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Foreword

THIS HANDBOOK, published under the auspices of the Institute of Public Affairs of the State University of Iowa, the Division of Child Welfare of the State Department of Social Welfare, and the Iowa Association of Children's Agencies and Institutions, is intended to describe the facilities of the public and private child caring and placing agencies in Iowa. It makes no attempt to evaluate the facilities or services of the agencies. In scope it is limited to those private institutions which are licensed by the State Department of Social Welfare and those public institutions under the Board of Control of State Institutions which are for the care of state wards. It is hoped that the material presented here will be useful to all people concerned with children and their needs. Parents, teachers, ministers, doctors, lawyers, public officials, public and private social welfare agencies and other lay and professional people may find herein a better understanding of the needs of some of Iowa's children and the facilities available for them.

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Services to Children

THROUGH THE PROCESS OF LAW the state has guaranteed parents certain rights regarding the care and custody of their children, and has placed responsibility upon parents for the protection, support and education of their children. However, the state reserves the right to act in lieu of parents to a child when this becomes necessary.

While the state has continued to make and implement laws to safeguard children, and social institutions have carried on programs to serve them, increased knowledge of human behavior has given us new insight into how personality develops in young children. From this knowledge comes the recognition that parents are the most important influence in the lives of their children; in the natural home the child is most likely to find that bond of affection and sense of belonging which is essential for normal growth and development. In accordance with this belief many children's services and programs have been initiated to help parents provide adequately for their children.

When for some reason it is impossible for parents to exercise their parental rights and fulfill their parental responsibilities, and when the combined efforts of individual families and community resources are unable to meet the needs of children, placement outside their own homes becomes necessary. Placement for children may become necessary because of illness, death, divorce or desertion of one or both parents. Disturbed parent-child relationships, mistreatment and neglect by parents who are unable or unwilling to correct their attitudes and behavior toward their children may make substitute parental care necessary. The emotionally disturbed child, the physically handicapped child, the child who requires convalescent care, the child detained for a court hearing because of a delinquent act — all may need care away from the natural home for a time. Our present knowledge of children's needs tells us that placement should be used only insofar as it serves a valid purpose for the child and his family. In some instances this may mean that the child will make completely new and permanent family ties; in still other instances placement will be used as a means to help the child and his family work out the problems which created the need for placement.

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Care of Children in Their Own Home

In accordance with the belief that a child's own home is usually the best

place for him, and in recognition of the fact that it is not always possible for parents to provide for all his needs, many children's services and programs have been initiated to help parents provide more adequately for their children in their own homes. These include financial aid programs, child guidance clinics, mental health services, old age and survivor's insurance benefits, family casework agencies, homemaker service, day care centers, school social work and public and private child welfare organizations.

The aid to dependent children program, old age and survivor's insurance and other public assistance programs help with economic needs of families. Homemaker service, day care centers and foster day care provide substitute daytime care for children when parents are temporarily incapable of providing complete care. Child guidance centers, mental health services, family casework agencies and other public and private child welfare organizations have developed services to help with difficult parent-child relationships, marital discord and other family problems which have sometimes made separation of parents and children necessary.

Foster Care of Children

Foster care includes any type of care given to children who cannot remain with their natural parents. Children may be placed in foster family homes (paid, work-wage or free homes), in adoptive homes or in institutions. Parents may place their children voluntarily, in which instance they retain custody, or children may be placed through action of a court. When the latter procedure is followed, the court keeps jurisdiction over the child but refers him to the care and custody of an agency or institution. If placed in a state institution, a child becomes a ward of the state and the court jurisdiction ends.

Children who are placed in foster care are safeguarded through state laws. These laws protect the rights of the child and his natural parents and the rights of the home or institution which gives the care. Iowa law provides that child placing agencies, foster family homes (boarding) that care for more than two children, and maternity hospitals be licensed. It also provides for the inspection and supervision of children's institutions which are licensed under the boarding home law. Exception is made in the case of homes and institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Control of State Institutions.

Licensing standards of the State Department of Social Welfare require that child placing agencies and institutions make provision for adequate physical care of children; for educational, recreational and religious facilities, and for personnel to give understanding care, guidance and training to children conducive to their physical and emotional well-being. To assure that these standards are maintained, child placing agencies make a careful study of boarding homes to be licensed and supervise the home while a child is in it. Child care agencies provide these facilities within their own

program. Both child care and child placing agencies are subject to periodic inspection by the state licensing authority.¹

When a child has to be removed from his own home, the task of working out plans for his care involves matching the child and his needs with the resources available. In order to do this much must be known about the child — his physical condition, his mental capacities, his behavior, his attitudes, his desires and his feelings about being removed from his parents and his feelings toward his new home. The reason the parental home is not available to the child, the feelings and attitudes of the parents toward the child and the placement, and their future plans for themselves and the child must be understood. Likewise, much must be known about the foster family or the institution in which the child is to be placed — the physical surroundings, the provisions made to meet the child's daily needs and to provide training and education appropriate to his age, and the attitudes and feelings of those who will care for the child. All of these things play an important part in the growth and development of the child.

Each private agency and institution in Iowa has its own agency admission policies relative to the ages of children accepted for care, types of children accepted for care, etc. Admission policies of the state agencies are set by state law or by action of the Board of Control of State Institutions.

The following paragraphs describe briefly the different types of foster care of children and show when and how these are used.

Foster Family Care — Foster family care is full-time foster care given to children by substitute parents who are usually paid for their services. In some instances, however, substitute parents may (1) care for a child without payment, or (2) pay wages to the child for work performed in the household, or (3) care for a child in exchange for his services. These foster homes are referred to as paid, work-wage or free homes.

Foster homes are used for children of all ages and for children with different problems. They are especially useful for infants and young children because of their need for individual attention and sustained relationship with parents. Older children who are able to make close relationships with another family group and whose own parents are able to permit them to do so, also find foster homes a satisfactory method of alternate family care. In some instances work-wage homes are used for older children.

Placement of children in foster homes is usually done on a temporary basis. The length of time varies and depends upon the particular needs and circumstances of the child. Sometimes foster home care is used during the time the child's own parents work out the problems which keep them from having the child with them. Sometimes it is used prior to a more perma-

1. The child care licensing process includes inspection and supervision of all homes and institutions which are the responsibility of the State Department of Social Welfare. The State Department of Health has joint responsibility insofar as the approval of sanitary facilities is concerned. The child placing licensing function rests solely with the State Department of Social Welfare, with the exception of the placement activities of the Board of Control of State Institutions.

ment placement away from his own parents. Some foster homes are used on a long-term basis for the child who cannot be adopted but whose own home will never be available to him.

Children are usually placed in these homes by licensed child placing agencies, county child welfare departments or other approved agencies. While in the home the child is supervised by the placing agency. The agency maintains contact with the natural parents, the foster parents and the child to help him gain the maximum benefit from the experience.

Adoptive Placement — Adoption is a legal process by which the rights and duties of natural parents to their children are transferred to and assumed by another person or persons. It provides a way by which a child may secure the emotional and social satisfactions usually found in the natural family.

Adoption is considered the best type of placement for the child who is in need of a new and permanent home. Common practice has been that only the so-called "normal" child should be adopted. The demand for the infant and younger child has always been greater than for the older child. However, in recent years there has been a gradual trend toward considering for adoption some of the older children and those with some physical or emotional handicap. In such instances all facts about the handicap are shared with the adoptive family and it is their decision to take the child as he is.

Parents chosen to adopt a child must share the mutual desire for a child and must have the capacity to provide for the child's physical and economic needs as well as give that love, affection and sense of security needed by a child for growth and development. Child placing agencies become acquainted with a prospective adoptive family through a series of interviews with them prior to the placement of the child in the home and continue periodic visits to the home for a year after placement.

Individual states make their own laws on adoption designed to protect the child, the natural parents and the adoptive parents. The objectives of adoption laws and the obligations of the child placing agency have been well-defined by the U.S. Children's Bureau in its statement regarding adoption laws:²

A. To protect the child

1. from unnecessary separation from parents who might give him a good home and loving care if sufficient help and guidance were available.
2. from adoption by persons unfit to have responsibility for rearing a child.
3. from interference after he has been established in his adoptive home, by his natural parents, who may have some legal claim because of defects in the adoption procedure.

2. Social Security Administration, Children's Bureau, *Essentials of Adoption Law and Procedure* (Children's Bureau Publication No. 331-1949), p. 2.

B. To protect the natural parents

1. from hurried decisions to give up a child, made under strain and anxiety.

C. To protect the adopting parents

1. from responsibility for children about whose heredity or capacity for physical or mental development they know nothing.
2. from later disturbance of their relationship to the child by natural parents whose legal rights had not been given full consideration.

Institutional Care — Institutions provide group care for children. The increased emphasis upon helping parents provide for their children in their own homes, and on the development of foster family care, has kept some children out of institutions. In recent years there has been a trend away from the large congregate institution giving custodial care only, to a smaller type giving more individualized and specialized care. Institutions are being used less for the child who needs the care he can and should get in a family group. However, our present knowledge of the ways in which children may be helped with their problems has shown a different use of the institutional setting. Institutions are now used more for those children who because of their particular needs can benefit by the less personal nature of care and the special types of treatment that can be provided. These include children who have had a close family relationship either with their own parents or foster parents and are unable to accept new family ties. Frequently, this is the adolescent child. These homes are also used for the child who has had so many bad experiences in his own home or in a foster home that he cannot as yet accept any family. Sometimes institutions are used for a number of children from the same family in order to keep the family group together.

Another specialized type of institution is the state training school for children and youths who are in conflict with the community and who have been adjudged delinquent by a juvenile court. The function of these institutions is usually thought of as two-fold: the retraining of the child and the protection of society.

Other institutions usually under state auspices include those that can give care to the feebleminded, blind, deaf or otherwise handicapped child who needs special education and training. There are also specialized institutions sometimes referred to as residential treatment centers for the severely disturbed child who needs intensive treatment and who could not adjust or be accepted in a foster family.

Maternity Homes — A maternity home provides protection, security and care for the unmarried mother and her child. These homes are licensed according to state law and must meet minimum standards of care as well as protect the rights of the unmarried mother and her child. Girls and women who choose to enter a maternity home receive the necessary medical care during pregnancy and confinement. After confinement usually both the mother and the child continue in the home until the mother is physically

able to leave and until she has made plans for herself and the child. Case-work service to the mother is provided in the maternity homes which are licensed as such.

Discharge

Each private agency in Iowa has its individual discharge policies. Common to all agencies is the following over-all discharge procedure: (a) Children given care on a temporary basis within an institutional setting must be discharged back to the committing court or (b) plans made with the referral agency or parents who entered into the voluntary arrangement for the care of the child. Children cannot be discharged from one agency to another offering a different type of care without due planning with those legally responsible for the child.

Planning for discharge is made on an individual basis with consideration given to the child's and the family's readiness. Before any child is discharged, a careful evaluation is made of the next type of care to be given.

In the descriptive material, information on discharge is not given unless there is a specific agency policy regarding minimum or maximum length of stay.

State Services in Child Caring and Placing

THE STATE OF IOWA has delegated responsibility for the care of certain minor children to two agencies: the State Department of Social Welfare and the Board of Control of State Institutions. The Division of Child Welfare, within the State Department of Social Welfare, and the various state supervised county departments of social welfare compose the first agency. The Children's Division of the Board of Control is the designated body for the second. These two agencies divide pertinent responsibilities in accordance with their functions.

The manner in which each agency carries out its responsibility is described specifically as follows:

Division of Child Welfare

Under the terms of the Child Welfare Act of 1937, the State Department of Social Welfare was made responsible for the protection and care of children who are homeless, dependent or neglected, or in danger of becoming delinquent.¹ To meet this responsibility the department is authorized by law to:

1. inspect, license and supervise all child caring and placing agencies in the state, except the Board of Control institutions.
2. inspect and license maternity hospitals which have been approved by the State Department of Health.
3. maintain annual reports from the juvenile courts of the state and from all institutions to which neglected, dependent and delinquent children are committed.
4. maintain records and compile statistics on adoptions in the state.
5. supervise the interstate movement of children for adoption.
6. verify the allegations of an adoption petition when so requested by the court.
7. cooperate with county departments in carrying out the provisions and purposes of the Child Welfare Act.
8. carry on research projects in the field of child welfare.

The Division of Child Welfare, implemented by its licensing, psychological and consultant services, is the unit of the State Department of Social Welfare which administers the functions listed above.

Licensing of Private Children's Agencies and Institutions — The licensing service is a responsibility which has been delegated from the State Board of

1. Code 1954, sec. 235.1

Social Welfare to the Division of Child Welfare and is carried out by the Foster Care section through a group of agency consultants. This function includes the licensing of all private children's agencies and institutions and all boarding homes which care for three or more children, with the exception of those institutions and homes which are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Control.

The authority of license carries with it the responsibility for (1) the development and maintenance of minimum standards of practice, (2) leadership in the betterment of the foster home program in the state, and (3) concern for all children who must be separated from their parents and families.

Consultation to Public Agencies Serving Children — The Division of Field Staff provides administrative supervision to all county departments of social welfare in the state. A group of field representatives and casework supervisors is responsible primarily for giving supervision and help to the local workers who give direct service to children and their parents in their own homes. Prevention of neglect, dependency and delinquency is the primary objective. All auxiliary services of the state department and other state agencies are used as they are needed. These representatives make periodic visits to counties and are also available for case conferences with probation officers, attorneys, judges, teachers and others.

Psychological Service — Also under the Division of Child Welfare, the Psychological Service Section is maintained as an auxiliary service to public and private social agencies.

Under the supervision of a trained psychologist, special tests are administered to children to aid in evaluating aptitudes and personality performance in the light of the social factors which have had an impact on the lives of the children who are often referred to social agencies.

The Psychological Service Section provides a technical diagnosis which helps in understanding the needs of the child for whom help is sought.

County Child Welfare Offices

The local child welfare office operates under the direction of the Division of Child Welfare and the local social welfare board; the latter is administratively responsible and the former gives direction, leadership and consultation to the local county program through the Division of Field Staff. In many of the counties there are especially assigned child welfare workers; in others, some person from the county department of social welfare or the overseer of the poor's staff is assigned this duty.

The local offices provide direct services to children, their parents, and to unmarried parents, regardless of financial need. The major emphasis at the local level is in prevention of conditions which separate children from parents. If separation does become necessary, the local worker is able to recommend suitable alternatives, based upon his ability to understand the child's specific needs. The alternatives include temporary or permanent

placement in a foster home and referral might be made to a public or private child caring or placing agency.

The local child welfare office works closely with the courts in cases of dependent, neglected or delinquent children. It frequently makes investigations of complaints and assists the court and the natural parents in planning for the future of children for whom placement becomes necessary. Many counties provide foster family care in the local community for children who will be returning to their own homes. While a child is in a boarding home or in the care of another agency, the child welfare worker continues to work with the child's parents toward correcting the situation that made placement necessary, so that the child may be returned to his own home. Although the local child welfare offices do not place children for adoption, they refer adoptive applicants to licensed child placing agencies.

Services to unmarried parents include help in making plans of the mother's care during confinement, and help with plans for the future of the parents and the baby.

Board of Control of State Institutions

Children's Division – The Children's Division carries out a program of services to children committed to its care, and supervises the Iowa Annie Wittenmyer Home and State Juvenile Home. Children who have been removed permanently from their homes and have been committed to the custody of the state are cared for and supervised by the Board of Control through the Children's Division. Children who are wards of the state and eligible for adoption are placed by the Children's Division. The division maintains an extensive boarding home program and supervises children placed from the Annie Wittenmyer Home and State Juvenile Home.

Children in the custody of the Board of Control and for whom family foster home care is considered desirable are placed in boarding homes by the Children's Division. All homes are carefully selected and supervised by field workers of the division.

Children who have been relinquished to the Board of Control are placed for adoption by the Children's Division. This follows a specified procedure in accordance with the laws governing adoption. Children are placed in homes where the parents' nationality, race and religion are as nearly as possible the same as their own.

All applications for adoption of children who are wards of the state are made through the Director of the Children's Division.

