATION

COMMUNITY RELATIONS (DEPT. OF)

Staff to Human Relations Commission which deals with cases of discrimination, such as race, job, housing, education, etc.. Promotes equal treatment of people.

SERVICE QUALIFICATION: Anyone FEE: None

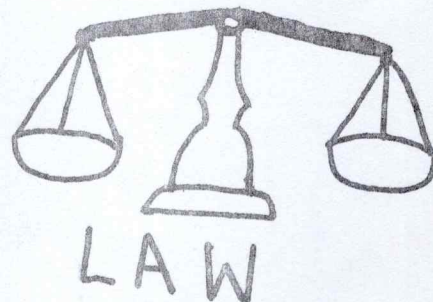
ADDRESS: 707 E. Wood

HOURS: 8:00 - 4:30

CALL: Mr. Charlie Jackson



LEGAL



LAND OF LINCOLN LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Counseling agency offering legal help. This includes casework, research, and investigation. (They do not handle criminal cases).

ELIGIBLE: Anyone ADDRESS: 156 S. Water - Hotel Orlando - Room 224

FEE: According to what you can pay PHONE: 423-0516

CALL: Ask to speak to one of the lawyers or explain situation to person answering phone HOURS: 9:00 - 5:00

HOUSING

DECATUR HOUSING AUTHORITY

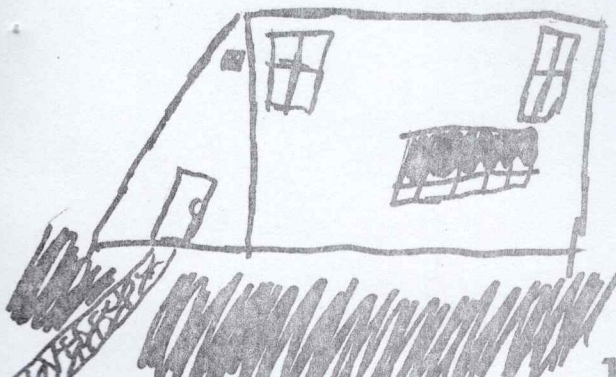
Provides a low-rent public housing program.

ELIGIBLE: All people meeting the low income rules

ADDRESS: 1801 E. Locust PHONE: 423-7711

FEE: Varies CALL: Mrs. Deverell

HOURS: 8:00 - 5:00 (closed 12:00 - 1:00)



DECATUR TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE

This office is to assist people who are in need of food, shelter, fuel, clothing and medical care. This is done on a budgetary basis.

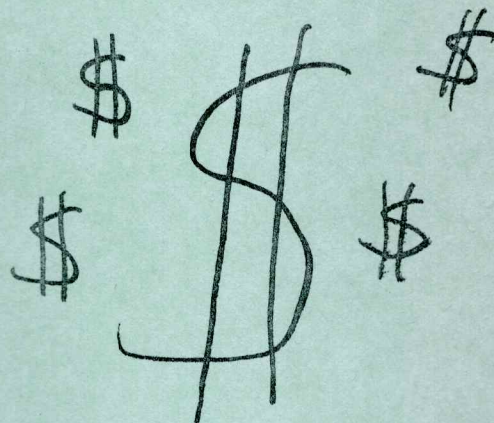
ELIGIBLE: Anyone over 18 can apply, but call for more information about eligibility (single or married without children)

FEE: None ADDRESS: 125½ W. Wood St.

HOURS: 8:30 - 4:30

PHONE: 429-5284 CALL: Mrs. Heinburgh or Mrs. Oglesby

MONEY



PUBLIC AID

This agency administers the Old Age Assistance, Blind Assistance, Disability Assistance, and Aid to Dependent Children with unemployed parent(s). Along with the money, usually helps with medical expenses and food stamps are provided.

ADDRESS: 3122 N. Water PHONE: 875-0411

HOURS: 8:30 - 5:00

ELIGIBLE: Call to see if you meet requirements

CONTACT PERSON: Mrs. Olney - aid
Mrs. Park - other problems

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Provides benefits for retirement, survivors of a death in a family, and disability.

ELIGIBILITY: If you feel you deserve these benefits, call

FEE: None

HOURS: 9:00 - 4:30

PHONE: 423-6957

ADDRESS: 1165 W. Grand

CALL: Ask to speak to the counselor or explain your situation to person answering the phone

SENIOR CITIZENS

OFFICE ON AGING

Services offered are: information and referral, outreach program, "friendly visits," trained volunteer core, educational and recreational service, and community planning and coordinating entity. (Nutrition site and recreational, call Minnie Grandberry - 428-3771).

