

extent than what it was, but, nonetheless, no one has had to do without medical care since the passage of title XIX, if it was needed.

To reach the ultimate goal in preparing participants for permanent employment, it was long ago determined that more had to be done than merely having a dole system. All men were subject to a program in title V of adult basic education, intensive personal counseling, high school equivalency courses, and a variety of vocational training and public works projects.

It is important, I think, that the public understand that this program is tied at the present time to the services that are available through the employment service. All participants in the program are required to register with the employment service for counseling and job placement upon enrollment in the program.

The Kentucky State Employment Service, which I have previously indicated is under the jurisdiction of the Department, provides a coordinating element between the employer and these participants in W.A. & T. who have successfully completed their training or who find themselves eligible or willing and eligible to take employment.

I think a pertinent question that most people are interested in is, what has happened to those 9,000 participants who have passed through the program? With regard to the 9,000 participants there has been some 33,600 children of these participant families who have received positive benefits. Some 2,000 of the 9,000 have received projected related employment.

About 600 have been referred and transferred to other training programs. About 2,000 became ineligible for reasons such as poor attendance, increase in resources, refusing suitable employment, and the like.

Some 600 voluntarily left the project because of disability, illness, or injury and for other reasons unknown.

The project at the present time has approximately 3,700 participants.

Chairman PERKINS. How many?

Mr. DAWSON. 3,700, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. At the present time?

Mr. DAWSON. At the present time, Mr. Chairman. That is its present status.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead.

Mr. DAWSON. This is down from the high point of approximately 6,500 in order to conform with the appropriation which was made available for this administration project.

Chairman PERKINS. Somewhere along the line in your statement, I am interested to know how the difference between 6,500 and the 3,700 are coming along in these other programs today, in the substitute programs.

Do you have any shortcomings anywhere along the line?

I hope you will discuss the whole thing.

Mr. DAWSON. Indeed, there has been some problem. At the time the appropriation cut was made, we received the helpful hand from the Department of Labor as a result of certain conferences and assistance which was given here in Washington to come to the assistance of this group with additional training projects in the MDTA area, in the