

Dr. PARKINSON. There is no dropout rate. They must stay in there until they are 18 years old or else go back to the public and parochial schools, and the dropout rate is practically zero, because under State law they are required to attend school until they are 18. The dropout rate was mainly the 18- to 22-year-old group.

Mr. GOODELL. In other words, have you a compulsory attendance law in Wisconsin until 18?

Dr. PARKINSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. GOODELL. But they may transfer to your school at their own request?

Dr. PARKINSON. And with the consent of the parents.

Mr. GOODELL. How about the dropout, just over 18?

Dr. PARKINSON. We were completing 70 to 85 percent, a 70 to 85 percent completion, and of that figure, about 85 percent of them are working a year later at a similar job.

Mr. GOODELL. This compares to people who are similar to the Job Corps enrollee?

Dr. PARKINSON. Yes.

Mr. GOODELL. I think for the record we ought to make it clear that in the Job Corps we are talking about a one-third dropout rate in the first 3 months, a second third the next 3 months while only one-third go beyond the 6-month period in the Job Corps. And the statistics which we have indicate, that unless they go beyond 4 months they are no better off as far as a job or going back to school is concerned.

Chairman PERKINS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GOODELL. Do you want me to yield?

Chairman PERKINS. You don't think that statement considered all the facts—

Mr. GOODELL. The gentleman has been trying to disqualify the Harris polls ever since it was presented by the Job Corps people.

I am quoting from the Harris poll. I am not giving opinions. This is the only evidence we have to go on. I myself bewail the fact that the only evidence we have with reference to Job Corps placement and the Job Corps enrollees is the ex post facto poll which was done by a professional surveying organization, but that is all we have to go on because they have let all other data get lost.

Chairman PERKINS. I think Mr. Harris himself will explain that.

Mr. GOODELL. I understand, and I am pleased to know he is coming to develop that point further.

Your school takes people who are residents of the Milwaukee area. They have to be within the commuting distance?

Dr. PARKINSON. Oh, no. In our dropout school they must be residents of Milwaukee, but in the MDTA programs and OEO programs, they come from all over the State.

Mr. GOODELL. In other words, they come and get the subsistence allowance that is available under MDTA, they live in the community.

Dr. PARKINSON. They obviously live in the community while they are training. We take them, though, from anywhere in the State.

Mr. GOODELL. Do you feel that residential school planning would have any problems with taking youngsters from the Milwaukee area through a residential facility?