

In fiscal 1965 Ohio trained 7,561 unemployed or underemployed people; in fiscal 1966, a total of 6,017 were trained under the Manpower Development and Training Act.

The Southern Ohio Manpower Center was established in Jackson, Ohio, to serve a geographic area of southern Ohio. This center, operating under the Manpower Development and Training Act, officially got underway in January 1964. This is a multioccupation center for unemployed youth and adults. The placement percentage of graduates is 80 percent. Again, an example of strength generated by Federal, State, and local cooperation.

Ohio initiated a pilot residential vocational school under the Manpower Development and Training Act that has proven to be the turning point in the lives of approximately 1,300 disadvantaged youth.

The material that follows is a description of the Mahoning Valley Vocational School and was taken from a statement before the General Subcommittee on Education on July 12, 1966.

PART III—DESCRIPTION OF THE MAHONING VALLEY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

The Mahoning Valley Vocational School has been in operation since July 29, 1964, as a pilot experimental school. The school is operated under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962, which was written for the purpose of training unemployed or underemployed people through individual projects in various communities throughout the country.

The residential-vocational school concept was conceived in the office of Dr. Byrl Shoemaker, director, division of vocational education, State of Ohio Department of Education, in January 1964 for the purpose of providing a broad vocational and basic education program, coupled with a controlled environmental situation to the disadvantaged youth of Ohio. This concept was discussed with Willard Dudley, administrator, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation of Ohio, and received wholehearted acceptance by that agency.

An extremely high degree of cooperation between these two agencies has prevailed throughout the planning and operation of the Mahoning Valley Vocational School. Plans are now being firmed up to bring another cooperative agency into the picture. The Trumbull County Vocational School Board of Education will become the governing agency for the training phase of the project.

The onsite residence phase of this program is operated by a non-profit corporation, whose income is limited to a minimal daily subsistence allowance. No charge is made for supportive services or administrative overhead. The Mahoning Valley Vocational School Corp. is responsible for providing lodging, food service, recreational facilities, health programs, and other services not covered in the educational program. These services were initiated from a \$250,000 trust fund established by the Leon A. Beeghly Foundation, and the continuation of these services are dependent upon the solvency of the fund through room and board charges to the students.

The charges made for board and room are equivalent to the subsistence allowances received by each student. In order to keep this rotating fund on a fiscally sound basis, it is necessary to keep school enrollment between 400 and 450 students.