Training Schools – The two training schools operating under the direction of the Board of Control, namely the State Training School for Boys and the State Training School for Girls, each carry out a program of services to children who have been committed as delinquent to their care. This includes care within each institution, and also foster family placements as made and supervised by Board of Control agents.

Legal Procedures in Child Caring and Placing

WHEN THE PERSON who has custody of a child fails or is unable to carry out his responsibilities to the child, the juvenile courts of Iowa may declare the child dependent, neglected or delinquent,¹ and remove the right of care and custody. Before children can be committed to a child caring agency or given to the custody of a child placing agency, however, the juvenile court must hold a hearing on a petition alleging dependency, neglect or delinquency which has been filed with the clerk of the district court by a reputable private citizen and which has been carefully investigated by the county attorney or the probation officer. Parents, guardians or custodians of children involved in such proceedings are given ample notice of hearing and may defend their position during the hearing.

If a child is adjudged by the court to be dependent, neglected or delinquent, the court may continue the proceedings and commit the child to the care and custody of a probation officer or other person; it may commit the child to a suitable family home or allow him to remain in his own home; it may commit the child to a child caring agency, or it may cause the child to be placed in a public, state or private hospital for treatment and care. In extreme cases of parental abuse and cruelty or neglect, the court may remove parental rights permanently and place the child with a licensed child placing agency for adoption.

When a child is court committed, the agency receiving the child becomes

1. A neglected or dependent child is any child who for any reason (a) is destitute, or homeless, or abandoned; (b) is dependent upon the public for support; (c) is without proper parental care or guardianship, or habitually begs or receives alms; (d) if under ten years of age, is engaged in giving any public entertainment in public places for pecuniary gain for himself or for another, or who accompanies, or is used in aid of any person so doing; (e) is found living in any house of ill fame, or with any vicious or disreputable person; (f) is living in a home which is unfit for such child; or is living in a home wherein because of carelessness or neglect of a person or persons having a transmissible disease of a serious nature as determined by the local board of health, local health officer or the state department of health, the health of said child may be in danger; (g) is living under such other unfit surroundings as bring such child, in the opinion of the court, within the spirit of . . . chapter [232, 1954 Code]. —Code 1954, sec. 232.2

A delinquent child means any child (a) who habitually violates any law of this state, or any town or city ordinance; (b) who is incorrigible; (c) who knowingly associates with thieves, or vicious or immoral persons; (d) who is growing up in idleness or crime; (e) who knowingly frequents a house of ill fame; (f) who patronizes any policy shop or place where any gaming device is located; (g) who habitually wanders about any railroad yards or tracks, gets upon any moving train, or enters any car or engine without lawful authority. —Code 1954, sec. 232.3

the child's guardian with the court keeping jurisdiction over him. An exception to this occurs when the child is placed in a state institution. He then becomes a ward of the state and the court relinquishes all further jurisdiction.

Under the Iowa adoption law any person of lawful age may adopt and any person may be adopted. Petitions are heard in the district court of the county in which the adoptive parents or the child reside. Before a decree can be granted, the court appoints an agency or suitable person to investigate the allegations of the petition, to study the condition and antecedents of the child to determine whether he is a proper subject for adoption, and to determine whether the proposed foster home is a suitable one for the child. If the child was placed by an agency, its report to the court may be accepted without an additional investigation. However, the court may order further investigations as the situation may require. If the petitioners are related to the child, investigations may be waived at the discretion of the court.

Consent must always be given to the specific adoption proposed in the petition. It is given by the agency making the placement. Consent is given by the natural parent or parents² when the placement has been made without the assistance of a child placing agency. If the child is 14 years of age or over, he must also consent to his own adoption.

No child may be adopted, unless by special court order, until he has resided in the adoptive home for at least one year. During this year, the home is supervised by a worker from the placing agency, a representative from the county social welfare department, or by some other person appointed by the court.

When the formal legal adoption proceedings are completed, the court records are sealed and the Bureau of Vital Statistics makes an amended birth certificate in the child's new name. The court loses further jurisdiction over a child when the adoption is completed.

Adoption may be annulled if within five years after the adoption the child develops feeble-mindedness, insanity, epilepsy, venereal infection or other permanent and serious disability, if this disability was caused by conditions existing prior to adoption, of which the adoptive parents had no notice.

2. Exceptions to the consent by parents are: (1) where both parents are disqualified because of death, insanity, imprisonment for a felony, or inmates or keepers of a house of ill fame; (2) where both parents have relinquished the child to a child placing agency; and (3) where the parents have been deprived of custody by judicial proceedings because of unfitness to be the child's guardian.

Where neither parent's consent is required, consent must be given by: (1) the licensed child placing agency having custody; (2) the guardian where one has been appointed; (3) the Board of Control of State Institutions where the child is a ward of the state in a state institution; (4) the court which deprived the parents of custody of the child if this court has not placed the child in the custody of the state or a licensed child placing agency.—Code 1954, sec. 600.3

Iowa Annie Wittenmyer Home

DAVENPORT

Location

2800 Eastern Avenue, Davenport. The institution is located in the northeast section of the city, three-fourths of a mile south of U. S. Highway 6. Phone 2-7178.

Functions

This Board of Control institution provides care to dependent and neglected children ranging in age from birth to 18 years. Preference in admission is given to children of veterans. All arrangements for admission to this home are made through the Children's Division of the Board of Control of State Institutions.

Most of the children at the home are committed to the permanent care and custody of the home by the juvenile courts acting under chapters 232 and 244 of the 1954 Code of Iowa. A few children are released by their parents to the permanent care and custody of the home. Children committed by the courts and those released by their parents may be placed for adoption if such plans seem the most suitable for permanent care of the children. The children are placed by the home and are supervised in their foster homes by the Children's Division in accordance with legal requirements and the policies of the Children's Division.

Staff

The staff includes the superintendent, who is a social worker, an additional social worker in residence, 26 houseparents, two nurses and 25 nurses aides, 20 teachers, an athletic director, two boys' supervisors and three girls' supervisors, two physicians and one dentist on call, a chaplain and a psychologist.

The staff pediatrician is at the home twice each week and is on call for emergency care. University Hospitals in Iowa City and local medical clinics are utilized for children who are in need of special medical attention.

Psychiatric consultation and treatment is obtained when needed at the Scott County Mental Health Center, the State Psychopathic Hospital in Iowa City or at the Independence Mental Health Institute.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Primarily, the children admitted are those who have been defined as neglected and dependent by a juvenile court and committed to the permanent care and custody of the home. A few children are accepted on release of their parents (usually unmarried mothers), with the approval of the county board of supervisors or the juvenile court.

Children from birth to 18 years of age may be admitted. They must not be mentally defective or delinquent. (Children who are discovered to be mentally defective or delinquent are transferred to the proper state institution.) Children may be accepted from any county in Iowa. There are no racial or religious restrictions.

The home accepts many children who cannot be cared for in any other public or private agency. These include children who for some reason are in need of long-term institutional care and children with physical handicaps.

Financial Information

The cost of the care for children of veterans and for children with no county of residence is paid from state funds. For children who have residence in a county but are not veterans' children, the costs are paid one-half from state funds and one-half from county funds.

(For information regarding payment procedures, consult the superintendent of the Iowa Annie Wittenmyer Home or the State Board of Control.)

Admission Procedure

All admissions are made through the Children's Division, Board of Control of State Institutions, State Office Building, Des Moines. Social agencies, juvenile courts, parents and others who wish to place a child in the Iowa Annie Wittenmyer Home must apply through the Director of the Children's Division and obtain approval before referring a child to this home. All necessary application forms may be obtained from the director's office and must be completed before any child can be considered for admittance.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child must send a social history, the report of a

recent physical examination and the report of a psychological examination, if the community has psychological service available. All the above information must be sent in duplicate to the Director of the Children's Division. Information from the child's school should be incorporated in the social history or be made available to the institution upon the admission of the child. All court orders and releases are subject to the approval of the Board of Control.

When a child is placed in this home under a court order reading "pending further order of the court" the case should be reviewed within one year and some permanent plan made for the child. It is not usual for children to be committed on orders of temporary custody to the home; most of the children are committed permanently.

In preparing a child for entrance to this institution the referring agency should tell him of its facilities, recreational program and general routine.

When a particular child may return to his own home eventually, the referring agency is expected to provide casework service to his parents.

When entering the home, a child should be accompanied by a social worker from the referring agency. Upon arrival the child is interviewed by a social worker and is taken to the home's hospital for a short period of observation and a physical examination by the doctor prior to his being assigned to a cottage. Usually a child is interviewed by the psychologist during the first month of the child's residence.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Children from three to 18 years of age sleep in dormitories in their cottages where they are placed according to age level and sex. The number of children in any one dormitory ranges from 10 to 20. Babies and children under three years of age sleep in smaller rooms in the hospital building. Children of school age eat in the main dining room; those from three to five years of age eat in a separate room. Children under three eat in small groups in four dining rooms in the hospital building.

The social workers, supervisors, housemothers and other staff members attempt to give each child the individual attention that he needs to prevent him from becoming "lost" in the institutional setting.

The older children have job assignments in the canteen, kitchen, paint shop, garage, farm or other departments of the home. Some of the older girls help care for the pre-school children. The children are selected for their jobs by the head supervisors on the basis of their interests and

abilities. All of them receive allowances. Some of the children are paid for special work. Some of the older boys hold full-time jobs outside the home; their hours, earnings and job placements are supervised by the head boys' supervisor. Other boys, who are still in school, may have after-school jobs which are supervised in the same manner.

Educational Program — The home has its own school for pre-school children (from three to five years of age) and kindergarten through the ninth grade. High school students attend the Davenport High School.

Enrollment in each grade is limited to a small group so that every teacher is able to devote special attention to each child's learning problems. A remedial reading teacher works with groups of children that are most in need of special reading instruction.

Trained teachers in vocational home economics and industrial arts carry on a program which is integrated with the institutional work program. Special instruction is offered in music, band, drama and arts and crafts. Volunteers give instruction in beauty culture. The psychologist aids in academic placement and gives consultation in individual learning problems.

Students who wish to go on to college have been given clothing and helped to find suitable scholarships.

Religious Program — The chaplain conducts regular Sunday morning worship services in the chapel. Sunday afternoon classes in religious education are held by the chaplain. Special meetings for groups of boys are held throughout the week.

Recreational Program — The athletic director, the boys' and the girls' supervisors and volunteers carry out a well-developed recreational program and organize such groups as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Y-Teens. Well-equipped indoor and outdoor play areas allow many activities for each age group. Recreation includes sports, movies, dances, swimming, band, games, special programs and parties. Special excursions are arranged for the children.

Students who attend the public high school may attend school activities with the permission of the superintendent. Some children of junior high school age attend the high school sports events. Some of the children may be invited to the homes of relatives or friends if they have the permission of the superintendent.

Boarding Home Care

Children may be placed in foster family boarding homes by the Children's Division of the Board of Control working in cooperation with the Iowa Annie Wittenmyer Home. All the homes are care-

fully selected and are supervised by the field workers of the Children's Division.

Adoption

Children committed or released to the permanent care and custody of the Iowa Annie Wittenmyer Home are placed for adoption in cooperation with the Children's Division of the Board of Control.

Discharges

Children may be discharged by adoption, by transfer to another state institution, by entering military service or by being released. A child may be released to the custody of a parent or relative if the child has adjusted well for a time in such a home. After reaching the age of 18, a child can be released if he has a job and a suitable place in which to live. The field worker or the superintendent may recommend the release of the child to the Director of the Children's Division who in turn may make a recommendation to the Board of Control for a release from custody.

General Information

All clothing is furnished by the home, although a child may bring his own personal clothing if he desires and some of his own toys. However, it is preferred that children do not bring such articles as sling shots, air rifles or other articles that might be dangerous.

Children do not have visitors during their first three months in the home. After this they may have visitors once a month. These rules are flexible, however, since the child's adjustment in the home determines the use of visiting privileges. Visiting hours are from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All visitors must come to the office in the main building to arrange for a visit. They may not visit with the child in his cottage nor take him from the grounds without permission from the superintendent or a children's supervisor. The offices are not open on Saturday, Sunday or holidays and special written permission must be obtained to visit on these days. Visits by written permission are limited to one-half hour between 1:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Iowa State Training School for Boys

E L D O R A

Location

The school is located on highway No. 57 in Eldora about one mile west of the Hardin county courthouse. Phone 4.

Functions

This state institution, which operates under the jurisdiction of the Board of Control, provides care and training for delinquent boys who are committed by juvenile courts. After admission the state has jurisdiction over the boys until they are 21 years of age. The school cares for approximately 250 boys.

Staff

The staff consists of a superintendent and one assistant, a dean of boys and one assistant, nine regular teachers plus educational, music and athletic directors, seven couples who serve as cottage parents, two nurses on the staff and physicians and dentists on call. One chaplain is in residence at the school and two others are available on a part-time basis; a psychologist is available on call.

In addition to the full-time chaplain two other chaplains from the community serve the school.

A physician has regular office hours at the hospital each day. An eye, ear, nose and throat specialist visits the school semi-monthly. The facilities of the University Hospitals in Iowa City also are used. When a staff committee decides that a boy needs help with emotional problems beyond the scope of the school's facilities, he may be examined at the State Psychopathic Hospital, Iowa City.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Boys between 10 and 18 years of age who are residents of Iowa and have been adjudged delinquent by a juvenile court can be committed to this school.

Admission Procedure

When a boy is committed to the school, a social history report must accompany the commitment papers. Any available psychological data should also be provided.

After being received by the school receptionists, boys are taken to the hospital for a complete physical examination. From the hospital they enter the receiving cottage where they spend a

three-week orientation period. During this time the boys are given psychometric tests.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Program

Each boy is considered individually, and the type of training he receives is based on his special needs.

Each of the cottages has a dormitory which accommodates about 40 boys. The boys in each cottage are supervised by houseparents. All the boys eat together in the main dining room.

A boy advances in the program by a progressive system of classification directly related to his daily conduct. Extra privileges are given when he has shown himself capable of handling added responsibility.

Educational Program — The plan of the institution is built around training and education in all fields, specialized as to departments and adaptable to the boys' needs and levels of aptitude. The entire educational program is under the supervision of the director of education.

The school program has been established to continue the boys' education and follows the same standards as accredited public schools. School credits are accepted by any high school or college in the state. Remedial classes are offered to boys who are retarded in achievement and who can profit from them. Speech correction is provided by the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Elementary school is conducted through the eighth grade, and a regular four-year high school course is offered.

The school program is arranged so that the student may carry as many subjects as he would in a public school. One-half of each day is spent in academic courses and the other one-half is spent in work in one of the many vocational departments. This is where the boy learns the fundamentals of a particular trade through actual practice.

The school has recently added two new vocational departments, agriculture and mechanics. The vocational agriculture department has been set up under the regular high school 4-H and Future Farmer plan. An instructor from Iowa State College, Ames, directs this department. The vocational mechanics department offers instruction and training in automobile mechanics. This modern shop is well-equipped with tools and testing equipment for any make of car.

Vocational training is offered in the following areas:

Agriculture	Blacksmithing
Auto Mechanics	Bricklaying
Baking	Cooking
Barbering	Dairying

Electrical Engineering
Floriculture
Gardening
Husbandry
Laundrying
Painting

Poultry Raising
Printing
Shoemaking and Repairing
Stationary Engineering
Steamfitting
Tailoring
Woodworking

Boys who are interested in music have the opportunity to receive instrumental and vocal instruction.

Religious Program — In addition to a full-time Protestant chaplain, the staff includes a part-time Catholic chaplain and a visiting Lutheran chaplain. The Catholic chaplain meets with all boys of that faith each Wednesday noon. The Lutheran boys meet on Thursday noon for discussion and study periods.

Worship service is held each Sunday morning. Bible studies and devotional periods are scheduled throughout the week.

Recreational Program — Each cottage has its own playground and tennis court. During the summer contests are arranged weekly between school teams and teams from outside organizations. Other contests are held during the school year. The gymnasium, which includes a large playing floor, a running track and a swimming pool, provides many facilities for entertainment and recreation. Other recreation at the school includes movies, games, arts and crafts, music, parties and special programs. Each boy is encouraged to develop an interest in a hobby and to participate in learning new recreational skills.