ELIGIBLE: Anyone over 60 yrs. old FEE: None HOURS: 8:30 - 5:00

ADDRESS: 730 E. Wood CALL: Mr. Bill Nauman PHONE: 424-2754

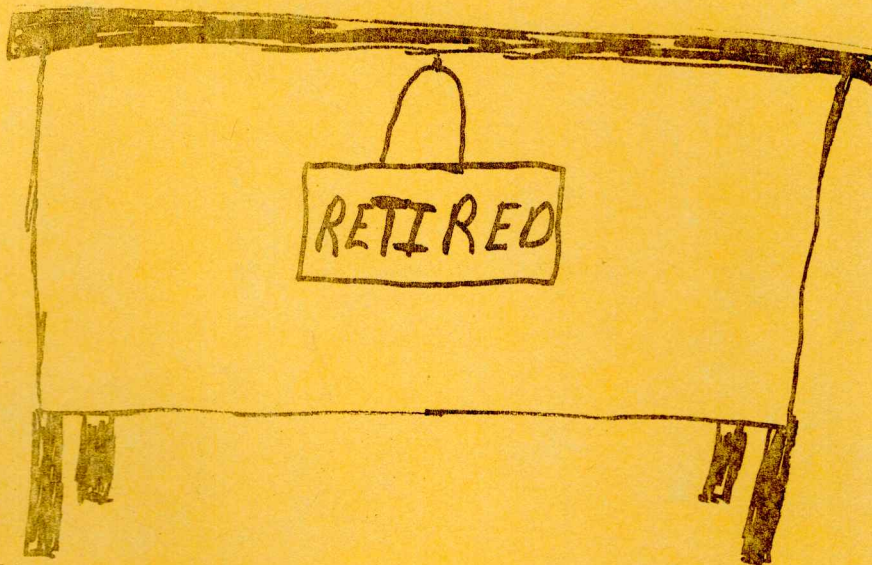
DMCOC

Provides recreational activities, nutrition program, and transportation

ADDRESS: 1429 N. Jasper

PHONE: 428-2193

CALL: Ask for Gail Evans



DROP-IN CENTER

HOURS: 8:30 - 5:00 2:30 - 3:30
Mon - Fri. Sun. programs

ADDRESS: 153 E. Main PHONE: 429-1239

CALL: Miss Ruth Haustetler

DOVE

Provides Senior Citizens' programs

ELIGIBLE: Anyone FEE: None

PHONE: 428-6616

ADDRESS: 1112 E. Locust

HOURS: 9:00 - 5:00

CONTACT: Pam Floyd

RECREATION

BOY'S CLUB

Provides arts and crafts, sports, and educational activities. Activities and times vary from month to month, and week to week.

ELIGIBLE: Anyone PHONE: 422-9605

FEE: \$1 membership for one year, if you can't afford this, arrangements can be made.

CALL: Kent Phillips or Joe DeCerbo

ADDRESS: 863 E. Leafland

BOY SCOUTS

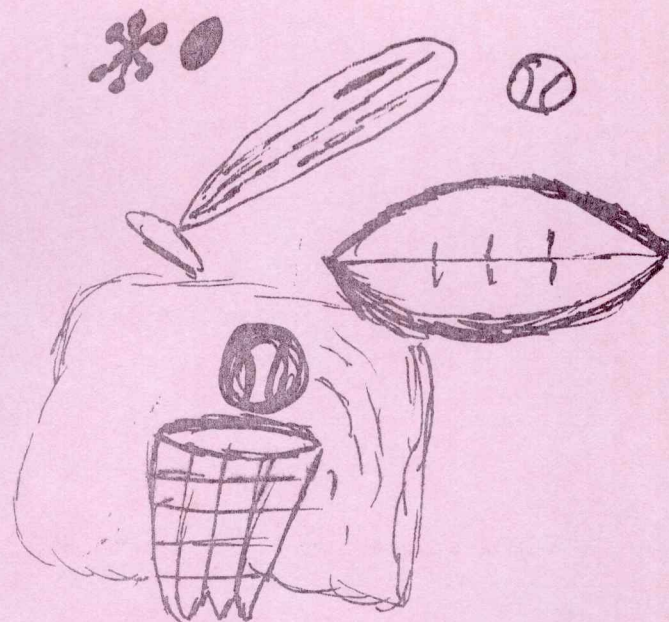
It provides a camping program and scouting services, and other programs for boys and girls.

ELIGIBLE: All boys 8-20; girls 15-20

FEE: Varies ADDRESS: 205 S. Edward St.

PHONE: 429-2326 HOURS: 9:00 - 5:00

CALL: Mr. Donald Berg



DOVE

Provides recreation and activities for kids. Also, there are tutoring, nutrition, and mother-to-mother (for mothers on ADC) programs.

ELIGIBLE: Any low-income person

FEE: None HOURS: 9:00 - 5:00

PHONE: 429-6616 CALL: Fred Spannaus

ADDRESS: 1112 E. Locust

OPEN DOOR

Provides sewing, budget (money) counseling, arts and crafts, field trips, and help with any other problems that you might have.

ELIGIBLE: Any low-income person (youth and adults)

FEES: None

ADDRESS: 353 Longview

HOURS: Tues. and Thurs.: 12:30 - 5:00
Wed.: 9:00 - 12:00 (other times arranged)

ASK FOR: Micky Taylor

PHONE: 423-7053 or 423-3415

MACON COUNTY DIVERSION SERVICES

To provide families and children with counseling, if the children are having problems which do or could involve the police. Provide short-term casework, referring to other agencies, and crisis counseling.

ELIGIBLE: Anyone who is having problems with their children (destroying property, stealing) which might involve the police. You can call yourself and ask for help.

FEE: None ADDRESS: 618 E. Orchard

PHONE: 429-3969 HOURS: 8:00 - 4:00

CALL: Phyllis Fletcher

OTHER

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Performs four basic functions for the citizens of Decatur. The Department includes a Building Inspection Division, a Neighborhood Standards and Improvements Division, a Planning Division, and Urban Renewal Division. Also, complain to the city regarding services that the city offers, such as garbage, water, etc..

