

Foster care.—48,000 were cared for in institutions or in foster family homes because they were without parents or relatives able to take care of them in homes of their own. (Over 2,000 were adopted in 1967.)

Training schools.—2,100 juvenile delinquents and boys and girls with special problems were in the State's training schools and training centers, and 3,700 others, released from these facilities, were under supervision of community-based parole and casework units.

Medicaid.—170,000 children were given health care each month.

Blind services.—More than 500 blind children were helped in 1967 through Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped services given to their parents and to agencies to assist the parents in understanding and planning for blind youngsters.

Other Help.—Thousands of other children were aided through services to unwed mothers; advice and guidance to parents on child-rearing problems; home-maker and day-care services; and efforts to prevent child abuse.

ADULTS

This is a listing of the adults who were helped and how:²

The aged.—70,000 were given old-age assistance because of financial need. 3,500 other needy aged were cared for in public homes and infirmaries.

The disabled.—37,000 got assistance because they were totally and permanently disabled and unable to support themselves. An additional 65,000 disabled persons were aided in 1967 through the Department's adjudication of their claims for social security benefits—a service the Department performs for the Federal Government.

The blind.—3,100 needy blind persons received assistance to the blind. An additional 11,000 blind adults, not on public assistance, received services during the course of the year from the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, including home-teaching, vocational rehabilitation, and other needed help.

The sick.—290,000 men and women got medical care under Medicaid. In addition, 27,000 persons 65 years of age and over received care in State mental hospitals through Medicaid, and another 1,500 released mental hygiene patients, in boarding homes, received needed public assistance.

Other adults.—288,000 adults (in addition to the aged, disabled, and blind) obtained public assistance or care because of financial need. Included were more than 196,000 on the aid to dependent children rolls, the great majority of whom were mothers taking care of children. 91,000 other needy adults were on home relief because they were jobless, unemployable, or working full-time (some two jobs), but their income was not sufficient to support their families. 1,100 other adults, mostly men, were in municipal shelters for the homeless.

V. ABOUT PROGRAMS . . .

Space limitations and general reader interest preclude definitive reporting of the many developments, changes, trends, and actions in a field of public service involving three levels of government, scores of programs and services, a constantly changing population of 1.3 million welfare and Medicaid recipients, the yearly expenditure of \$1.9 billion, and tens of millions of administrative actions annually.

Some representative developments, however, are recorded in this section to give the reader some idea of the kinds of activity, experimenting, progress, and trends in 1967.

Work Incentives.—An experimental project designed to reduce the number of unemployed adults on welfare was started in New York City. It permits parents on the aid to dependent children rolls to keep the first \$85 they earn each month, plus 30 percent over that \$85—without having their welfare grants reduced proportionately—until they become self-supporting.

Welfare Grants Increased.—Rising living costs necessitated an increase in welfare grants. The increase averaged \$7.65 monthly for a family of four consisting of a father, mother, a boy of 13 and girl of 8. (The total monthly grant for food, clothing, personal incidentals, utilities and household and school supplies is \$182.00. Rent and heat are not included in this total because these items vary too much from locality to locality to be included in the example.)

² Figures represent approximate monthly averages, except where otherwise indicated.