Boys who have progressed in classification may, with supervision, attend local movies occasionally and participate in musical programs outside the school. Boys who have earned special considerations may leave the grounds with their parents for a few hours on certain Sundays.

Discharge

A parole is granted when a boy has successfully completed the training school program. While on parole he is supervised by the juvenile placement officer.

General Information

Each boy is furnished with adequate clothing for dress, school and work while at the school. Boys are permitted to have some of their own articles of clothing as well. All clothing must be of certain specifications, and it is advisable to contact the superintendent or the assistant superintendent before sending clothing of any type.

Visiting is permitted on Sunday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Each boy is permitted one visit per month.

All mail is sent and received through the school office. All boxes and packages are examined by a member of the school's staff before the articles are delivered. This applies to packages sent by express, mail or other means or brought by parents and friends. The boys may receive neckties, handkerchiefs, mufflers, toothpaste, games and

edibles that are not perishable. Approved magazines and periodicals may be sent to the school by subscription.

All communications about a particular boy should be directed to the superintendent; information about the school may be obtained from the Board of Control.

Iowa State Training School for Girls

M I T C H E L L V I L L E

Location

One mile north of the junction of U. S. Highway 6, within the city limits of Mitchellville. Phone 3561.

Functions

This state institution, operated under the jurisdiction of the Board of Control, was founded in 1880 to provide education and training for delinquent girls committed by the courts. As a part of the rehabilitation program, girls capable of handling responsibility are placed in foster homes to work or to attend school.

Staff

The staff is composed of the superintendent, assistant superintendent, two parole agents, 13 teachers, 11 housemothers, one nurse and the business and maintenance staff — all in residence at the school. In addition, there is one physician and one dentist available at all times. One psychologist is available on call and six chaplains are available on a rotation basis.

A psychiatrist from the Board of Control is on call for consultation on extreme behavior problems; the services of the psychiatric staffs of the State Mental Health Institutes are available to the school. The facilities of the University Hospitals, Iowa City, are used for girls who need hospitalization, surgery and other medical treatment.

Who Is Eligible for Service

As provided by state law, any girl who is a resident of Iowa, between 10 and 18 years of age and who is deemed to be seriously delinquent or so disposed can be committed by the court to this institution. The school does not accept girls for training who are mentally defective or mentally ill. It does not accept pregnant girls, prostitutes or married women.

Admission Procedure

Girls who are eligible for care and training at

this school are committed by juvenile, municipal and district courts. A court order must be brought to the institution when the girl is admitted and a complete social history is requested. It is requested that the court notify the school in advance of a girl's arrival and an explanation of the school's program given prior to admission.

Girls are brought to the school by probation officers, sheriffs, or other peace officers. The superintendent attempts to meet each girl upon arrival. After a brief orientation, the girl is placed in the hospital for a period of observation before she is assigned to one of the cottages. Psychological tests are administered as soon as possible, and the training program is planned on an individual basis in accordance with the needs of each girl.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Program

The training program is divided into five units: domestic, academic, vocational, recreational and religious. In planning the program emphasis is placed on each girl's individual needs. When a girl has made certain necessary adjustments to the school, she is placed on the honor roll.

Girls sleep in individual rooms in cottages supervised by a housemother. Each girl takes care of her own room and performs some of the routine household tasks.

Educational Program — The academic program of the school includes both grade and high school. The school is fully accredited, which makes it possible for a girl who leaves the institution to enter any school in Iowa. The curriculum is based on the regular Iowa course of study with emphasis placed on meeting special needs. Individual instruction is offered girls who have reading and speech difficulties.

Girls are in academic classes for half the day and in vocational training class for the remainder. The school offers instruction and training in

cooking, housekeeping, laundry, sewing, canning, gardening and cosmetology. If it is felt that a girl cannot profit from further academic instruction, she is given full-time vocational training. Each girl selects the type of training she desires in so far as possible.

Music, drama, arts and crafts are offered.

Religious Program — The religious program gives training on an informal and formal basis. An inter-denominational religious class is taught weekly by a Des Moines minister; attendance is on a voluntary basis. Prayers are said before meals and at bed time.

Sunday school is taught by the superintendent assisted by a committee of girls, on Sunday mornings. Church services, conducted by one of the authorized clergymen who serve the school, are held on Sunday afternoons. Catholic girls receive religious training at the school and nearby Catholic churches.

Recreational Program — The recreational program offers a variety of activities for all age groups. Recreation includes all-campus, birthday, holiday and cottage parties; softball, basketball, volleyball, honor-roll dances, movies, gymnastics and hobbies. Committees of girls are appointed to plan special recreational activities under the guidance of the recreational director or other staff member. Girls on the honor roll may participate in occasional excursions away from the campus.

Placement Program

Girls who have responded to the rehabilitation and training program in a satisfactory manner are given the opportunity to return to their homes, if conditions warrant, or to be placed in foster homes. While living in foster homes, they may attend school and work part time, or they may work full time in the foster homes, or hold full-time jobs in the community. All such placements are carefully supervised by a parole officer.

Persons who are interested in caring for a girl on a foster home basis should contact the super-

intendent or the parole agent at the school. After the necessary application procedure a parole agent will study the prospective foster home. Approved homes are used for girls who are eligible for placement in accordance with their needs. During the time a girl is in a foster home she remains a ward of the state and is subject to recall to the school.

Discharge

The Board of Control, the superintendent of the school and the parole agent decide when a girl is ready to be discharged from parole. If a girl has made satisfactory progress in school and work and has proved capable of assuming the responsibilities of a good citizen, she may be given a release. A girl may be retained on parole or in the institution until she is 21 if such care is deemed advisable.

General Information

All dresses, skirts, blouses, coats and sweaters are furnished by the institution. A girl may bring her own housecoat, underclothing, shoes, anklets, head scarf, mittens or gloves, and galoshes. She may receive money to buy items from the canteen.

All mail is sent and received through the superintendent's office. All packages are subject to school regulations and inquiry regarding this should be directed to the superintendent.

Parents or guardians may visit a girl any time after she has completed the observation period. After the first visit, subsequent visits are allowed each three months. Consideration is given in case of illness or for special reasons for additional visitation. Visiting hours are 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. daily. Probation officers, social workers, ministers or others directly concerned with the welfare of a girl are welcome at any time.

For information about a girl, contact the superintendent. If information about the school is required, the Board of Control will respond.

State Juvenile Home

T O L E D O

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Location

South Church Street, Toledo. Phone 175.

Functions

This Board of Control institution, established in 1920, provides for the care of dependent and

neglected children from birth to 21 years of age.

Children may be admitted by commitment from the juvenile courts (chapters 232 and 244, 1954 Code of Iowa), or by voluntary commitment of the parents.

Staff

The staff of the home includes the superintendent, 14 teachers, 26 houseparents, including ten couples who serve as cottage parents and six housemothers, and a chaplain on a full-time basis. There is a practical nurse on duty at all times; one physician and one dentist from the community are available for routine and emergency medical care. A visiting psychologist comes to the home once or twice a month under the supervision of the director of psychological services, Board of Control. He also acts as consultant on special problems.

Psychiatric consultation and treatment are available at the State Psychopathic Hospital in Iowa City and at the Mental Health Institutes. The facilities of the University Hospitals in Iowa City are used for special medical and surgical cases.

Two Protestant ministers and one Catholic priest from the community serve as chaplains.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Most of the children who are admitted have been declared to be dependent and neglected by a juvenile court and have been committed to the care and custody of the home until they have attained the age of 21 years or have been released by due process of law. In a few cases children have been released by their parents to the care and custody of the home with the approval of the juvenile court and subject to the above conditions.

Children from birth to 18 years of age may be admitted. They must not be delinquent, mentally defective or incorrigible and must not demonstrate behavior that would be detrimental to the children already under care. In actual practice babies are committed to the Annie Wittenmyer Home, Davenport, and it is very seldom that children under ten are committed to the Juvenile Home. Only children who are residents of Iowa can be admitted. There are no racial or religious restrictions.

Financial Information

The costs of the care for children of veterans and children with no county of residence are paid from state funds. Costs for care of children who are not children of veterans but do have residence in a county are paid from state funds and county funds. Each county pays one-half of the cost of care, and the state institutional fund is responsible for the remainder.

Admission Procedure

All admissions to this home are made through the Children's Division, Board of Control of State Institutions, State Office Building, Des

Moines. Social agencies, juvenile courts, parents and others who wish to have a child admitted must contact the Director of the Children's Division to request admission.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child must send a social history, the report of a recent physical examination and the report of a psychological examination to the Director of the Children's Division; all this information must be sent in duplicate. Information concerning the child's school experience may be incorporated in the social history. A separate report signed by the principal of the school where the child last attended should be sent directly to the home. All admissions must be approved by the Board of Control, and all court orders and releases are subject to the approval of the Board of Control.

In preparing a child for admission, the referring agency should explain the policies and the program of the institution to the child and his family. The full meaning of the court order should be explained to the family. The referring agency should provide casework service to the parents even though the children are no longer under the custody of their parents.

Children should be accompanied to the home by a social worker from the referring agency. After a brief conference with the superintendent, the child is taken to the hospital at the home where he receives a physical examination. As soon as the child has completed his orientation period he is placed in a cottage with other children of his own age and sex. He is given a psychological examination soon after he arrives.

After the child has been accepted, he may write a letter to his nearest relative; a list of the institutional rules and regulations is sent with this letter.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Children sleep in dormitories in the cottages and are grouped according to age and sex. The houseparents supervise the dormitories and give individual attention to each child.

After school the children help out in the various departments of the institution. They are selected for certain types of work because of their interests and abilities and are given an opportunity to receive actual work experience. Older children may find part-time jobs in private homes or on farms doing housework, child caring, yard and farm work. All such work is done on a voluntary basis and the child receives the prevailing wage in the community for his services.

Educational Program — The school at the home includes grades one through ten. Children in the last two years of high school attend the Toledo

Public School. Special instruction is offered in music, home economics and industrial arts; special classes in remedial reading and mathematics are offered.

Religious Program — Protestant chapel services are held every Sunday morning at the home; Catholic children are taken to Tama for mass. During the year Saturday religious training classes are held for both Catholic and Protestant children.

The home has a youth church which is governed by a board of stewards elected by the membership. The membership is composed of children; adults act as ex-officio members. Any child who completes 18 weeks of religious training is eligible for membership.

Recreational Program — The program of recreation and athletics includes sports, swimming, games, dances, special programs, parties and movies. The varsity teams of the school compete against other Iowa schools. The school is a member in good standing of the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Girls' Athletic Union.

Children frequently provide musical entertainment for clubs and gatherings. Excursion trips for social and educational purposes are a part of the recreational program.

Boarding Home Care

Children especially in need of family-type care may be placed in foster family homes by the Children's Division of the Board of Control. The home works in cooperation with this division in making foster home placements. All the homes are carefully selected and supervised by the field workers of the Children's Division.

Adoption

Children released to the permanent care and custody of the home may be placed for adoption by the Children's Division.

Release from State Supervision

Since the release of custody for all children from this home is subject to the approval of the Board of Control, progress reports are made from the home to the Board in respect to the child's adjustment. When such adjustment is satisfactory, children may be placed in selected homes, under supervision, for a trial period. Complete release from state supervision follows when the child is 21, enters military service, or has been recommended for discharge by the Board of Control because he has made the best possible adjustment in accordance with his abilities.

General Information

All necessary clothing is furnished, but the child may bring his own clothing and personal possessions if he wishes. Articles such as guns and sling shots are prohibited.

The child must be at the home for three months before he can have visitors. Thereafter, friends and relatives may visit once a month on any week day that is not a holiday. In unusual circumstances exceptions can be made to these rules, if special permission is requested by writing the superintendent.

All mail is received and sent through the superintendent's office. The child must write home once each month. There are no restrictions on the number of letters a child may receive.

American Home Finding Association

O T T U M W A

Location

217 East Fifth Street, Ottumwa. Phone MUrray 2-3449.

Functions

To provide individualized care for children of all ages who are unable to live in their own families.

To establish what each child's needs are and to provide the type of care, resources and treatment that will enable the child to grow and develop to his maximum capacity.

To care for the child as his needs indicate,

whether in the receiving home, a paid foster home, free home, adoptive home, or to assist in his adjustment in his own home.

To assist the unmarried mother in planning for herself and her child.

The Association was incorporated in 1899 and is licensed as a child placing agency. The receiving home is licensed for the care of up to 16 children.

Staff

The staff is composed of a director, two social workers and two secretaries. The staff in the re-

ceiving home consists of as many housemothers, cooks and helpers as the number of children in residence requires.

Medical, dental, psychological, remedial and specialized services are obtained from the community as needed.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any child in the state who must be cared for away from his own home, regardless of race, color or creed. The age of the child may vary from a few days through 17 years.

Any unmarried mother who seeks help in planning for herself and her child.

Financial Information

A charge of \$45 per month plus clothing and medical care is made for each child referred by juvenile courts or county boards of social welfare.

In cases where the child is referred by his own parents, payment is arranged on an "ability to pay" basis.

Other sources of income include appropriations from Community Chests, income from endowments and contributions from individuals and groups throughout the state.

How To Apply for Services

Phone or write the Director, 217 East Fifth Street, Ottumwa (Phone MURray 2-3449) explaining what services are needed.

Social agencies and juvenile courts are asked to send a case history summary and any medical, psychological or school reports available. The referral should also include a statement as to what services are expected from the agency.

An unmarried mother may contact the agency directly or through her pastor, doctor, attorney or social agency.

SERVICES OFFERED

The welfare of children under the agency's care depends on the adequate diagnosis and treatment of the child's day to day needs. Due care is therefore taken to see that each child under care has the benefit of coordinated casework services under the supervision of the director.

Receiving Home Care

The receiving home is maintained for the care of school age children who respond best in a group setting.

Some of the children separated from their parents at first need the impersonal life of the group situation.

Life in the receiving home is deliberately as informal as possible. An effort is made to help each child develop any interests or hobbies he may have. They are encouraged to join in school and community activities, to take a pride in their per-

sonal appearance and have some choice in selecting their clothing and fixing up their rooms.

The agency believes that a child who cannot be in his own home should be in a substitute home as soon as possible. The resources of the receiving home are used in every way to help the agency know what would be best for the child and to help him get ready to take the next step.

The length of time a child stays in the receiving home varies with his individual needs, but, where possible, the emphasis is always toward a substitute home rather than long time institutional care.

Educational Program — School age children attend local public schools on the same basis as any other youngster and are free to participate in sports and extracurricular activities.

Each child is given both psychological and achievement tests and where remedial work is indicated the agency attempts to secure the services of teachers who are qualified in such remedial education.

Religious Program — Each child is encouraged to attend the church of his choice and to participate in church school and church activities.

Recreational Program — In addition to the activities available at the home, children are encouraged to take part in activities provided through the schools, the city and the churches. Each child has an allowance and can use it for acceptable recreational purposes.

Boarding Home Care

Some children accepted for care by the agency are cared for and boarded in private families that are selected and supervised by the agency. While the child is in the boarding home the social worker continues to work with the natural parents toward the objective of returning the child to his own home, if that is possible.

Boarding parents care for a variety of children from infancy through adolescence.

Adoptions

Children who have been legally relinquished to the association for adoption are placed in approved adoptive homes. Since on the average there are 13 couples who want to adopt every child available for placement, the agency has to limit the number of adoptive applications. The aim is to help couples within two years after their applications are accepted and at the same time maintain a large enough group of applications so that a good selection of homes is available for each child to be placed.

A new group of applications are taken each year in October. The number of new applications in this group may vary. Presently, the agency is taking 50 new applications a year.

Each couple has a series of interviews at the association. If, on the basis of the children likely to be available, there is a possibility of being able to place a child with them, the application is continued and the couple proceed to have a medical examination. References are contacted. Home visits are made and the couple is told of their acceptance.

Applicants must be residents of the state of Iowa. There are no restrictions in terms of age, type of housing, income, occupation, etc. Each of these factors is considered with the family in reviewing their application, the object being to provide each child a secure home with adoptive parents whose ages, outlook and homelife are suited to his needs.

The agency believes in placing more than one child in a family but lack of available children means that, in practice, the agency cannot achieve this goal in every instance.