ELIGIBLE: All citizens of Decatur

ADDRESS: 707 E. Wood HOURS: 8:00 - 4:30

FEE: Determined on individual basis. Call if you feel you need their help.

PHONE: 424-2793 CALL: Mr. Charlie Cherches

ALSO: Includes Community Renewal, which provides rehabilitating your house, low-cost loans, and grants to fix up your house if you meet certain income requirements.

ELIGIBLE: Call to see if you are eligible.

FEES: None ADDRESS: 702 E. Wood

PHONE: 424-2776 CALL: Francis Pittz

CHELP

Provides training in home repairs, budgeting, house keeping, and sanitation

ELIGIBLE: Anyone living in Mueller Park Area or Nearer Northeast Side - Torrence Park Area

ADDRESS: 100 N. Water - Richland Community College

PHONE: 423-2012 FEE: None

ASK FOR: Margaret Coberly, or Marianna Hannula

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A group of men and women who share their experiences, strengths, and hope with each other that they may solve the common problem and help each other recover from Alcoholism.

ELIGIBLE: The only requirement is the desire to stop drinking.

FEE: None PHONE: 422-3766 or 877-8751

ADDRESS: 260 E. Wood

PARENTS ANONYMOUS

If you "have had it" with your kids, and feel that you are getting to the point where you think you could really hurt your child, Parents' Anonymous can help you.

ELIGIBLE: Anyone ADDRESS: 1031 W. Packard

FEES: None PHONE: 423-3754 or 429-1205

ASK FOR: Marilyn Reid

COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION SERVICE

Three major services offered:

4-H club, Educational, and the Expanded Food and Nutrition program

If you are interested, call for information.

ELIGIBLE: Any person or agency can participate in the first two services, but the Expanded Food and Nutrition Program is only for persons on a very limited income.

FEE: All programs free to public

ADDRESS: 348 W. Prairie

PHONE: 877-6042

CONTACT PERSON: Ms. Farner

HOURS: 8:00 - 5:00

CALL FOR ACTION

Talk to whoever answers the phone.

IF YOU HAVEN'T FOUND THE SOLUTION TO YOUR PROBLEM, YOU CAN CALL:

PHONE: 428-1050

ADDRESS: 265 S. Park

WDZ sponsors this program!

PROGRESS RESOURCE CENTER

Provides services for developmentally disabled through five different programs:

1. Information, referral, and advocacy - determines what kind of help is needed for the person and the family. This program provides recreation, court help, and help when a crisis comes up.
2. Start - for young children, 0-3 years old, who are having trouble with developing in some way. Provides therapy, parent training, and help with other situations involving the child.
3. Day Center - provides training program for children who cannot function in a public school because of development problems.
4. Work Activities Center - provides work experience for individuals over 16 yrs. of age, who cannot cope with normal work experience or other special work programs because of the individual's developmental problems.
5. Woodford Homes - residential setting for children. Admittance to the program is through the Information - Referral - Advocacy Program.

ADDRESS: 3475 N. Maple

ELIGIBLE: Anyone who is developmentally disabled

FEES: None

PHONE: 877-0387

ASK FOR: Gale Salzman

FISH

Can or will try to help you with whatever problem you have. If they cannot help you, will send you to an agency who can.

CALL: 423-8188 FEE: None

ELIGIBLE: Anyone

ADDRESS: 425 S. Edward

HOURS: Anytime

*Anna Waters
Head Start Center*

*Longview - Community
Day Care Center*

428-9589

429-4799



**SOCIAL
SERVICES
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(1)

The purpose of this booklet is to inform Head Start and Day Care Parents of some of the Social Services available to them in Decatur and Macon County, so they can help other people too.

The name of the agency, plus the person to contact and the telephone number are listed.

Keep this booklet in a safe place, near your telephone, in case you need the services of any of these agencies.



(2) SERVICES LISTED IN THIS BOOKLET
(and a guide to Others)

Health Department-Children Immunizations

Planned Parenthood-Birth Control, PAP tests,
Teen Counseling

Decatur Memorial and St. Mary's Hospitals-
Emergency room use when you don't have a
doctor

CHIC-Help with doctors, health tests, PAP
tests

Decatur Mental Health Center

Catholic Charities - Clothing and Furniture

Salvation Army-Furniture, Thanksgiving and
Christmas Baskets

Family Services-Babysitting, Counseling,
services to teenage mothers

Legal Aid - Lawyers - 423-0516

Senior Citizens Nutrition Program - for those
60 and over

Vocational Alternatives Program - A training
program. Inquire of Charles Etta Miller

YWCA - OPEN DOOR 353 Longview Inquire

Youth Advocate Program - Inquire of Tony Stahl

Macon County Day Probation and Education --
Inquire of Phyllis Fletcher

Longview Community Services Coordinator-- Laura
Dennis (if landlord agrees, Longview rents
you a house, and you pay rent based on your
income to Longview; Longview pays rent to
owner.)

Richland Community College-GED, Proficiency
tests

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AGENCY: ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

ADDRESS: P. O. Box 388

TELEPHONE: 422-3766

Contact Person:

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experiences, strength, and hope with each other, in order to solve their common problems.

Requirements: A desire to stop drinking.

