

The Center area was developed during World War II and included a large amount of temporary war housing which is now dilapidated. About 17 percent of the families in the area have incomes of less than \$3,000 per year and the male unemployment rate is about 6.5 percent. About eleven percent of persons under 21 receive ADC. Female unemployment is among the highest in the community.

10. Services

Since its inception, the Center has had a youth orientation due to the unique interests of its Director. Early in its history a group of high school boys seeking academic help came to the Center and the Director recruited volunteers to help them. This was the beginning of the tutoring program which has been greatly expanded. The Director inquired further into the problems of the juveniles. He came into contact with the juvenile probation office and has developed a probation program for youth. The parole program is clearly the one with which the Director is satisfied. He cited instances of praise from various juvenile authorities and brought to our attention a letter from the chief probation officer stating that the noticeable decline in juvenile delinquency in the area was due in large part to his efforts.

This summer, the continuing youth emphasis led to a program of summer recreation. Citizens were encouraged by the Director to volunteer their services to supervise the recreation, and transportation was arranged for the children.

The Center Staff also works with CAA to furnish persons for Head Start, Upward Bound, NYC, and Job Corps programs.

There is some contact, which appears to be functioning well, with the Public Health Service. The Center Staff has made arrangements for children's physical examinations and worked to gain parental permission for the service.

Referrals are made to the Welfare Department, Red Cross, Salvation Army, various religious social services, and the YWCA. To the people of the neighborhood who have received these services, Center personnel function as the "people who know how to pull the right strings" to serve the client. A most helpful service of the Center is that of transportation of the client to the agency which can help him. In this way, many existing services as well as the knowledge of those services are brought within the reach of the people.

The services of the Center and the staff seem to be available to the residents at almost any time of the day or night, whenever a crisis occurs. More than once the Director has been awakened in the early morning hours by a call from the police when one of the young area residents has been arrested. The Director has even provided a temporary home for a youth who was on probation.

We have mentioned earlier in this report that a wide variety of Center-initiated services are not available to any group except the youth. In serving other age groups, however, a great deal of emphasis is placed on utilizing available services of other agencies in such a way as to get their maximum benefits.

11. Community Action

This area of the city had its origin during World War II, and during its early years there was high morale among the residents. The focus of community interest at that time was a high school that produced winning ball teams and other activities which generated a great deal of community spirit.

In the late 1950's, urban renewal attempts directed at this section of the city prompted a removal of this community focus from the area. The high school became a junior high and it became necessary for area students to attend high school in another section of town for completion of their education. The present school is a model high school with advanced programs; its academic curriculum is geared to those of a more affluent class; and it is college preparatory in nature. The school is located in a well-to-do section of the city and many of its students reflect this affluence. Students from the Center area who attend there are under two marked handicaps: lack of educational background comparable to that of the bulk of students, and clothing and grooming habits far below the standard of the other students. This has led to many conflicts between the Center area students and other students. Some of these student conflicts have simply been based on the economic differences between the two groups but a portion of the conflicts are beginning to have racial overtones.

At the present time a lack of esprit de corps is evident in the area; the community spirit that existed before the high school was moved has dissolved. Inter-area conflicts are beginning to show themselves. A very recent incident leads many to believe that efforts must be extended toward making the area residents a more