Unmarried Mothers

An unmarried mother may apply to the association for assistance in making plans for herself and her child. Each situation is worked out on an individual basis. The services available to each mother include the following: living arrangements for the mother, prior to delivery, in a private family away from her home community where she lives as a member of the family in a setting where she feels comfortable; medical care by a doctor of the mother's choice; periodic interviews, as needed, with the association worker to help her decide on a plan for herself and her child after delivery; delivery in an approved hospital with private patient accommodations; helping the mother re-establish herself in her own or some other community.

When necessary, the mother is assisted in meeting the financial costs involved.

Beloit Lutheran Children's Home

A M E S

Location

13th and Northwestern Avenue, Ames. Phone 3257.

Functions

This home provides psychiatric casework treatment to children who must be separated from their own homes and who, because of emotional problems, are unable to make an adequate foster home adjustment. The agency is licensed to care for a maximum of 30 children.

Staff

The staff consists of a director, who is a social worker, a psychiatric caseworker and two couples who act as cottage counselors plus two other women counselors. A trained group worker (in residence) is to be employed.

There are three physicians available on call; a psychologist is employed on a part-time basis. Budget authorization has been given by the board of directors to secure weekly psychiatric consultation from a qualified psychiatrist as soon as possible.

Additional psychological services are obtained from the State Department of Social Welfare. Psychiatric consultation is obtained, whenever feasible, from the Des Moines Child Guidance Clinic and the State Psychopathic Hospital in Iowa City.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Since the agency is owned and operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, primary responsibility is toward Lutheran children. Consideration will be given to any child, when space is available and other commitments are discharged.

Emotionally disturbed children who live in Iowa and who can benefit from the home's program may be accepted for care and treatment. Examples of acceptable cases include:

1. A child who has been so hurt and emotionally disturbed by previous home experiences that he cannot adjust to foster parents.
2. A child who expresses emotional disturbances in an aggressive manner to such a degree that he needs treatment.
3. A child who is withdrawn and must be studied before placement can be made.

Infants and pre-school children, mentally deficient children, children with serious health problems (for example, epilepsy and severe cardiac conditions) and psychotic children are not accepted for care. (Exceptions have been made to these restrictions in unusual circumstances when it was felt that a particular child would benefit from a group living experience).

Financial Information

The agency is supported by gifts, donations and fees and is subsidized by the Evangelical

Lutheran Church. The charge for the care of each child is \$65 per month, which includes food, shelter and allowances; an additional \$10 per month is charged to cover clothing and medical expenses. Any surplus is refunded when treatment is completed and the child is discharged.

How To Apply for Service

Parents who wish to place a child in the home should begin by contacting a local agency, private or public. This is important since this agency is unable to carry on extensive field work service throughout the state. It is desirable that the local agency establish working relationships with parents in each case.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child should complete the necessary application forms and submit a complete social history and all available psychological data before acceptance can be determined. Each child is considered on an individual basis and is accepted only when the staff of the home feels that it can meet his needs. The child must receive a complete medical examination prior to admittance.

The referring agency is expected to continue casework services to the parents if the child is accepted for care. Progress reports at six-month intervals are submitted to the referral agency unless more frequent reports are requested.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

The treatment plan for each child is initiated soon after he enters the home. The child's problems are evaluated by the psychiatrist, psychologist, caseworker and group worker in consultation with the director. Each child is treated regularly in group and individual therapy sessions.

The Beloit Lutheran Children's Home consists of two cottages, one for boys and one for girls, and an administration building in which there is

an apartment for teen-age boys. While in residence, the children have individual rooms or share a room with one or two others. All children are expected to perform some of the light household tasks. Some of the children earn money in addition to allowances by holding part-time jobs in the community.

All visitation is on an individual basis and arranged with the director.

Educational Program — The children attend the Ames public schools and may take advantage of all the special courses, programs and extra-curricular activities of the school system. Special remedial courses are given at the home by volunteer teachers. The Ames public schools provide special classes in the un-graded school, but enrollment is limited. Tutoring in remedial reading is offered at extra cost.

Educational activities at the home include music, art and dramatics; music lessons are taught by private tutors and teachers in the public school music department.

Boys and girls who graduate from high school while at the home may be helped to obtain scholarships and work to enable them to attend college.

Religious Program — Religious training within the home is informal and includes prayers and devotions led by counselors or children. All children attend church services and Sunday school in Ames. Confirmation instruction is arranged for all Lutheran children. This is recommended for all children of other faiths, but not required.

Recreational Program — Activities at the home include sports, games, special programs and parties, and arts and crafts. Two weeks at Camp Knutson in northern Minnesota are scheduled each summer. Participation in school, church and community activities is encouraged. This includes Scouting, Gra-Y, Girl Reserves, etc.

Booth Memorial Hospital

DES MOINES

Location

2847 Indianola Avenue, Des Moines. Phone 4-9119.

Function

The Salvation Army Booth Memorial Hospital, opened in 1899, provides a home, maternity care and security for unmarried mothers during their

confinement. It is licensed to care for 48 girls and 20 babies.

Staff

The staff is made up of the superintendent, six physicians, who serve on a rotation basis, two registered nurses and three nurses aides.

Although there is no social worker on the staff,

one is available from one of the several children's agencies in the city or from the Polk county department of social welfare.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any unmarried pregnant girl is eligible for care regardless of race, creed, age or residence. The hospital will accept girls with positive Wasserman tests if they have had medical treatment and the disease is under control. All necessary medical tests should be made before admission, whenever possible.

Financial Information

Des Moines Community Chest, Salvation Army State Fund and fees from individuals, county departments of social welfare and courts, provide the sources of financial support.

Charges for care vary in accordance with length of stay in the hospital. A charge of \$125 for pre-natal, delivery and post-partum care is charged for girls who remain at the hospital for two to 10 weeks; girls who stay in the hospital 10 weeks or longer pay \$1.25 for each day over the 10-week period, in addition to the \$125 basic charge. No girl is refused entrance because of lack of funds.

Referring agencies should assume some responsibility for payment of the hospital fees.

How To Apply for Service

Any girl who wishes to be admitted to this hospital may apply in person or may consult a social agency, doctor or clergyman for help in making application. An application form can be obtained from the hospital.

SERVICES OFFERED

Services Offered Unmarried Mothers

Girls may be admitted at any time during their pregnancy, but if possible they should come to the hospital at least six weeks before delivery. Prior to delivery, they share rooms in the home section. During this time all girls are expected to perform light routine housekeeping tasks.

While a girl is in the hospital, consultation is offered in regard to her present problems and future planning for herself and child. Casework service is provided through the children's agencies in Des Moines. Babies born at the home may be released by the mothers to licensed private

children's agencies, depending upon the mother's choice and her religious affiliation.

A representative from the agency will meet any girl who is coming to the hospital if notified regarding the time of arrival.

A girl should bring her own clothing, toilet articles and layette for her child. A complete list of needed clothing may be obtained by writing to the superintendent. All linens, such as bedding and towels, are furnished by the hospital. It is advisable to bring a small amount of money for incidentals.

All matters pertaining to girls who are or have been at the hospital are confidential. A post office box is available for girls who do not want to use the address of the hospital for mailing purposes.

Visiting hours are as follows:

Home Section

Tue. and Fri.	2 to 4 p.m. 7 to 8 p.m.
Sunday	2 to 4 p.m.

Hospital Section

Tue. and Fri.	2:30 to 4:00 p.m. 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Medical Services — The staff obstetricians give care to all girls in the home section as well as in the hospital section. The hospital has well-equipped labor and delivery rooms. Babies born at the home are under the care of the staff pediatricians. Other medical and dental specialists from the community are available when needed and weekly clinics are held. Girls are discharged from the hospital by the medical staff, usually about 10 days after a normal delivery.

Educational Program — An accredited teacher offers girls the opportunity to continue their education while in residence at the hospital. Credits earned may be transferred to any other school by the Des Moines public school system. Instruction in various crafts is provided through the adult education program.

Religious Program — Religious services are conducted and girls are free to use the facilities of the hospital chapel. Chaplains are available to talk with the girls at their request.

Recreational Program — Recreational facilities include television, radio, game rooms and sewing rooms. Special programs, entertainments and parties are a part of the recreational program. Girls may go for walks if they desire, and leave the grounds with relatives and friends.

Boys' and Girls' Home

SIOUX CITY

Location

2601 Douglas Street, Sioux City. Phone 5-0139.

Functions

This agency, established in 1892, provides temporary and permanent care for children from broken homes until their own homes can be re-established or some other plan can be made for their care. Children are cared for in the institution, in temporary foster family homes and in adoptive homes. The agency is licensed for child placing and for the care of a maximum of 66 children in the institution.

Staff

The staff includes an executive director, who is a social worker, and seven housemothers.

A physician from the community serves on an on-call basis. Psychiatric and psychological consultation service for children with behavior problems is obtained from Family Service Inc. The nursing services of the public health and the city health departments are available for children residing in the home.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Children between three and 16 years of age who are residents of Iowa and who, because of difficulties in their own homes, must receive care elsewhere, may be accepted for service. There are no racial or religious restrictions.

Children may be placed privately by their parents or committed by courts.

Financial Information

The home is supported by the Sioux City Community Chest, child care fees, endowments, trust funds and donations.

The prevailing county boarding home rates are charged for the care of children committed by courts.

The charge for the care of children placed voluntarily by their parents is determined in accordance with the parents' ability to pay.

Clothing and medical expenses are additional.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, social agencies, juvenile courts and others who wish to place a child for care in this home should contact the executive director for the required application forms. Parents who wish to make a private placement should arrange for a personal interview in regard to admission pro-

cedure. All children must have a physical examination before admission is granted.

In addition to the required forms, social agencies and juvenile courts which plan to refer a child must submit a social history and any available psychological information before the child can be considered for admission.

When the home of the natural parents is located outside the Sioux City area, the referring agency is expected to provide casework service to the parents. Progress reports are sent to the referring agency at regular intervals.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

The children sleep in dormitories according to age and sex. Children of pre-school age sleep in a separate building. The dormitories are supervised by housemothers who also help the children with their everyday problems. Older children take part in the routine household tasks.

Visitation is on an individual basis.

A protectorate home is located in a separate building attached to the main building. Here children who are awaiting local court action regarding delinquency are detained and cared for. Their length of stay is usually very brief. The county is charged on a per diem basis for the care of each child.

Educational Program — Children of school age attend the public schools. All the special facilities and extracurricular activities of the schools are available to the children living in the home.

Religious Program — Because of the many denominations represented, no formal religious training is attempted. The children are encouraged to attend local churches and to participate in church activities.

Recreational Program — Well equipped indoor and outdoor play areas allow a wide variety of sports, games, arts and crafts, and other forms of recreation for children of all ages. Special entertainment and excursions are a part of the program.

In addition to the facilities of the home, a city playground located nearby offers an excellent summer play area. Children who are old enough to go downtown by themselves or with other children may participate in the city recreation program and attend local movies.

Boarding Home Program

As soon as it is determined that foster home care is a necessary step in the constructive development of the child, a home suited to the particular needs of the child is sought. The placement of the child, and the supervision of the child and the foster home, are provided by the Boys' and Girls' Home.

Applicants for boarding care will be accepted from families living in the state of Iowa, and within a 75 mile radius of Sioux City.

Adoption

As soon as it is determined that adoption is a necessary step in the treatment plan, and as soon as the legal processes have been completed, an adoptive home suited to the particular needs of the child is sought and the actual placement made. The supervision of the placement to the time of final adoption is provided by the Boys' and Girls' Home.

Applications for adoption will be accepted from families living in the state of Iowa and within a 75 mile radius of Sioux City.

Catholic Charities-Archdiocese of Dubuque

Location

321 Bank and Insurance Building, Dubuque.
Phone 3-6409.

Functions

The agency was established in 1930 to centralize Catholic welfare services in the 30 counties of northeastern Iowa that comprise the Archdiocese of Dubuque and is the official Catholic social service agency of the archdiocese. Social services are offered to families, individuals, children in foster homes and institutions, and unmarried mothers. The agency is licensed as a child placing agency.

All applications for admission to St. Mary's Home and St. Theresa's Baby Fold (a ward at Mercy Hospital) are made through the Charities office.

Staff

The staff is composed of the executive director, casework supervisor and four social workers.

Psychological consultation is obtained from staff psychologists of the State Department of Social Welfare.

Medical services are provided by the agency's pediatrician and obstetrician.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any Catholic resident of the archdiocese who is in need of any of the services of the agency is eligible.

Financial Information

Annual diocesan appeal in all the Catholic churches of the Dubuque archdiocese, bequests and gifts make up the support of the agency.

Social casework services to families, children, unmarried mothers and other individuals are furnished without charge. The charge for the care of children at St. Mary's Home is \$1.50 per

day plus medical and clothing expenses. No fee is required for adoptive placement, although a \$100 donation is suggested by Catholic Charities if the adoptive parents wish to make a contribution at the time of placement.

Mercy Hospital, Dubuque, and several other Catholic hospitals within the archdiocese, offer a plan by which a girl may live at the hospital during confinement and work three hours a day for her room and board. Whenever possible the girl, her parents or the alleged father are asked to pay delivery and hospital expenses. Lack of funds does not preclude service, however, and no girl is refused care because of her inability to pay.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, social agencies, juvenile courts and others who wish to use any of the services of Catholic Charities should apply at the central office. Persons who are unable to make application in person may receive information about how to apply for a particular service by writing or telephoning the director. Persons who live at a distance may wish to ask their local county department of social welfare or their parish priest for help in making application. Married couples who wish to adopt a child must apply in person.

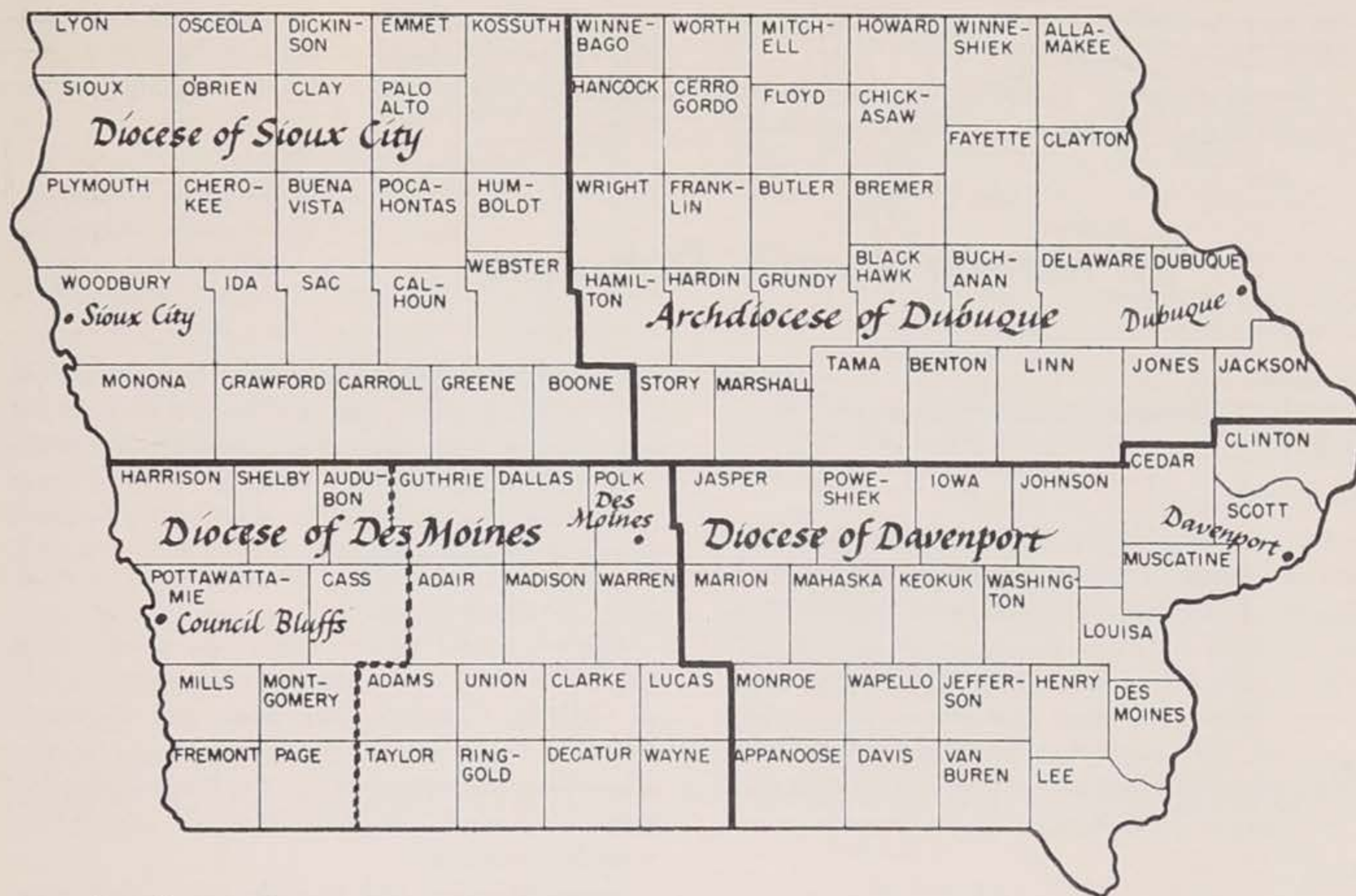
Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child or an unmarried mother must send a written social history, the report of a recent physical examination and any available psychological data.