Fees: None

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AGENCY: LONGVIEW-COMMUNITY DAY CARE CENTER

ADDRESS: 406 Longview Place

TELEPHONE: 429-4799

Contact Person: Georgia Caldwell

The center provides care for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age who need care away from home during the day, while the parents are at work and attending school.

Nutritious meals are served, and good eating habits are encouraged.

Open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday through Friday.

Fee: Varied

(5)

AGENCY: (CETA) Comprehensive Employment
Training Act

ADDRESS: 1450 E. North

TELEPHONE: 424-1350

Contact Person: Mary Powell

Services provided for economically disadvantaged unemployed & underemployed persons to secure and retain employment at maximum capacity.

The CETA Act has four Programs:

1. On-the-job training developing jobs with area compaines, agencies, & industries.
2. Public services employment paying the salaries of its participants assigned to these employers.
3. Work Experience developing work-site with employers and paying it participant wages while participating in training.
4. Classroom training - CETA pays for tuition, books, supplies and other required materials.

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AGENCY: ILLINOIS STATE EMPLOYMENT
SERVICES

ADDRESS: 119 North Church

Telephone: 423-1070

If you are looking for a job, fill out
your Application at the above address.

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AGENCY: COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION HOME ECONOMICS

ADDRESS: 985 W. Pershing Road

Phone: 877-6024

Contact Person: Mrs. Barbara Farner

Services offered are the (1) 4-H Club program for any youngster--rural or Urban age 9 through 19 years. (2) to organize groups such as Homemakers Association or Cooperating Social Agencies. (3) To expand food and Nutrition program. (4) Make Home Visits to families on limited income.
Fee: Free

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AGENCY: ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN &
FAMILY SERVICES

DECATUR DISTRICT OFFICE

ADDRESS: 119 W. William

Telephone: 429-5441 - 429-5731

Contact Person: David Lett

This agency provides protective services on behalf of children who are being neglected by their parents. They insure that children receive adequate care. Services are provided to strengthen family life. Substitute care is provided when parents cannot provide adequate care for their children, such as short term and long term foster care adoption services. Services to unmarried mothers are also offered, including financial assistance for medical expenses, and many other services.

Eligible - Family with at least one child.

Fee: According to financial condition.

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AGENCY: DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES
CORP.

ADDRESS: 1429 N. Jasper

Contact Person: Gail Evans

State your problem and
contact will be made by
right party

This agency works with people, agencies,
and organizations of Decatur & Macon
County to study needs of those low-socio-
economic conditions, and to supply oppor-
tunities for those afflicted with poverty to
deal with their own problems.
Any person within federal poverty guide-
lines are eligible.

Fee: None

(10)

AGENCY: FAMILY SERVICES

ADDRESS: 151 East Decatur

Telephone: 429-5216

Contact Person: Bea Lovette

This agency provides counseling services and caseworkers for individuals and families who are having problems in areas as: Marital adjustments, parent-children relationships, emotionally disturbed individuals; under-achieving school children, unmarried parenthood, and adjustment to aging.

The service is available to anyone who lives or is employed in Macon County.

Fee: The charges for services are on a sliding scale.

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AGENCY: DECATUR MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

ADDRESS: 2300 N. Edward St, Bldg. #5

Telephone: 877-8613

Evening youth Hotline: RAPP

Person to contact: State your problem and they will refer you to the right person.

A private non-profit community mental Health Center providing Mental Health services to secure private professional care.

Special attention is given to Alcoholism Drug abuse and children service.

Center hours are 8 a.m. to 5p.m. Mon - Fri. and on Wed, & Thurs. are open until 10p.m.

Fee: According to ability to pay.

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AGENCY: DOVE

ADDRESS: 1112 E. Locust

Telephone: 428-6616

Eligible - any low-income persons

The purpose of DOVE is to provide persons
in the churches of the organization
the opportunity to work with people
from different backgrounds than their's.

Activities: Sewing classes for adults &
children, Tutoring for adults &
children, Nutrition classes for
children, Pre-school story hour for
children, A program working with
ADC mothers called a mother- to-
mother program, Food, clothing, and
furniture is provided.

Fee: None

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AGENCY: DECATUR HOUSING AUTHORITY

ADDRESS: 401 Longview

Telephone: 423-7711 or 429-2751

Contact Person: Laura Dennis

A Municipal Corporation administering a low rent public housing program.

To be considered for residency, all applicants must meet certain income limits and rules of eligibility as established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Decatur Housing Authority.

Fee: Varied

AGENCY: DECATUR TOWNSHIP OFFICE

ADDRESS: 753 N. Water

Telephone: 429-5284

The purpose of this office is to assist people who are in need of food, shelter, fuel, clothing and medical care; this is done on a budgetary basis. Proof of need must be substantiated.

Single and 2 person cases with no children may apply; anyone over 18 years of age and full time employed fathers with insufficient income may apply.

Fee: None

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AGENCY: DECATUR DAY CARE CENTER

ADDRESS: 364 W. William Street

Telephone: 422-2044

Contact Person: Beverly Whitsitt

The center provides care for children 3 to 11 years of age who need care-away from home during the day, while the parents are at work.

Nutritious meals are served, and good eating habits are encouraged.

Daily service from 6 a.m. to 5:30p.m. Monday through Friday.

Fee: Based on the parents ability to pay.

AGENCY: EASTER SEAL SOCIETY OF CENTRAL
ILLINOIS FRO CRIPPLED CHILDREN
AND ADULTS, INC.

