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Turning for a minute to the sixteen percent who were not recontacted, over half (55%) of this group attempted to get in touch with the screening agency. They made the attempt a median of 3.7 weeks after their initial contact. This is less than the median length of time the screeners normally took. Perhaps, if they had waited, at least some of the no-shows would have been reached by the agency. Most of them made their contact too early:

WHAT TOLD WHEN CONTACTED SCREENING AGENCY

(Base: Not reached by agency but then attempted to contact agency = 9% of total)

	%
Didn't yet know what center I would be going to	71
Told me about center I would go to	7
Couldn't get in touch with them	5
Not sure	17

Observation: The no-shows were dangled at successive levels by the Job Corps:

... Sixteen percent did not hear from the screener after the initial interview.

... Among the remaining eighty-four percent, fully one third were not interested in joining by the time the second contact occurred.

... Of the remaining fifty-one percent, four in ten were not told what center they would be going to.

... Of the remaining thirty-one percent, one in five were not told when they would be departing for the center.

... The remaining twenty-five percent decided not to go during the period between assignment and departure.