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Three quarters of the Corpsmen who were in centers for more than six months feel they are now better off compared with less than half of those who were in for less than three months.

Significantly more graduates than dropouts or discharges feel they are now better off.

Observation: There is clear evidence that a successful stay in the Job Corps can improve a youth's chances. The graduates and those in centers over six months have not only improved their employment situation and their pay rate more than the other groups, but they also sense this improvement. Whether these groups will maintain their advantage in the future is a question that, at this point, cannot be answered.

It must also be remembered that the graduates represented only 32 percent of the August 1966 terminations. The other 68 percent have not done as well as the graduates since leaving the Job Corps. If the Job Corps is to be a real success, the completion rate must be significantly increased.

Follow up placement procedures must also be improved. For the value of the training the Corpsmen receive, whether or not they finish a course, is wasted if they cannot find a job in which they can apply what they have learned.