ADDRESS: 243 W. Cerro Gorde

Telephone: 429-1052 or 429-1232

Contact Person: Shirley Freshman

Out - Patient occupational and speech therapy for children & adults, parent counseling; information and referral services; free loan for those who cannot afford to buy equipment. Such as hospital beds, wheel chairs and walkers. There is also a two-week residence camp for physically handicapped children 7-14 years.

Anyone with neuro-muscular or orthopedic disabilities; pre-school children or adults with speech problems are eligible for services.

Fees: Based on family's ability to pay.

Free if they cannot pay.

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AGENCY: DECATUR-MACON COUNTY OPPOR-
TUNITIES CORPORATION, OUTREACH
PROGRAM

ADDRESS: 564 Longview

Telephone: 429-0636

Contact Person: Zandra Willis

A Program whereby individuals go out into the community and county among persons less fortunate than themselves, to give them information on services they rightly deserve and assist them in obtaining these services to upgrade their standard of living and feelings of self worth which motivates them towards involvement in improving their own lives.

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AGENCY: FISH

ADDRESS: 425 S. Edward

Telephone: 423-8188

Contact Person: Ned Freeman

Fish is an organization of friendly neighbors who care about others in our city and who will respond if someone needs help of any kind. Fish is on duty 24 hours a day.

Eligible: All people of any class or station in life.

Fee: None

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AGENCY: DECATUR AREA VOCATIONAL
CENTER

ADDRESS: 300 E. Eldorado
8:00 - 12:00 noon on Saturday

Telephone: 423-3070

The Area Vocational Center will provide the opportunity needed for citizens to continue their Education toward a high school diploma. The program is designed for high school students that need no more than one credit & now high school students that need no more than 3 units. Call for Fee.

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AGENCY: ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DIVISION OF UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION

ADDRESS: 217 W. Prairie

Telephone: 429-5333

Contact Person: Elmer Smith

Payment of unemployment insurance benefits to individuals who are unemployed and meet the legal requirements as defined in the Illinois unemployment compensation act.

Claims are also taken and forwarded for payment to other states for those individuals whose employment was insured in another state.

Eligible: Unemployed workers who meet the eligibility **requirements.**

Fee: None

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AGENCY: COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT
CENTER (CHIC)

Address: 360 East Grand

Telephone: 422-9117 Open 8:00 a.m.-
4:00p.m., Tues, Wed, & Fri.

This is an organization to improve the health and provide health education, to utilize, and coordinate the existing Medical facilities for the people of Decatur Macon County.

1. Give hearing and vision testing.

Monday, transportation to Cerro Gordo.

2. Test for blood pressure, respiration, and weight, sickle cell anemia, lead poisoning, and pap smears.

3. Counseling is available for health problems. Physical Exams are given by physicians at CHIC. Everyone is eligible.

Fee: All Services are free.

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AGENCY: LEGAL AID SOCIETY

Address: 125 N. Franklin

Phone: 423-0516

Contact Person: Call for an appointment,
made according to urgency
& availability

The Legal Aid Society is a counseling agency offering legal services to persons who are unable to procure and obtain such services elsewhere, including case-work. Investigation, research, etc.
Office hours, 9a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon - Fri.
Eligible: Residents of Macon County
Depending on financial condition.

AGENCY: ANNA WATERS HEAD START

ADDRESS: 618 E. Orchard

TELEPHONE: 428-9589

Contact Person: Cozette Cliff

The way Head Start determines what child is eligible for our program is by the following:

1. Handicapped
2. Large Family
3. Low-Income
4. Head Of Household

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AGENCY: MACON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC AID

ADDRESS: 3122 N. Water (behind Brettwood
Village Shopping Center)

TELEPHONE: 877-0411

Contact Person: Ask for your caseworker
or give a brief summary of your
specific need, and referral will
be made

This agency administers old age assistance,
blind assistance, disability assistance,
aid to dependent children, aid to dependent
children-unemployed parents, medical
assistance to those ineligible for a cash
grant, and food stamps program.

The programs are supported by the Federal
and State Funds.

Proof of eligibility is required.

Fee: None

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AGENCY: PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF DECATUR

Address: 988 S. Main

Telephone: 429-9211

Person to Contact: Walk in for Physical
or problem.

Planned Parenthood of Decatur provides family planning information, laboratory screening, counseling, medical and contraceptive services and individual and community education. All services are voluntary and available to anyone wishing to use them.

Center hours: 9 - 4 weekdays and 10-12 Saturday mornings. Evening medical clinics by appointment.

Eligible: Anyone wishing services

Fee: Based on one's ability to pay;

free if you can't pay

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AGENCY: PROGRESS RESOURCES CENTER

ADDRESS: 3475 N. Maple

TELEPHONE: 877-0387

Person to Contact: Gale Salzman

Progress Resources Center provides services for the mentally retarded of Macon County. The Day Center provides a training program for children and adults not eligible for public school or other programs.

Programs of language development and home training, the service of a school nurse and psychologist are given. An information, referral, and advocacy service is available to all retarded persons and their families. Help is given with living situations to cope with problems in the home.

Fee: None

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AGENCY: RAPP

Address: 300 W. McKinley Avenue

Telephone: 877-7277

Contact Persons: Volunteer Workers

RAPP is a telephone hotline available to anyone in the Decatur community. If you need medical help, have a bad drug reaction, problem with parents, friends, spouse, child abuse, etc., and need to talk it out, call RAPP.

