

'Community Living' presents a new future for the developmentally handicapped.

This is what Ontario is doing about it.



Mentally retarded people are often capable of much greater development than had previously been thought possible. Although they learn at a slower rate than others, the developmentally handicapped can frequently develop skills and abilities that enable them to be integrated into the community as a whole.

The plan to achieve this goal, known as "Community Living," is administered by the Ministry of Community and Social Services and is conducted in partnership with local Associations for the Mentally Retarded and other concerned community agencies. Basically, it calls for:

- creation and funding of group homes and other kinds of community accommodation
- increased numbers of workshops and life skills programs
- early infant stimulation programs, parent relief and development projects
- access for developmentally handicapped people to a full range of community services.

All of these activities aim at achieving a better quality of life for Ontario's developmentally handicapped, and at making their experiences as normal as possible.

The approach is a new one. A good one. A healthy one. Your support and understanding can help it succeed.

For more information, or to receive the free booklet "Serving the Mentally Retarded," contact your local Ministry of Community and Social Services office, or write to:

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