When the natural parents reside outside Dubuque county, the referring agency is expected to work with them in making plans for the child's future care.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Catholic Charities provides casework service, including intake and discharge planning for St.



Catholic Charities Diocesan Areas

Mary's Home, a child caring institution. Infants of unmarried mothers may be given care in a ward of Mercy Hospital in Dubuque.

Boarding Home Care

A limited number of boarding homes are available for children who need substitute family care rather than group care in an institutional home. All these homes have been selected after careful study by the agency. The social worker works jointly with the foster family and the natural parents toward returning the child to his own home, or, if this is not possible, toward making other plans for his care.

Children of high school age who for some reason cannot remain in their own home may be placed in boarding schools in the area.

Adoption

Children who have been relinquished to Catholic Charities for adoptive placement range in age from infancy to nine years. Before a child is placed, he is carefully studied in respect to his physical and mental development. At the termination of this study period a final pediatric evaluation is made. Whenever possible a psychological study of the child is made, and testing is always arranged when there is any question about the child's development or background.

No child with a chronic mental or physical dis-

ability is placed for adoption, however, at present Catholic Charities is attempting to secure suitable adoptive homes for children with slight physical deformities or pathology in their background.

Adoptive applicants should both be of Catholic faith in a Catholic marriage of at least four years duration and not over 40 years of age. In special instances, consideration may be given to couples of mixed faiths provided assurance is given that an adopted child will be raised in the Catholic faith. The prospective parents should have an average income and be physically incapable of having children.

After a personal interview at the agency, the application forms, including the family physician's report, are completed before the social worker makes a home visit.

After the child has been in the adoptive home for at least one year the agency may give its consent for legal adoption. During this one-year probationary period the social worker makes supervisory visits to the home to see that the child and the parents are well suited to each other. Legal proceedings are handled by the family's attorney.

Unmarried Mothers

Planning is done on an individual basis using the resources in the archdiocese for housing and hospitalization. Placement on a work-wage basis in a supervised foster home may be arranged.

Girls may be accepted for maternity care at any time during their pregnancy.

The mother is free to decide whether she will keep her baby, use temporary foster care or re-

linquish it for adoption. The babies may be given care at Mercy Hospital while the social worker helps the mother make plans for herself and her baby.

St. Mary's Home - Dubuque

Location

2909 Kaufmann Avenue, Dubuque. Phone 2-0678.

Functions

Established in 1871 as a home for dependent and neglected Catholic children of the archdiocese of Dubuque, this institution provides care for children between the ages of two and 12 whose own homes have been broken by death, illness, divorce or other misfortune. It is owned, operated and supported by the Catholic archdiocese of Dubuque and is licensed to care for a maximum of 85 children.

Staff

The staff consists of 17 persons including the superintendent, one social worker provided by Catholic Charities, three teachers, six housemothers, and the chaplain plus maintenance personnel for the institution and farm.

The staff, other than the social worker and the chaplain, are Sisters of the Order of St. Francis. Pediatricians from the local medical association and dentists regularly examine the children. Medical specialists are used as needed. Psychiatric treatment and consultation are obtained, when needed, at the State Psychopathic Hospital, Iowa City. The psychologists of the State Department of Social Welfare administer psychological tests and assist in making plans for a child's future care. Nursing service is provided by the nursing staff of the Dubuque parochial schools.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Catholic children between two and 12 years of age who live in the archdiocese of Dubuque and who must receive care in a substitute home may be accepted. As a rule children must be physically and mentally normal to be eligible for care, although in individual cases children with minor physical handicaps or minor behavior disorders may be accepted. Children may be placed at the home by their parents or guardians or by court commitments; in all cases the approval of Catholic Charities is necessary. Under exceptional circumstances girls over 12 may be admitted.

Financial Information

A charge of \$1.50 per day plus medical, dental

and clothing expenses is made for the care of each child. Parents who are unable to pay the full amount may make individual arrangements at the Charities office. When a child is court committed, the county of legal residence assumes financial responsibility.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, social agencies and others who want to place a child at St. Mary's Home should apply at Catholic Charities, 321 Bank and Insurance Building, Dubuque. Before any child can be considered for admission, all the required application forms, including one for physical examination, must be completed.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child to the home must send a written social history and any available psychological data in addition to the report of a medical examination. When the child's own home is located outside of Dubuque county, the referring social agency is expected to work with the child's parents and with Catholic Charities toward a permanent plan for the child's care.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

The institution serves as a temporary home for the child during the time that plans for his permanent care are being worked out by Catholic Charities, the natural parents, the referring social agency and other interested persons and agencies.

The director of Catholic Charities, who is also the chaplain at St. Mary's Home, gets acquainted with each child at the time of admission. A caseworker on the staff of the Charities is assigned by the agency to provide casework service. The sisters give individual attention to each child.

The children sleep in large rooms according to age and sex groups, with a maximum of eight children to a room. A sister acts as housemother to each group. Children eat in the main dining room, four to a table, and an effort is made to seat family groups together. The older children participate in the routine household tasks as they would in their own homes.

Educational Program - Instruction from kindergarten through the sixth grade is provided at the institution; children in the seventh and eighth

grades attend the local parochial schools. A remedial reading teacher conducts a six weeks' summer session for children who have reading difficulties. Children with speech difficulties are given weekly assistance by a speech therapist, who is on the Catholic Charities staff. Special classes by instructors from Dubuque are offered in piano, art, and tap dancing.

Religious Program — Mass is held in the chapel daily, and there are many special religious observances. The chaplain gives daily religious instruction. Theological students from St. Bernard's Seminary provide weekly instruction classes.

Recreational Program — Play, library and television rooms for indoor activities are located on the first floor of the building. There is a large, well-equipped play area, including a tennis and volleyball court, on the grounds for outdoor

recreation. Staff members supervise a wide variety of activities, such as games, arts, crafts, dances and excursions. During the summer months a swimming instructor is provided for the outside pools. Students from Loras and Clarke Colleges present plays and programs, and help supervise recreation daily in the institution.

During the summer each child has the opportunity of a week's vacation, and boys over eight and many of the girls attend one week at summer camps.

Children participate in community recreation, attend movies and belong to organized recreational groups.

Discharge

All discharge planning is done through Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities — Diocese of Davenport

Location

203 Cosgrove Building, 410 Brady Street, Davenport. Phone 3-9733.

Functions

This agency, established in 1927, provides welfare services to Catholics living in the diocese of Davenport. These services include family casework, adoptive and boarding home placement for children and services to unmarried mothers. The agency is licensed for child placing.

All arrangements for admission to St. Vincent's Home, the diocesan child caring institution, are made through this office.

Staff

The staff is made up of the executive director, executive secretary, and two social workers.

Psychiatric consultation and psychological services are obtained from the Scott County Mental Health Center and the State Psychopathic Hospital.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any Catholic resident of the diocese who is in need of any of the services of this agency is eligible.

Financial Information

Catholic Charities receives financial support from the Davenport Community Chest, diocesan funds and child care fees.

All casework service is provided without charge.

Charge for boarding home care for an infant ranges from \$12 to \$13 per week; for older children the charge is \$15 per week. Clothing, school fees and all but unusual medical expenses are paid by Catholic Charities.

Charges for housing and hospitalization for unmarried mothers are made on an individual basis.

Couples who adopt children through this agency are expected to make a contribution of between \$50 and \$150, according to their ability.

How To Apply for Service

Parents and others who want to use any of the services offered by Catholic Charities should make an appointment for a personal interview at the office. Persons who live some distance from Davenport may wish to seek the help of their parish priest and their local department of social welfare in making application.

Social agencies and juvenile courts must contact the Charities before making a referral or commitment. The referring agency or court must also send a social history and the report of a recent physical examination.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

The Catholic Charities supervises St. Vincent's Home, which provides care for children who are unable to remain in their own homes. This institution is described below.

Boarding Home Care

A number of homes providing foster family

care on a non-adoptive basis are available for children up to 18 years of age who are in need of such care. While a child is in a boarding home, the caseworkers continue to work with the natural parents toward returning the child to his own home if that is possible. All foster homes are carefully selected and supervised by the agency.

The Charities may send a girl of high school age to Ottumwa Heights High School, a boarding school at Ottumwa. Girls who are under the supervision of the Charities and those who attend Ottumwa Heights school may live at St. Vincent's Home during the summer vacation.

Adoption

Children who have been relinquished to Catholic Charities for adoption range in age from infancy to the early teens. All children eligible for adoption must be physically and mentally normal.

Adoptive applicants must be married Catholics,

residents of the diocese, of suitable age for rearing children and financially able to provide for the child. After an interview at the Charities office the applicants must complete application forms, including a form for a complete medical examination. Processing of approved applications requires approximately nine months. After placement the home is supervised for one year, and the Charities gives consent for adoption. The adoptive parents engage their own lawyer to complete legal proceedings.

Unmarried Mothers

Casework service is offered to unmarried mothers in helping make plans for housing, medical care and hospitalization during confinement, and help with future plans for mother and child. The Charities has a number of resources for housing and hospitalization both within and outside the Davenport area.

St. Vincent's Home, Davenport

Location

2700 Gaines Street, Davenport. Phone 3-9733.

Functions

The home, a diocesan institution, provides care to dependent and neglected Catholic children. It is licensed to care for a maximum of 90 children.

Staff

The staff is comprised of the superintendent, a social worker from Catholic Charities, eight teachers, six housemothers, one nurse and the chaplain.

Twenty local physicians serve the home on an on-call basis. Psychiatric and psychological consultation is obtained from the Scott County Mental Health Center. In addition to the full time nurse on the staff, the nursing services of the Visiting Nurses Association are available to the home.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Catholic children who live in the diocese of Davenport or are referred by another diocese in the state, between the age of five and the completion of the eighth grade, may be admitted by voluntary placement or by commitment of a juvenile court. Children with minor physical handicaps (e.g. blind in one eye, cleft palate, etc.) may be accepted. Children with low intellectual ability or serious behavior problems cannot be accepted.

Financial Information

The charge for the care of each child is \$45 per month. Clothing and unusual medical care are charged additionally.

Children who come to the home should bring three changes of underwear, three pairs of pajamas and clothing suitable for school. If the parents are financially unable to provide clothing, some diocesan organization may act as the child's sponsor and furnish clothing for him.

How To Apply for Service

All arrangements for admission to St. Vincent's Home are made through the office of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Davenport, 203 Cosgrove Building, Davenport.

Parents who wish to place a child at the home should contact the Charities office for an appointment for a personal interview. Application forms, including one for medical examination, must be completed before the child can be admitted. It is desirable that the child visit the institution before admission.

When referring a child, social agencies and juvenile courts must send a social history, the report of a recent physical examination and all available psychological data to Catholic Charities. The referring agency is expected to continue casework service to the child's parents.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Sleeping quarters are arranged according to age and sex. Some of the children sleep in large dormitories and others share smaller rooms with three or four children. Meals are served in the main dining room. The boys and girls are expected to perform small household tasks.

Visiting hours are every Sunday. Special permission is needed to visit at other times.

Educational Program — St. Vincent's School provides education within the institution from the first through the eighth grades. Some children from the community also attend this school. Children who need speech correction attend the speech clinic at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.

Religious Program — Mass is held every day and a high mass is held on Sundays and feast days. Other religious activities include daily prayers and special devotions.

Recreational Program — Recreational activities at the home include indoor and outdoor sports, dances, games, band, special programs, parties and picnics. The children may participate in Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls. They may, with permission, attend movies and other activities in the community.

Discharge

A child is discharged when plans have been completed for his return to his own home or for his care elsewhere. A child cannot remain in care at the institution after completion of the eighth grade.

Catholic Charities — Diocese of Des Moines

Location

609 High Street, Des Moines. Phone 3-7319.

Functions

The Des Moines Catholic Charities, incorporated in 1925, provides welfare services for the diocese of Des Moines. The program includes social services for children, adoptive placement, boarding home care, family casework and services to unmarried mothers. The Charities is a licensed child placing agency. All applications for Christ Child Home, the diocesan child caring institution, are made through the Charities office.

This office supervises a branch office at Council Bluffs.

Persons living in the Council Bluffs area may make application for any of the services of the Charities at the Council Bluffs office, 125 Pearl, Council Bluffs, phone 3-2472. This branch maintains a staff of two social workers. Psychiatric consultation is obtained, when needed, from the psychiatrist on the board.

Staff

The staff consists of the director and three social workers. There is a chaplain available for consultation.

Psychiatric and medical services are obtained from the community when needed. The psychological services of the State Department of Social Welfare are used by this agency.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Counseling on family and children's problems, boarding home and adoptive placement services for children are available for any Catholic residing in the diocese of Des Moines. Children eligible for care at Christ Child Home may be of any

religious affiliation. Any unmarried mother is eligible for help in planning for herself and her baby regardless of her race, religion or place of residence.

Financial Information

The agency is supported by the Des Moines Community Chest, diocesan funds, fees and contributions.

Casework service for individuals, families, children and unmarried mothers is provided without charge. The charges for hospitalization and care of unmarried mothers before and after delivery are arranged on an individual basis. The fee for adoptive placement is \$100 plus the costs of medical and boarding care of the child prior to adoption. The adoptive parents pay this fee.

How To Apply for Service

Anyone who desires to make use of the services of this agency should apply at the Charities office. If it is not possible to apply in person, information about how to apply for a particular service may be obtained by writing or telephoning the director. Couples who wish to adopt a child must make an appointment for a personal interview at the office. Persons, other than adoption applicants, who live outside the city may ask assistance from the local social welfare department or the parish priest in regard to application for service.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child or unmarried mother must send a social history and the report of a recent physical examination.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Catholic Charities supervises the Christ Child

Home, a diocesan institution which cares for children under five years of age who for some reason are unable to remain in their own homes. The description of this institution is given below.

Boarding Home Care

Children in need of family care may be placed in boarding homes selected and supervised by Catholic Charities. The social worker works with the natural parents and the foster parents toward returning the child to his own home or if this is not possible or desirable, toward other plans for the child's care.

Adoption

Since only Catholic children are placed for adoption, the adoptive parents also must be Catholic. The prospective parents must not be over 35 years of age to adopt an infant but parents over 35 may apply to adopt older children. Prospective parents need not be childless but physically incapable of having other children. After a personal interview at the Charities office, the applicants must complete the required application forms prior to further consideration.

Children are placed for adoption in accordance with specific procedures. Every child is given a physical and psychological examination before placement. This agency may give consent for legal adoption after the child has been in the adoptive home for at least one year. During this probationary period the social worker from the Charities supervises the home and offers guidance to the foster parents and observes the child's adjustment. When the agency has given its consent the adoptive parents retain a lawyer to complete legal adoption procedures.

Unmarried Mothers

Casework services to unmarried mothers include help in making plans for confinement and for the future of both mother and baby. Plans may be arranged for an unmarried mother to live with a family, either within or outside the Des Moines area, before delivery. Hospitalization and medical plans are worked out with each girl on an individual basis. Hospitalization facilities are available in Des Moines and in other cities in the diocese.