Volunteer Workers

No fee

Survey Report on the Need for Youth Services
and Existing Resources in Decatur/Macon County

*Council of
Community
Services
Committee
Report*

In November 1975, the Department of Community Relations sent questionnaires to a number of agencies serving youth in Decatur/Macon County. The purpose of this survey was to identify those areas in which the community lacks adequate youth services, those resources which are available, and those problems impeding the development of an adequate social service delivery system relevant to the needs of youth.

Questionnaires were sent to the following agencies:

1. Decatur Mental Health Center, Children's Service
2. Department of Children and Family Services
3. DMCOG - CETA Work Experience
4. DOVE
5. Illinois Youth Center - VAST
6. { Macon County Day Probation
7. { Macon County Diversion Service
8. Macon County Probation Department
9. Vocational Alternatives Program
10. Volunteers in Court
11. Webster-Cantrell Hall
12. Youth Advocate Program

*Catholic Charities
Family Service*

Chris Jensen

This listing should not exclude recognition of the resources offered by the Boys' Club, the Recreation Department, the YMCA and the YWCA, the Decatur Housing Authority's Social Services Department, or other church or neighborhood organizations of which we may lack awareness. All of these resources help to bridge the gap between youth needs and youth services in the community. In choosing agencies for our survey, however, we tried to identify those agencies

with a clearly defined and specific social service objective which attempt to serve specific categories of youth; or, agencies with a legal mandate to provide youth services -- as opposed to agencies such as the YMCA and YWCA which serve a generalized purpose, i.e., recreation, and a generalized population. This distinction is difficult to make in some cases, as with the Boys' Club, but necessary in the sense of limiting our data to manageable and meaningful proportions. We have not included agencies such as the schools, for example, which may have special need programs - i.e. classes for pregnant girls - but whose primary function is not one of a social service nature. Inclusion of all such agencies would result in an endless mass of data which would, in the end, probably obscure areas in which services are lacking.

There is little need, apparently, to discuss duplications of service among the agencies on our list. While the target populations of the various agencies may overlap, each agency has a clearly defined objective distinct from the objectives of all other youth service agencies in the community. It may be that some of these objectives could be more efficiently combined into one program. However, we did not concern ourselves with this question in examining the results of our survey. It is a question which does bear some examination by the community.

The major needs identified by the survey are:

1. A temporary shelter care home with a secure detention component for children in crisis situations and children who have to be detained but who are in need of psychiatric care. Such a facility would have, ideally, the capacity to perform psychological evaluations and diagnosis.
2. Expansion of the Macon County Day Probation and Diversion Services.

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Phyllis Hotchen*

3. Programming for high school drop-outs which would include counseling and referral services to students identified as potential drop-outs, vocational counseling to students who have dropped out of school, and any supportive services needed to get students back into school, through completion of the GED, or into a job.
4. A program offering direct service to the incarcerated child and supportive services to children post incarceration.
5. Increased job opportunities for students in financial need.
6. Increased recreational opportunities for all youth but particularly for those in disadvantaged areas such as Longview and Torrence Park and those identified as being potential dropouts or or juvenile offenders.

We will briefly discuss each of these needs in relation to existing resources:

1. A temporary shelter care home with a detention component and psychological services.

The need for such a facility was expressed by several respondents to our survey - the Decatur Mental Health Center, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Macon County Diversion Service, and the Macon County Probation Department.

While there is general agreement that the present detention facility is not a good place to put any child - even one guilty of a criminal offense, - the expression of this need mainly recognizes a category of children who need a "cooling off" place while some intervention can be taken with the family to re-integrate the child into the home. As our respondent from the Department of Children and Family Services puts it, "Too many people jump from a juvenile problem to the courts and placement too quickly."

There are not enough emergency foster care homes to absorb the numbers of children needing temporary placement. Webster-Cantrell Hall has been looked upon as an alternative detention facility but, generally speaking, has not had the capacity to provide this service due to environmental problems. ? Remodeling 3 rooms
Carl Miller 4-6 Rm

As previously pointed out, the ideal shelter care facility would have the capacity to perform psychological services. Our survey indicates that such services are somewhat difficult to obtain under the existing structure. The proposed facility could provide immediate and integrated care to children in need of psychiatric help.

As detention is usually a negative experience lending itself to further alienation and disillusionment on the part of children, a primary objective of the proposed "shelter care home" would be to provide a warm, accepting, concerned atmosphere for children more conducive to successful re-integration into the community.

2) Expansion of the Macon County Day Probation and Diversion Services.

The Day Probation Program serves adjudicated juvenile offenders, ages 12-16 who cannot "make a go of it" in the regular school system. First priority is given to those juveniles in danger of institutionalization. The program served 34 clients in fiscal year 1974-1975.

According to figures released by the Macon County Probation Department, 175 juveniles were placed on probation in 1975. These 34 clients represent 19.4% of the juveniles on probation in 1975 (this figure is an approximation as Day Probation's fiscal year may not coincide with the period represented by the Probation Department's figures.)

In any event, it would not seem too hasty to conclude that there is a larger number of juvenile probationers who could benefit from expansion of the Day Probation Program.

Statistics from the Police Department clearly point out the need for an expanded diversionary program. In 1974, the police had contact with 1,991 juveniles! ^{838% repeat} Three hundred and thirteen of these contacts involved non-criminal offenses - we would assume that this number is representative of the number of juveniles who could benefit from some kind of diversionary service. At the present time, however, the Diversion Program has only two staff members and the program is limited to providing referral services. The program badly needs the capacity to perform more direct service. As the Director states, "Existing agencies to whom referrals are made cannot always absorb the number of youth currently needing crime preventive services without substantial increases in staff."

The Diversion Program served approximately 60 clients between May and November. Considering the number of juveniles having police contact during the course of the year, the recidivism rate among young offenders (37% during 1973-1974) and the number of youth committed to the Illinois Department of Corrections (a 5 year, 1970-1974, average of 21.5 commitments per year), Day Probation and the Diversion Service barely touch the tip of the iceberg. Both programs have applied for Community Development Block Grant monies to expand their services. There appears to be a definite need for this expansion.

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The Youth Advocate Program also serves a diversionary purpose. This program places a volunteer on a one-to-one basis with a ward of the Department of Children and Family Services whose problems are such that the Department feels the child needs extra and individual attention. The objective of the program is to prevent the child's placement. However, the program may be seen to serve a diversionary purpose in that children in circumstances demanding this kind of intervention

are likely to be prone to getting into trouble with the law also. The program has recently added a deterrent component for children whose problems are even less amenable to correction. In this part of the program, work is done with the family as well as with the child. Here, again, while diversion from the juvenile justice system is a kind of by-product of the program, it is not the primary objective.

3) Drop-out Programming:

While the school system has a number of alternative educational programs for students who either do not fit into the regular system, have personal problems, or who are dissatisfied with the traditional system, there is a general lack of community programming aimed specifically at dropouts. CETA Work Experience picks up a certain amount of the slack by offering vocational training, work experience, assessment, and counseling to drop-outs who are economically disadvantaged. The program makes a concerted attempt to help dropouts enrolled in the program obtain their GED or vocational training. However, dropping out of school is a problem which cuts across all economic classes. The community needs a dropout program which will reach dropouts in all social and economic strata.

Richland Community College has submitted a proposal for a Drop-in Center for dropouts to the Illinois Office of Education. It appears that this proposal will be accepted as Richland was asked to expand its geographical base and re-submit the proposal.

Two other groups are currently studying the dropout problem in Decatur/Macon County. The Human Relations Commission's Youth and Education Committee has been coordinating discussions among a number of community

social services agencies under the title "Project Re-entry." This group has developed a research proposal to study the causes of the dropout problem and is currently discussing the feasibility and validity of this proposal with the school administration. The ultimate goal of this research is, of course, to design a program for dropouts that will attack some of the problems uncovered by the research. The Council of Community Service's ^{Family & Child Care Division} Youth Committee is also interested in this problem and has been helping to stimulate interest in this area.

4) Direct service to the incarcerated child and supportive services to children post incarceration.

This is a need identified by the Youth Advocate Program. We assume that the intention behind its proposal is to offer a kind of bridge between the child in detention and the community. Having mentioned the alienating effect of detention, this proposal would seem to make a lot of sense in that it should serve to ameliorate some of the isolation and anxiety that children in detention must feel. Such a program could, for example, maintain the child's contact with his or her school, ease conflict with the child's family, provide recreational materials for the child, and see that his or her personal health and grooming needs were taken care of. Continued contact with the child after release could be most supportive and should serve to deter the child from further trouble.

Of course, the Probation Department presently assumes this responsibility and sees that the child's basic needs are met. We would assume, again, that the intention of this proposal is to offer the child a supportive figure unassociated with the authority structure as probation workers may, in some instances, have such a negative image in the

child's eyes as to be unable to assume a supportive role. Post incarceration, the Volunteers in Court Program does function to offer a supportive "Big Brother, Big Sister" type volunteer to probationers with the aim of helping the child through the probationary period. This program has been quite successful but has been hampered by a shortage of black female and male volunteers. It would also seem to bear community attention, support, and expansion.

5) Increased job opportunities.

CETA Work Experience is the major agency operative in the area of providing job opportunities and work experience to economically disadvantaged youth. The agency currently has five staff members, including the Director and clerical support. During the Title I program year, the agency served 160 clients; the summer program served 279 clients. The Director cites two barriers in fulfilling the program's goals: 1) finding jobs for clients once their training and/or work experience is completed and 2) a lack of "concentrated" training opportunities in clerical, auto mechanics and other jobs requiring high skill levels.

We should note, however, that while disadvantaged youth should be given first priority in job programs, youth in all economic levels need and desire a chance to work and develop job habits and skills. It is generally conceded that the frustrations of not being able to find a job have a great deal to do with proneness to criminal activities. There seems to be a lot of validity to the idea that putting a child to work - that is, giving him something to do - keeps him out of trouble.

The solution to this problem would seem to reside in a greater

awareness on the part of local employers of the need to develop job and training opportunities for youth. It is up to those working in the youth area to promote this awareness in the community and to stimulate job development for young people.

We might also point out that there is a great deal of competition for placement spots in the community. Along with CETA Work Experience, we have a number of agencies looking for job placement for their clients - i.e. Macon County Rehabilitation Facility, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, VAST, and the Vocational Alternatives. It might be possible for all of these agencies to combine efforts with greater success for all if discussions could be started along these lines.