Christ Child Home, Des Moines

Location

2910 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. Phone 3-4617.

Functions

Established in 1924 and operated by the Sisters of Humility under the direction of the Des Moines Catholic Charities, this diocesan institution provides temporary care for children under five years of age whose own homes have been broken by death, illness or other misfortune. Children under five who are physically or mentally handicapped may be given convalescent care. This agency is licensed for the care of a maximum of 35 children.

Staff

The staff is composed of a superintendent and two social workers provided by Catholic Charities, four housemothers who are also teachers, a nurse and the resident chaplain.

Routine medical care is provided by a pediatrician on a weekly clinical basis. Other medical specialists are on call for emergency and special care.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any child from birth to five years who cannot remain in his own home may be eligible for service. There are no religious or racial restrictions.

Physically and mentally handicapped children between the ages of two and five years may be accepted for care if their handicaps will not prevent them from participating in the regular activities of the home. Children may be placed privately by parents or guardians, or may be committed for care by the juvenile court.

Financial Information

The charge for each child is \$1.50 per day plus clothing and special medical care. Parents whose children need care in this home and who are unable to meet the charges may make special arrangements through Catholic Charities.

How To Apply for Service

All arrangements for admission are made through the Des Moines Catholic Charities, 609 High Street, Des Moines. Social agencies and courts that refer a child must send the report of a recent medical examination and a written social history before a child can be considered for admission. No child can be committed or referred to the home without the permission of Catholic Charities.

When the child's parents reside outside the Des Moines area the referring agency is expected to provide casework service to help them plan for their child's future.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Temporary care is given to children during the time plans are being made for more permanent care. While the child is at the home a social worker from Catholic Charities or a social worker

from the referring agency works with the child's parents toward his eventual return to his own home. If return to his home is not possible some other plan for his future is made. Children who are eligible for adoption remain at the home until they are placed.

Catholic Charities — Diocese of Sioux City

Location

618 19th Street, Sioux City. Phone 8-6506.

Functions

Catholic Charities, incorporated in 1946, provides welfare services for 24 counties in north-west Iowa, the area that comprises the diocese of Sioux City. These services include adoptive placement, boarding home placement, family casework services and casework service to children and unmarried mothers in the Catholic institutions which it serves. The agency is licensed for child placing.

All applications for admission to the three Catholic institutions in Sioux City, St. Anthony's Home, St. Monica's Home and the Home of the Good Shepherd, are made through Catholic Charities. All plans for discharge from these institutions are also made through this agency.

Staff

The staff is composed of the executive director, executive secretary, and two social workers.

Psychiatric consultation on individual cases may be obtained from Family Service Inc., and psychological services through the Division of Child Welfare of the State Department of Social Welfare.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any Catholic resident of the diocese who is in need of the services of this agency is eligible. Children and unmarried mothers are eligible for the foster home and institutional services offered regardless of race or religious affiliation.

Financial Information

The agency receives its support from the Sioux City Community Fund, fees, diocesan funds and donations.

No charge is made for social casework services. Donations are usually made by adopting parents, however. Institutional charges for board and care are listed separately in the descriptions of the three institutions.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, social agencies or other persons that refer a family or a child for any of the services of

Catholic Charities should apply at the central office. When it is not possible to apply in person, information about how to apply for a particular service may be obtained by writing or phoning the agency. Persons who live at a distance may want to ask their local social welfare office or parish priest for help in making application. Married couples who wish to adopt a child must make a personal application at the Charities office.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child or an unmarried mother for care in an institution must provide a social history and a medical report of a recent physical examination. Catholic Charities must be consulted before a child or unmarried mother can be accepted for admission. All plans for dismissal from the institutions are also made through the Catholic Charities. The referring agency, when located at some distance, is expected to work with the natural parents of the child and Catholic Charities in formulating plans for the return of a child to his own home after he has been released from care.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

The Catholic Charities supervises three institutions: *St. Anthony's Home*, a substitute home for children from two and one-half to 13 years of age who for some reason are unable to remain in their own homes; the *Home of the Good Shepherd*, for the care of adolescent girls who are in need of special training and guidance outside their own homes, and *St. Monica's Home*, which provides medical care, shelter and casework services for unmarried mothers. A nursery at St. Monica's Home is used to care for the babies of unmarried mothers and other children under two and one-half years of age on a boarding basis.

Each of these institutions is described separately below.

Boarding Home Care

A limited number of foster homes provide care on a non-adoptive basis for children in need of family care when this is deemed advisable. A so-

cial worker from the Charities works with the natural parents, the foster parents and the child toward return of the child to his own home if possible. Alternative plans are made when this is not possible.

Unmarried Mothers

Casework service is available to unmarried mothers and the facilities of St. Monica's Maternity Home may be used for pre-natal and post-natal care. Women and girls who do not wish to remain in Sioux City during their confinement will be helped in obtaining suitable housing and medical care elsewhere.

St. Anthony's Home, Sioux City

Location

1600 West 16th and Ross Streets, Sioux City.
Phone 8-1285.

Functions

This institution, operated by the Sisters of St. Francis, provides care for dependent and neglected children from within the diocese of Sioux City. The home is licensed to care for a maximum of 111 children.

Staff

The staff is made up of the superintendent, two social workers, five teachers and five housemothers. A chaplain also is in residence.

The staff, other than a social worker from Catholic Charities and the chaplain, are of the Order of St. Francis. Community physicians and dentists, and nurses of the city health department, give routine care and are on call. The psychological services of the State Department of Social Welfare are available when needed. Psychiatric examination and counseling can be obtained through Family Service, Inc.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Children of any race or creed may be admitted by commitment of the juvenile court, with referral through the office of Catholic Charities. Catholic parents who live within the diocese may make application for private placement of a child, when referral is made through Catholic Charities. Children accepted must be essentially normal physically and mentally. Boys between the ages of two and one-half and 12, and girls two and one-half to 13 may receive care at St. Anthony's Home. Children who have not completed the eighth grade may be accepted even though slightly above these age limits.

Adoption

Couples who wish to adopt an infant must be under 40 years of age at the time of application. All applicants are screened and application procedure includes several office and home visits before acceptance or rejection can be determined. When accepted, prospective adoptive parents are placed on a waiting list until a suitable child is available for them.

After placement is made, the home is supervised by the agency for a probationary period, at the end of which time legal steps for formal adoption may be made upon the agency's recommendation to the court.

Financial Information

The charges for children placed by court order are at the prevailing county boarding home rate. The court determines who will pay this amount to the institution. The charge for Woodbury county children is \$40 per month and the charge is \$45 monthly for children from other counties. If parents cannot make total payments, individual arrangements can be made through the Catholic Charities office.

Clothing and toilet articles are furnished by parents or the referring agency.

How To Apply for Service

All arrangements for admission to St. Anthony's Home are made through the office of the Catholic Charities of the diocese of Sioux City, 618 19th Street, Sioux City, phone 8-1285. Parents, relatives, priests or agencies who wish to place a child at the home should contact the Charities office directly. Application forms including one for a medical examination must be completed before the child can be admitted.

When referring a child to the home, social agencies and juvenile courts should send a social history and the report of a recent physical examination to Catholic Charities for consideration.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

A sister who is also a social worker, is assigned to give individual attention to each child and to assist him in getting the maximum benefit from life in the institution.

Children sleep in large dormitories according to sex and age groups. The children eat in a main dining room which is designed to be as homelike as possible.

If no permanent plan for the child's care has

been made by the time he reaches the maximum age for eligibility, usually he is placed in a boarding home. The staff works with social agencies, the courts and the natural parents in making future plans for the welfare of the child. A child is dismissed from the home when appropriate plans have been completed. Children placed privately are released to their parents or guardians when satisfactory arrangements have been made.

Visiting days are the first and third Sundays each month and at these times children are allowed to go out for the day.

Educational Program — The home provides education within the institution from kindergarten through the eighth grade. The school program meets state, city and diocesan standards. Remedial reading and speech courses are offered accord-

ing to individual need. Special lessons in piano, voice and sewing may be taken outside of the regular school hours.

Religious Program — The chaplain, who lives at St. Anthony's Home, is available for talks with individual children. Daily mass is held for all children of the Catholic faith and non-Catholic children receive instruction in ethics.

Recreational Program — Supervised recreation and well-equipped indoor and outdoor play areas offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities. Many special entertainments, programs and excursions are a part of the recreational program. Boy and Girl Scout troops are located at the home. Each child is encouraged to pursue and develop any hobbies and talents he may have.

St. Monica's Home, Sioux City

Location

45th and Douglas Streets, on Highway No. 29 northwest of Sioux City. Phone 7-2330.

Functions

This agency, operated by the Sisters of St. Benedict, was founded in 1916 as a maternity home for unmarried mothers and as an institutional boarding home for babies. It is licensed as a maternity home for the care of a maximum of 29 mothers and as a child caring institution for the care of a maximum of 35 children.

Staff

The staff is made up of the superintendent, who is a registered nurse; a social worker from Catholic Charities; seven physicians who serve on a rotation basis, two nurses, and a chaplain.

Dentists and medical specialists from the community are used when needed. Psychological services are used as needed from the State Department of Social Welfare.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Applications from unmarried girls who are in need of maternity care are accepted from girls who reside in Iowa and adjoining states. There are no religious or racial restrictions, but no venereally diseased or mentally abnormal girls are accepted.

Babies are cared for in the nursery of St. Monica's Home during the time the mother is in residence.

Courts may place babies (under two and one-half years of age) on a temporary basis. Private placement of babies for boarding care on a tempo-

rary basis may be accepted through the office of Catholic Charities.

Financial Information

Because the home receives funds from the Sioux City Community Chest, local girls are charged \$125 for hospitalization, medical care, room and board. For girls who live elsewhere in the state of Iowa, the charge is \$150; the fee for girls whose residence is outside the state of Iowa is \$165. Of the amount charged, \$25 is paid upon admission and cannot be refunded if the girl changes plans before confinement. The balance must be paid before the girls leaves the home. Fees for special medical care not related to pregnancy are additional charges. Girls who are unable to meet these charges may make special arrangements when making application through the Catholic Charities office.

Boarding babies are cared for at the rate of \$1.50 per day, with clothing furnished.

How To Apply for Service

All applications should be made through the Catholic Charities, 618 19th Street, Sioux City. A physician's report of a negative Wasserman test is necessary prior to admission. Girls must agree to remain in the home until they are discharged by the medical staff, which usually means two to three weeks after delivery.

Girls should bring their own towels, cosmetics and wearing apparel, including comfortable shoes and a housecoat. A small amount of money for incidentals is usually needed.

Courts that wish to place babies at St. Monica's for boarding care are requested to make arrangements with Catholic Charities.

SERVICES OFFERED

Unmarried Mothers

The purpose of this agency's program is to provide security and protection, as well as medical care and shelter, for unmarried mothers during their pregnancies and confinements. The social worker will help with problems a girl may have during her stay at the home, and will assist her in making plans for the future. Every possible effort is made to keep the girl's identity secret and all matters pertaining to her are held in the strictest confidence. Upon entering the home the girl is given an assumed name and may use a mailing address different from that of the home if she wishes. Visitation is permitted on an individual basis, respecting the girl's wishes.

Girls will be admitted at any time convenient for them, but it is advisable to come at least 10 weeks before delivery. Small groups of girls sleep in dormitories; meals are served in a main dining room.

Prior to delivery the girls are expected to do light work around the home as their physical condition will permit. After delivery and medical discharge girls may do light work in accordance with their physical condition to help meet part of the cost of the boarding care for their babies.

During the time the girl is at the home she is given help in reaching a decision about future plans for herself and child. The social worker will help her with plans for relinquishment of the child to Catholic Charities for adoptive placement, or to keep her baby if she prefers.

Medical Services — Medical care is provided by the staff obstetricians and nurses, and medical specialists may be consulted in special cases. Dental care is available by appointment with a local dentist when necessary. All deliveries are made at St. Vincent's Hospital. Within 24 hours after delivery, if there are no medical complications, the mother and baby are returned to St. Monica's. The mother receives post-natal care at the home and the baby is cared for in the nursery.

Recreational Program — There are many forms of recreation available including games, picnics, special programs, parties, television and movies. Girls are free to go downtown shopping and for walks.

Religious Program — A non-compulsory daily mass is held at the chapel with mass on Sundays compulsory for Catholic girls only. Protestant girls may consult with their own minister if they wish. The resident chaplain is available for counseling to all girls at their request.

Services Offered Children

Babies who have been referred to Catholic Charities for adoptive placement remain at the nursery until the placement is made. Others remain only until their mothers are dismissed and are usually discharged at the same time. Boarding babies are cared for until the parents have made other plans. A staff pediatrician sees the children each Saturday and on a call basis when necessary.

Home of the Good Shepherd, Sioux City

Location

2323 Court Street, Sioux City. The home is in the north central part of the city, near St. Joseph's Hospital. Phone 8-8115.

Functions

The Home of the Good Shepherd was established in 1904 as a home and school for adolescent girls who are in need of care and special training away from their own homes. The agency is owned and operated by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. This is a closed institution and girls may not leave the premises without adult supervision. It is licensed for the care of a maximum of 78 girls.

Staff

The staff is made up of the Mother Superior and mistress of girls, a social worker from Catholic Charities, six teachers, 10 housemothers who are sisters, and a resident chaplain.

In addition to three physicians who serve on an on-call and weekly clinical basis, emergency medical care is available at St. Joseph's Hospital, which is located nearby. Nursing service is given by the Visiting Nurses Association. Local girls who are eligible are given medical and dental care at the Woodbury County Medical Clinic. The psychological services of the State Department of Social Welfare and the psychiatric consultation services of Family Service, Inc. are used in the rehabilitation program.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Girls who may benefit from the program of the home are eligible for service if they are residents of Iowa and between 13 and 18 years of age. There are no racial or religious restrictions. To be accepted, girls must be essentially normal mentally and physically. (Exception to age and resi-

dence limitations may be made under special circumstances.)

Girls are usually admitted by order of a juvenile court with the approval of Catholic Charities. Private placements by parents may be accepted but for not less than one year's duration. All matters of intake and discharge planning are made through Catholic Charities of Sioux City.

Financial Information

The charge for Woodbury county girls is \$40 per month and for girls from other counties the charge is \$45 per month. If parents cannot make total payments, individual arrangements can be made through the Catholic Charities office. Charges include board, room, clothing and small allowances. The parents or county should furnish extra clothing and incidentals. Medical expenses are additional charges.

How To Apply for Service

All admissions are handled through the Catholic Charities office, 618 19th Street, Sioux City. When referring a girl, social agencies and juvenile courts must provide a social history and the report of a recent physical examination. The Charities office must approve all placements and should be notified by probation officers before girls are committed to the home by court order. Parents who desire to place a girl on a voluntary basis should apply in person at the Catholic Charities office.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

A caseworker from Catholic Charities is assigned to the institution to help each girl with any problems she may have. The sisters offer guidance and assist girls in adjusting to the institutional life and routine.

The girls may be visited by parents, relatives and other interested persons on the first and third Sundays of each month. Arrangements for visiting are made on an individual basis. Girls on the honor roll may leave the grounds on one Sunday per month (the last Sunday of the month is preferable) with a parent or relative who has been approved by the social worker or the probation officer.

Educational Program – The home offers a complete educational program from junior high through senior high school. Individual help and attention is given so that a girl may reach an educational level comparable with that of girls of her own age in her home community when she returns. In addition to regular courses, vocational courses in bookkeeping, shorthand, typing and comptometry are given. Home economics, dramatics and sewing are an important part of the school program. Girls may participate in the chorus and take piano lessons and they are encouraged to develop any hobbies or talents they may have. Upon successful completion of the prescribed curriculum, a girl may graduate from the school known as Sacred Heart High School, which is fully accredited.

Recreational Program – The recreational program makes use of well-equipped outdoor and indoor recreational areas. A large playground allows outdoor sports of many types. Indoor activities include special programs, dances, movies, parties, plays, etc.