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6) Increased recreational opportunities.

Decatur's park system and recreation program are generally recognized as being outstanding in relation to what cities of similar size have. The effectiveness of the recreation program was further boosted last summer by a concentrated effort to provide more activities in the central park areas. This effort was quite successful at increasing participation in the recreation program.

There is, at this time, a recognized need for a park in the Torrence Park - Longview area and a feasibility study for such a park has been completed. We assume that this park will eventually become a reality once its funding can be worked out.

The Boys' Club provides a much needed recreational resource for youth in the near northeast section of the city. Here again, however,

we must note that, while this area was of first priority, all youth in the city have need of a similar resource. Ideally, the Boys' Club needs to have one or two additional sites or one large, well equipped central facility.

The DOVE program constitutes another important resource in the recreational area. The program has six staff members and offers a varied array of services and activities: tutoring, a Mother-to-Mother Program, sewing, a pre-school story hour, music lessons, sports activities, karate instruction, arts and crafts, youth rap sessions, dance lessons, and an open house. The program is hampered by transportation problems and the lack of building facilities, staff, and funds. *(Cuts in Action funds will affect Vista Workers)*

In offering this report, we have undoubtedly overlooked some aspects of the problem and failed to mention other resources which are available. We have not discussed the role of the Department of Children and Family Services and the Probation Department as the agencies of legal responsibility for dependent youth and youth offenders. Both of these agencies serve an integrative function in the social service delivery system for youth. We would suggest that their proper consideration probably requires a separate report of a somewhat different slant and scope.

In short, the report is intended as a working model for some community agency or group to adopt as a launching pad for further study and planning.

In a general sense, we might conclude that the community suffers not so much a lack of services as a lack of ~~of~~ *planning* coordination among existing services. The present social service delivery system for youth forms something of a patchwork quilt applying remedies in a bandaid manner. Most existing services are limited

in their reach by the lack of a stable funding source. What would seem to be in order is the establishment of some sort of Consortium on Youth to develop a comprehensive and coordinated plan for youth services in the community. Such a consortium would also put together a city, county, and state money package for funding such a plan. Many agencies have found reliance upon grant funding too limiting and too uncertain for the development of long range planning.

Having identified some of the more obvious gaps in the community's youth services, the time would seem to be ripe for new discussions and new approaches to the delivery of these services. The need now is for some agency or group to undertake the challenge of coordinating such community planning.

ADDENDUM

Questionnaires were sent to the following agencies. The listing specifies the target population and primary objective of each agency:

1) Macon County Probation Department

Receives 400 to 500 cases from the court each year; provides counseling and supervision to all wards, makes appropriate referrals, provides shelter care and the medical, dental, and clothing needs of wards

2) Macon County Day Probation

Target population: adjudicated juvenile offenders (12-16 years); first priority given to serious (likely to be institutionalized) offenders

Primary objectives: to rehabilitate clients - to keep them from committing additional offenses

3) Volunteers in Court

Target population: juvenile probationers

Primary objection: one to one relationship between a volunteer and a probationer

4) Webster-Cantrell Hall

Target population: adolescents, 13-17 years of age, male or female, behavior disordered youth, educably mentally handicapped and above

Primary objectives: to provide social and educational services through institutional, group home, and foster care placement for children and youth

5) Macon County Diversion Service

Target population: children ages 7 through 16 who have come to the attention of juvenile officers; the juvenile officer determines that the family voluntarily wants help dealing with the child's problems

Primary objective: to divert the child from the juvenile justice system

6) Department of Children and Family Services

Target population: children between the ages of birth and 18 who are suspected of being neglected and/or abuses; Department also serves, on a limited basis, families in need of day care or home-maker services on behalf of themselves and their minor children; office is also responsible for the licensing and supervision of all types of child care facilities such as day care homes, foster homes, children's institutions, and day care centers

Primary objectives: the strengthening of family life and the maintaining of children in their own home; when this is not possible, temporary placement in a child care facility of some kind is employed until a return home can be effected or some other permanent plan for the child initiated

7) Youth Advocate Program

Target population: children who are wards of the Department of Children and Family Services and some of their families; normally 12-16 years old

Primary objective: to keep the child in the home

8) Decatur Mental Health Center, Children's Service

Target population: children ages up to 18 and their families who are, or who are suspected of being, emotionally and behaviorally disturbed

Primary objective: provide mental health counseling, consultation, education, and training on behalf of registered clients and the community

9) Illinois Youth Center - VAST

Target population: male, adjudicated delinquents between the ages of 15 years, six months, and 18 from the area now specified by the Department of Corrections, Juvenile Division, as the Central Region

Primary objective: to detain a youth while at the same time offering him services that can enable him to become a more successful and productive member of society once he returns to the community

10) Vocational Alternatives Program

Target population: unemployed adult male and female ex-offenders residing in Macon County

Primary objective: to move the unemployed ex-offender into full time employment. This may be accomplished by direct job placement upon program completion or placement into a training and/or educational program which will lead to increasing skills for competitive employment

11) DMCOC - CETA Work Experience

Target population: economically disadvantaged (as defined by Department of Labor guidelines) persons in need of services to make them more employable

Primary objective: to make persons more employable

12) DOVE

Target population: 850 eaea youths between the ages of 10-15,
low income, mostly black

Primary objective: to provide recreational and cultural programs
for youth