Religious Program – A chaplain resides at the home and is available for personal talks with individuals. Mass is held daily for Catholic girls; non-Catholic girls receive instruction in ethics and may attend their own church services when supervision and transportation are provided by their church groups.

Children's Home of Cedar Rapids

C E D A R R A P I D S

Location

519 15th Street N.E., Cedar Rapids. Phone 2-7401.

Functions

This agency provides care for children between the ages of two and 12 whose own homes have been broken by death, divorce, illness or other misfortune. Children adjudged by the juvenile court to be dependent and neglected are

cared for also. The agency is licensed for the care of a maximum of 50 children.

Staff

Staff includes the superintendent and one social worker, two house supervisors, two practical nurses and four nursery assistants.

Psychological consultation is obtained from the Linn County Mental Health Center. The Linn County Medical Society provides the home with

a roster of physicians each of whom serves on-call continuously for at least a three-month period.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Children between the ages of two and 12 who have resided in Linn county for at least six months and who are in need of the services of this home may be eligible for care. Except under unusual circumstances children are not accepted through voluntary placement, if their parents are living together. There are no racial or religious limitations, but children who are accepted must be physically and mentally normal. Emotionally maladjusted children with behavior problems may be accepted if their behavior will not have a detrimental effect on the children already receiving care.

Financial Information

The home is supported by income from its endowments, donations and the cost of child care which is paid by parents and courts.

Charges for the care of a child who has been placed in this home by his parents varies according to the ability of the parents to pay. Parents are expected to pay for clothing and medical needs in addition to regular weekly payments for care.

The charge for court committed children is \$35 per month plus the cost of clothing and medical expense. The court determines who will pay these charges.

How To Apply for Service

Parents who wish to have a child cared for at this home must make an appointment for a personal interview. The social worker visits in the home following an office visit. When full information about the child and his circumstances has been obtained, the children's committee of the home determines whether he can be admitted. If the child is accepted, the parents must have him examined by their family physician or the staff physician before admission. It is desirable that the child visit the home before admission plans have been completed.

The home must be contacted before any child can be committed to it by the juvenile court. Court committed children are accepted without approval of the children's committee if there is a vacancy. The court must send a social history and the report of a recent medical examination before the child can be considered for admission.

Progress reports are submitted to referring agencies periodically.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Children are given care in this home until their own homes have been re-established or until some other plan has been made for them. While the child is in residence, the social worker works with his parents toward the child's eventual return to his own home whenever this is possible.

Children may not remain in this home beyond the age of 12, except in certain individual cases.

There are separate dormitories for boys and girls and for children of nursery age. The dining room facilities for the older children and the nursery children are separate. The boys' and girls' supervisors help the children with their everyday problems and with their adjustment to group living.

Visiting is planned on an individual basis.

Educational Program - Children in grades one through six attend the public school located about two blocks from the home; children in advanced grades attend a public high school. Arrangements can be made for the child to enroll at a local parochial school if the parents wish. All facilities of the public school system are available to the children.

Children who have a special talent for and an interest in dancing may attend a local dancing school for free instruction. Parents may arrange for their child to take music lessons while in residence at this agency.

Religious Program - A professional teacher provides Bible instruction weekly for all children over five years of age. All Protestant children go to Sunday school at a Presbyterian church nearby; Catholic children attend mass.

Recreational Program - Indoor and outdoor play areas allow a varied program of activities including games, sports, special programs and birthday parties. Two recreational workers from the local Y.M.C.A. direct recreational activities one night each week.

The children may participate in the program of the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, the Bluebirds and the Campfire Girls. They may also take part in activities outside the home when accompanied by an adult. Some of these activities include swimming, gardening (city playground program), and special entertainment. The summer program includes two weeks at camp for the older children. Local service clubs plan special excursions and parties for all the children.

Christian Home Orphanage

C O U N C I L B L U F F S

Location

The Christian Home Orphanage is located on North Seventh Street, four blocks north of Broadway, Council Bluffs. Phones 3-1923 Business office; 3-2318 Superintendent's office.

Functions

This home was organized in 1882 to provide care and training for children between the ages of two and 14 whose own homes were broken by death, divorce, illness or other causes, and who were in need of temporary or permanent care. The home is licensed as a child caring agency for the care of a maximum of 124 children in the institution. It is also licensed for child placing.

Staff

Child care staff is made up of the superintendent, one social worker, five teachers, ten house-parents, three nurses and the chaplain. A pediatrician serves on a daily clinical basis.

In addition to the pediatrician, an eye specialist, a throat and ear specialist, a surgeon and a dentist serve on an on-call basis. The services of the psychologists of the State Department of Social Welfare are available to the home. Psychiatric consultation is obtained from a local psychiatrist.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Children between the ages of two and 14 may be placed by parents or by the courts. There are no religious or racial restrictions. Children are accepted from anywhere in Iowa and from other states as long as there is compliance with the interstate placement agreements. Physically handicapped children and children of borderline mentality are accepted for temporary care. Mentally deficient children and children who have been adjudged delinquent cannot be accepted. To be eligible for adoptive placement, children must be physically and mentally normal.

Financial Information

The home is supported by donations, bequests and child care fees.

The charge for the care of each child is \$5 per week; this amount includes medical care, clothing and school expenses. If the child has been committed by a court, the court determines who will pay these charges. No child is denied care because his parents are unable to pay the above charges.

There is no fee for adoptive placement.

How To Apply for Service

Parents and relatives who desire to have a child cared for by this agency should contact the home for an interview with the superintendent. All required application materials, including a form for a medical examination by the family physician, must be completed before a child can be admitted.

Social agencies that refer a child must send a social history, the reasons for desiring to place the child and the report of a recent physical examination before admission can be considered.

Married couples who wish to adopt a child must contact the home for a personal interview.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Children may be cared for on a temporary or a long term basis. While the child is in the home the social worker works with the child's parents toward the possibility of returning him to his own home. The Christian Home cares for the child in the institution for a study period and makes suitable plans for future care.

The home has separate buildings for girls, boys and infants; each group sleeps in dormitories in their respective buildings supervised by a house-mother. Boys and girls above nursery age eat together in the main dining room. Older children help in the light, routine, household tasks.

The home has an infirmary, supervised by the pediatrician and the registered nurses on the staff, for the care of children with minor illnesses. The Council Bluffs city hospital is used for X-rays and for special care.

Educational Program — The Christian Home maintains its own school from kindergarten through the fifth grade. Children in more advanced grades attend the Council Bluffs public schools. Remedial reading classes are provided by staff teachers at the home and in the public schools. Children who need speech therapy are sent to the speech clinic of the State University of Iowa in Iowa City. All the special facilities of the public schools are available to the children who attend them.

A music teacher gives voice and piano lessons and directs the choir. Special instruction offered includes arts and crafts, sewing, dramatics and home talent shows.

Boys and girls with special interests and apti-

tudes are given financial help by the Christian Home to attend college if they have completed high school while living at the Christian Home.

Religious Program — A 15-minute service is held in the home's chapel each morning with the chaplain officiating. Pastors from the Council Bluffs churches hold vesper services at the chapel each Wednesday evening. On Sunday there is a formal church service followed by Sunday school. The children's choir participates in this service.

Catholic children go to their own church.

Recreational Program — The home has well-equipped indoor and outdoor play areas with equipment available for all age levels. Recreation includes movies, swimming, outdoor sports, games, television, special programs and excursions. Children may also participate in the recreational program of the local Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., the school recreation program, the Bluebirds, the Campfire Girls and the Boy Scouts.

Boarding Home Program

A limited number of foster homes provide care on a non-adoptive basis for children in need of

family care when this is more advisable than the group care offered in the institutional home.

Adoption

A husband and wife must not be over 40 years of age to adopt a child. They should have sufficient means to support the child adequately and to give him a proper education and medical care.

After an interview at the home, applicants should complete application forms, including one for a physical examination. Upon completion of the forms, a social worker visits the prospective parents' home. When the couple has been approved and they have been selected as parents for a particular child, placement is made in accordance with the best child placing standards.

The child remains in the home of the adoptive parents for a period of one year before proceedings for legal adoption can be started. During this time the foster parents make monthly progress reports to the home and the social worker visits the family occasionally and offers help and guidance in any problems they may have. At the end of this one-year period the home may give its consent for the adoptive parents to adopt the child. The parents retain their own lawyer to handle the legal proceedings of the adoption.

Convalescent Home for Children

DES MOINES

Location

211 28th Street, Des Moines. Phone 4-7458.

Functions

This home, established in 1928, gives convalescent care to children between the ages of one and 14. Children with diseases requiring long term convalescence may receive care and rehabilitation. The agency is licensed to care for a maximum of 18 children.

Staff

The staff is composed of a registered nurse who is also the executive director, 12 physicians on call on a rotation basis, one case worker, one teacher, one occupational therapist, one licensed practical nurse and four attendants.

Casework services are furnished by the Family Service-Travelers Aid of Des Moines. Medical and dental specialists from the community serve on an on-call basis plus weekly visits to patients. A physical therapist from the Public Health Nurses Association gives service on a part-time basis.

The Des Moines Board of Education provides the teacher who is at the home three hours each day.

Who Is Eligible for Service

This home primarily serves children who no longer need hospitalization, but are in need of special care during convalescence, the transitional period between recovery from severe illness and the resumption of normal activity. Children of any race or religion, from one to 14 years of age, who can be aided by the home's program may be accepted. Priority in admission is given to children who reside in Polk county. No child who is acutely ill, has an infectious disease, or is diabetic, epileptic or mentally deficient may be admitted.

Financial Information

The Convalescent Home for Children receives its primary support from the Des Moines Community Chest with additional support coming from investments, gifts and fees from patients.

Charges are made on an individual basis with the parents of the child under care.

Children should be furnished with clothing for outdoor wear before they come to the home.

How To Apply for Service

Any individual, organization, hospital or physician may recommend children for care. The referrals are evaluated by the director and a physician. Arrangements are made for the children who are not referred by physicians to have a physical examination, complete blood count, urinalysis and chest X-ray to determine their physical status before admission. A caseworker makes the social study and prepares the family for admission. Persons interested in placing a child in the home should consult the director regarding admission procedure.

SERVICES OFFERED

The home is divided into four wards. Children who are able to leave their beds eat in the main dining room. Recreational facilities are available and may be used as the child's physical condition warrants. Some children may be able to participate in light play on the grounds.

Each child receives rest, nursing care, nourishing food, suitable exercise, education and occupa-

tional therapy under the direction of the pediatricians and the medical staff. These pediatricians serve the home on a three-month rotation basis. The medical staff includes consultants in general medicine, surgery, dermatology, neurology, urology, orthopedics and dentistry. Physical therapy is provided under orthopedic direction. The occupational therapist conducts a complete program of crafts and skills that have therapeutic value.

Visiting hours are on Wednesday and Sunday from 3 to 4 p.m. Visiting is limited to adults and to no more than two visitors per child for each visiting day.

A social worker from Family Service of Des Moines works with each child and his parents to help him receive the maximum benefit from the home's medical and general rehabilitation program. When the child is dismissed from the home the social worker continues to give service to the child and his parents.

The teacher provided by the Des Moines public schools follows the regular routine of studies insofar as possible.

Children are discharged by the medical staff when their individual convalescent program has been completed and they are ready to go back to a normal life in their own home.

Des Moines Children's Home

DES MOINES

Location

2018 High Street, Des Moines, at the intersection of High Street and Harding Road; one block north of Ingersoll. Phone 3-2650.

Functions

This agency, established in 1886, provides care for children between the ages of five and 14 whose own homes have been broken by death, divorce or other misfortune. The agency is licensed for the care of a maximum of 32 children.

Staff

The staff consists of the executive director, four housemothers and maintenance personnel. A social worker will be employed in the future.

The psychiatric services of the Des Moines Child Guidance Center are available for children in need of them. Medical and dental services are obtained from the Des Moines Health Center.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Children between the ages of five and 14 who need care outside of their own homes may be accepted. Those accepted are usually residents of Des Moines, although in special situations children living elsewhere may be admitted. There are no religious restrictions, and children with minor physical handicaps may be accepted. Children who are seriously disturbed emotionally cannot be accepted.

Financial Information

The agency is supported by donations, private subscriptions, gifts, bequests and fees for child care.

The charge for the care of a child is \$1.50 per day plus the costs of medical care and clothing. When the child is committed by a court, the court determines who will pay these charges. In the case of private placements by parents who are unable to pay the regular charges, the agency will

help them make arrangements to pay at reduced rates, according to the income of the individual family.

Children should be provided with all clothing and toilet articles before coming to the Des Moines Children's Home.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, relatives and others who wish to place a child in this home must contact the executive director about admission procedures. An interview with the director and the report of a physical examination is a part of the admission procedure for all children placed privately.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child must send a social history, the report of a recent physical examination and all available data regarding psychological examinations before the admission of the child can be considered. If a child is accepted, a conference is arranged with the social worker from the referring agency to discuss plans for the child's care.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

During a child's stay at the home, service is given to the natural parents toward eventual return of the child to his own home. If this is not possible, other plans for his future care are considered.

The housemothers and other staff members give individual attention to each child. The older children participate in light housekeeping tasks

on a rotation basis. Older children occasionally obtain odd jobs and are paid wages for this work.

Parents and relatives who desire to visit children at the home should contact the executive director for specific visiting hours. Vacations and weekend leaves with responsible relatives may be arranged on an individual basis.

Educational Program — Boys and girls in kindergarten through the sixth grade attend the public school located in the area. Children of junior high age attend a public junior high school. Handicapped children attend a special school, and transportation is furnished by the board of education. All special facilities, programs and extracurricular activities of the public school system are available to the children.

Religious Program — Children may attend local churches. Catholic children go to church by arrangement with their parents or guardians, and Protestant children are taken to Sunday school on a bus provided by a local church. Religious instruction is given at the home on a bi-monthly basis.

Recreational Program — The indoor and outdoor recreational program, including sports, movies, picnics, games, parties and special programs, offers a wide variety of interests to children in each age group. In addition, the boys and girls may participate in all school and church activities and the programs of the local Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. Special excursions and the summer Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. camps are a part of this program.

Elim Lutheran Children's Home

ELKHORN

Location

Three miles south of Highway 6, one-fourth mile west of Elkhorn in Shelby County. Phone 205.

Functions

This home, owned and operated by the Danish Lutheran Church, provides home-like care for children who are deprived of parental care in their own homes. It is licensed to care for a maximum of 30 children.

Staff

The staff consists of a superintendent and one assistant.

The medical services of the community are used when they are needed.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any child between the ages of two and 12 who is a resident of Iowa and who is in need of the services this home can provide, may be eligible. Children who are accepted for care must be physically and mentally normal. The home accepts children of any denomination, but preference is given to those of Lutheran faith. Children may be placed in the home by their parents or by court commitment.

Financial Information

The Danish Lutheran Synod and monthly fees for child care from parents and counties provide total support of this children's home.

Arrangements for paying for the care of a

child are made on an individual basis. Clothing and medical costs are extra expenses.

How To Apply for Service

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child must send a social history, the report of a recent medical examination and any available psychological data. The home requires the referral agent to complete an application form prior to acceptance. (The referring social agency is expected to provide casework service for the child's parents.) Suitable clothing should be provided by the referral agency.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

There are several small dormitories for girls and boys, as well as semi-private rooms assigned on the basis of age levels. All children eat in the main dining room.

Family Service Inc.

S I O U X C I T Y

Location

520 Nebraska Street, Sioux City. The agency office is on the fourth floor of the Commerce Building. Phone 8-0115.

Functions

This family service agency provides casework service to families, children and individuals who need help with personal or emotional problems. The agency serves as a child guidance center and offers psychological and psychiatric examinations for problems in parent-child relationships. Marriage counseling is a specialized area of service. Counseling service is available to unmarried mothers.

The agency is licensed for child placing and provides temporary care for children in foster family homes. It does not place children for adoption.

Staff

The executive secretary and two other social workers are full-time employees. A clinical psychologist is available on a half-time basis; four psychiatrists are available for consultation on a part-time basis.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any person who lives or works in Sioux City and can be helped by this agency is eligible for

Older children participate in routine household tasks and farm work. They also may hold part-time jobs in the community.

Discharge is made when a child has completed high school, or when social planning indicates this is in his best interest.

Educational Program — All children in the home attend the Elkhorn public schools. They may take advantage of all the special facilities and extracurricular activities of the school system.

Religious Program — Daily devotions are held after the evening meal. All children attend the services of the Danish Lutheran Church in Elkhorn.

Recreational Program — Activities at the home include outdoor and indoor sports and games, parties and picnics. The children may participate in the music, sports and general recreational programs of the school system. The church offers additional activities for the children.

service. Temporary boarding care in family homes may be provided for children under the care of the agency.

Financial Information

The agency is supported by the Sioux City Community Chest, fees and bequests.

Moderate fees are charged according to ability to pay. No Sioux City resident is refused service because of lack of funds. Persons from other communities are charged on an actual cost basis.

The charge for boarding home care is \$10 per week plus medical and clothing expenses. The charge for temporary care for a child during the study and observation period may be somewhat higher than this amount and is arranged on an individual basis.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, social agencies and others who are interested in using the services of this agency should write or telephone for an appointment.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child should send a written social history, all available psychological data and the report of a recent physical examination.

Boarding Home Care

All boarding homes are carefully selected and supervised by the agency. All arrangements for

visiting and payment for the child's care are made through the agency.

Unmarried Mothers

Unmarried mothers are given help in making

plans for their housing, medical care and hospitalization during confinement. Casework service is given regarding problems of personal relationships and adjustment.

Family Service League

W A T E R L O O

Location

727 Franklin Street, Waterloo. Phone ADams 4-7759.

Functions

Established in 1892, this non-denominational agency provides casework service to families and individuals in the Waterloo area. One of its functions is to place children who for some reason cannot continue to receive care in their own homes, in boarding homes or in other children's institutions. While the child is in the home, casework help is offered to the parents to try to remedy the situation which made placement necessary. Casework service is offered to unmarried mothers in making plans for themselves and their babies. The agency is licensed to place children for boarding care. It makes all arrangements for the admissions to the Minnie Crippen Home for Children in Waterloo.

Staff

The staff is composed of the executive secretary and three social workers, two of whom serve part time.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any family or individual in the Waterloo area who has need of casework help with family or personal problems is eligible. Children in need of care outside of their own homes are placed in foster homes or institutions under the agency's supervision.

Most of the persons who request the services of the Family Service League do so on a voluntary basis. However, court cases involving children are occasionally accepted.

Financial Information

This agency is supported by the United Services of Waterloo and private endowments.

There is no charge for casework. The cost for foster care is \$10 to \$12 per week per child.

How To Apply for Service

Application may be made by phone or letter, or in person.

When social agencies make a referral they should include a summary of social history and pertinent information regarding the child or family.

Receiving Home Care

When observation and study of a child is necessary before plans can be made for him, he may be placed in the Minnie Crippen Home for Children.

Boarding Home Care

Children who need boarding home care are placed in private homes which are selected and supervised by the Family Service League.

Service for Unmarried Mothers

Casework with unmarried mothers includes help in making plans for housing, medical care and hospitalization during confinement and in making plans for the mother's and child's future after delivery.

Florence Crittenton Home

S I O U X C I T Y

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Location

1105 28th Street, Sioux City. Phone 5-4321.

Functions

This agency, a member of the National As-

sociation of Florence Crittenton Homes, was founded in 1903 to provide maternity care for unmarried mothers, to care for the babies of these mothers until they can be dismissed with their

mothers or placed for adoption and to serve as an adoption agency. It is licensed as a maternity home and child caring institution for the care of a maximum of 38 mothers and 23 babies. It is also licensed as a child placing agency.

Staff

The staff is made up of the following: an executive director, who is a social worker, and an additional social worker; eight physicians on a rotation basis; two nurses, and maintenance personnel.

The physicians on the staff include six obstetricians and two pediatricians. The psychological services of the State Department of Social Welfare and psychiatric consultation through Family Service of Sioux City are available to the home.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Unmarried mothers in their first pregnancy are eligible for service. (Under special circumstances women in pregnancies other than their first may be accepted.) Girls with physical or mental handicaps are accepted for maternity care if their conditions do not require facilities beyond the scope of the home. No girls with venereal disease are accepted.

Babies born at the home are cared for until they are dismissed with their mothers or until arrangements for their adoption have been made. Babies who were not born at the home may be legally relinquished to the agency for adoptive placement.

Financial Information

The home is a member of the Sioux City Community Chest and receives one-third of its support from this source. Other sources are fees paid by the girls, fees paid by adoptive parents and gifts from interested individuals.

The charge for board, room, medical care and delivery is \$150. Each girl provides her own clothing and toilet articles, and should have money for incidentals. Babies are cared for at the rate of \$1.50 per day. Adoptive parents are charged on a sliding fee schedule, based on their income.

How To Apply for Service

A girl who wishes to be admitted may make application in person or may write or telephone for an appointment. She may be referred by her physician or any social agency. Admission procedure may be completed by the referral source.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a girl to the home must send a social history and the report of a physical examination.

Married couples who wish to adopt a child should write to the agency in regard to adoptive procedure.

SERVICES OFFERED

Unmarried Mothers

The purpose of the agency's program is to provide proper medical care, housing, protection, security and casework services for unmarried mothers during confinement.

Girls should come to the home at least three months before the time of delivery. Sleeping arrangements are in dormitories before delivery but after delivery the girls share rooms with a small number of other girls. Prior to delivery all girls are expected to help with such light housekeeping tasks as their physical condition permits.

Each girl is free to choose whether she wishes to keep her baby or to relinquish it for adoptive placement. The caseworker will help her make plans for herself and her baby, find work after discharge, and counsel with her in respect to her personal problem. Care is taken to guard each girl's identity while in residence, and to keep confidential all information regarding her background.

Medical Services — Pre-natal, delivery and post-natal care is provided by the staff obstetricians in the home. Medical specialists and dentists are available as needed. All normal deliveries are made at the home which has well-equipped labor, delivery and recovery rooms. While the mother is receiving post-natal care her baby receives the attention of the staff pediatricians. The mothers are discharged from care by the medical staff.

Educational Program — A teacher from the Sioux City public schools supervises regular courses and gives instruction in sewing and handcraft. Girls of school age may earn transferable credit from the school, depending on their abilities and length of residence.

Religious Program — All girls are free to go to any church in Sioux City. Worship services are held at the home every Sunday; ministers from the community serve on a rotation basis.

Recreational Program — Space in the home is provided for study and recreational activities such as parties, special programs, games, television and special entertainments. Girls may go downtown and for walks if they wish.

Institutional Care

The babies of the mothers at the home and babies relinquished for adoptive placement receive care in the nursery section. Babies whose mothers decide to keep them are dismissed with their mothers. Babies who are relinquished to the home for adoption are placed after careful study of the child and the prospective parents.

Children who are available for adoption are given mental and physical examinations before

they are placed. No child with a chronic mental or physical disease or handicap may be placed for adoption.

Adoption

Adoptive placements are made with married couples who live in Iowa within a 100 mile radius of Sioux City. The couples should be able to provide adequately for a child, be married at least five years and active church members. They must not be over 35 years of age when applying to

adopt their first child and be physically unable to bear children.

The child remains in the home of the adoptive parents for a year before legal adoption may be completed. During this time the social worker supervises the home, offers guidance and helps the family with problems regarding the child's adjustment. At the end of the year the agency gives its consent to the adoption, and the legal matters are taken care of by the family's attorney.

Hillcrest Baby Fold

D U B U Q U E

Location

2005 Asbury Road, Dubuque. Phone 2-9658.

Functions

This multiple-function agency, operated under the auspices of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, provides institutional care, boarding care and adoptive placement to children under four years of age. Casework service is provided to unmarried mothers.

The Hillcrest Baby Fold is licensed as a child caring agency with a maximum capacity for 46 children. It is also a licensed child placing agency.

Staff

The staff is made up of the executive director, field representative, a social worker, a registered nurse and three student assistants, one house-mother and 16 attendants. There are six physicians who serve on call, and three chaplains on the same basis.

Psychiatric consultation is obtained, when needed, by referral to another social agency which offers this specialized service. The psychological services of the State Department of Social Welfare are obtained when needed.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Parents, relatives, juvenile courts, social agencies and others may request care for any child four years old or younger, who is a resident of the state and who needs care outside his own home. There are no denominational or racial restrictions. Children are accepted on a voluntary or court committed basis. Physically handicapped children who do not require special treatment facilities are accepted for temporary care. Intellectual ability is not a factor in temporary care, but most children accepted for adoptive place-

ment are physically and mentally normal. Unmarried mothers are eligible for help in making plans for themselves and their babies.

Financial Information

The agency is supported by the Dubuque Community Chest, by members of the Methodist Church, and fees.

The monthly charge for care of each child is \$45 plus medical expense. Clothing is furnished by the agency if the parents are unable to provide it.

Adoptive fees are on a sliding scale starting at \$150 and are in proportion to the applicants' income.

How To Apply for Service

Parents and guardians who wish to place a child in this home voluntarily must come for a personal interview. All application forms must be completed before the child may be admitted. A medical examination is required.

Juvenile courts and social agencies referring a child must send a social history, the report of a recent physical examination and all available psychological data. If the child is accepted, the court or agency should arrange for the parents to be interviewed by the social worker.

Hillcrest asks the referring agency to share the work with parents. Periodic progress reports on the child are sent to the referring agency.

Married couples who wish to adopt a child must come to the agency for a personal interview.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

While the child is under care, the agency offers help to the parents toward the goal of family rehabilitation.

Emphasis is placed on maintenance of good health for each child and he is given a psychological test soon after his admission. A registered nurse supervises the care of the children. Volunteer workers help in supervising play periods and special parties. The children are housed in nursery departments according to stages of development.

Foster Family Care

Most of the children are given care at the institution, but a few homes are available for those who need substitute family care on a non-adoptive basis. Such homes are selected and supervised by the social worker.

Unmarried Mothers

The agency offers help to unmarried mothers in finding suitable housing, medical care and hospitalization during confinement. The agency has a number of resources for housing and hospitalization, both within and outside the Dubuque

area, for unmarried, pregnant women. Casework is provided to assist in plans for mother and baby.

Adoption

The agency makes adoptive placements for children who are relinquished directly by parents and/or by the court. An infant may be placed for adoption as early as one to four months.

Adoptive applicants must meet certain qualifications regarding age, income, health, personality adjustments, residence and their own need to adopt.

The study of adoptive applications includes interviews at the agency, home studies and a thorough evaluation prior to approval. When approved applicants have been selected as parents for a particular child, the placement is made for a one-year probationary period. Then if the parents and child seem well-suited to each other, the agency may give its consent for adoption. The parents retain their own attorney to complete the legal proceedings.

Iowa Children's Home Society

D E S M O I N E S

Location

2203 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. Phone 8-1983.

Functions

Founded in 1888 as a private, non-sectarian organization, the Iowa Children's Home Society is a state-wide child caring and placing agency. This is a multiple-function agency that offers services to parents and children. It provides foster care, casework services for unmarried mothers and an adoption program. For the children who must live away from their own homes, the society utilizes foster-family boarding and adoptive homes. For reception and study and for a few children needing group care, the facilities of a receiving home are used.

The society is placing increased emphasis upon its work with unwed mothers, its adoption program and specialized services for children with personality and behavior problems.

This agency is licensed for child placing and is also licensed for the care of a maximum of 10 children in the receiving home.

Staff

The staff is made up of the executive director, a director of public relations with two assistants,

a director of casework, an adoption supervisor, an intake supervisor, a nurse and 10 social workers. In the receiving home there is a director, an assistant and a housekeeper.

A consulting psychiatrist is a staff member. When pediatric, dental and other medical services are needed, specialists and community facilities are used. Psychological services and consultation are available through the Des Moines Child Guidance Center and the State Department of Social Welfare. The society serves as a training center for graduate students in the field of social work at the State University of Iowa.

Who Is Eligible for Service

This agency serves any person in Iowa who seeks advice regarding placement of children, and any unwed mother who seeks assistance and counsel. Children are accepted for care by the society only if this constitutes the best available plan for them. Children who are eligible for service may range in age from birth to age 17, may be of any race or religion, and may be voluntarily placed for care by parents or guardians or be committed by a court.

By agreement with Lutheran and Catholic agencies, parents, children and adoptive appli-

cants of these faiths are ordinarily served by an agency of their own affiliation.

Financial Information

The agency's program is provided in part by (1) financial support from more than 70 Community Chests or federated funds in Iowa communities, (2) payments from county departments of social welfare who use the agency's services, (3) fees for the professional adoption services, and (4) fees from parents who pay for a child's care in accordance with their ability to do so. A large portion of the total costs, however, are underwritten by private donations and bequests designed for this purpose.

How To Apply for Service

Anyone who wishes to use any of the services of the society may write or phone for an appointment. Application may be made through county agencies and private family and children's agencies. Couples who are interested in adopting a child are asked to write the agency. (By agreement with Lutheran and Catholic agencies, parents, children and adoptive applicants of these faiths are ordinarily served by an agency of their own affiliation.)

Social agencies and courts that wish to refer parents and/or children should contact the society for consultation. This is essential in determining whether the agency can be of assistance. All referrals must be accompanied by a social history, the report of a recent physical examination and any available psychological data.

SERVICES OFFERED

Care and service are available to **children** on either a temporary, long-term or permanent basis.

Boarding Home Care

The majority of children under the care of the society are placed in boarding homes on a temporary basis until they can be returned to their own parents or relatives. All foster homes are located within a 35 mile radius of the central office. They are selected with care and the boarding parents work with the guidance and under the direct supervision of the social workers.

Receiving Home Care

The receiving home is for the temporary care of children who must be studied before they are

placed elsewhere, and for a few children who need care in a group setting rather than in a boarding home. Children who live at the receiving home attend the Des Moines public schools. The treatment program for each child is the joint responsibility of the receiving home and casework staffs, but the caseworkers are responsible for its direction.

Unmarried Mothers

Assistance and counsel is given unmarried mothers regardless of their circumstances or place of residence and in planning with them the society endeavors to assist in meeting their personal or social needs. The society's program is designed to assist the mother and her child.

Adoption

Adoptive homes are used when it is necessary to provide children with new and permanent homes. About one out of every five children coming into foster care needs such a home, and the age of children at the time of placement ranges from three months to 14 years. The agency obtains as complete a picture as possible with respect to social background and as to physical, neurological, emotional and mental factors in growth and development. Children with limitations and handicaps need adoptive homes as much as normal children, and whenever possible homes are found for them.

Except for the fact that the agency limits applications for adoption to residents of Iowa, its policies are flexible. In general, couples who apply to adopt infants must be under 39 years of age, but couples who desire older children may be over this age limit. The financial status of the family must be sufficiently secure to assure the child of adequate care. The application procedure includes a complete physical examination for both applicants.

When applicants are selected as adoptive parents for a particular child, placement is made for a one-year probationary period. During this time a caseworker from the society supervises the home and offers guidance. After the probationary period, if a satisfactory adjustment has been made, the society may recommend to the court that adoption be completed. The parents retain their own attorney to complete the legal adoptive proceedings.

Iowa Odd Fellows' and Orphans' Home

M A S O N C I T Y

Location

1037 19th Street, S.W., (Highway 106) Mason City. Phone 533.

Function

This agency, operated by the Odd Fellows of Iowa, offers institutional care for orphaned, dependent or neglected children of Odd Fellows or war veterans. It is licensed to care for a maximum of 50 children.

Staff

The staff is composed of the superintendent, five houseparents, including one couple and two housemothers, and a chaplain. There are two registered nurses in residence, a physician and dentist on call.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Parents, juvenile courts, social agencies and others may request care for a child between the ages of three and 12 who is a resident of the state and a child of an Odd Fellow or veteran. Children who are accepted for care must be mentally and physically normal and must be able to do average school work. They may be placed at the home by private agreement with parents and guardians or by court commitment.

Financial Information

Support of the home is derived from payments for cost of care for children, income from the sale of farm produce and from the assessments made of lodge members.

A charge of \$45 per month for each child is made to cover part of the cost of his care in the home. Medical cost, clothing expense and tuition in the public schools are added charges.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, relatives, social agencies, juvenile courts and others who are interested in having a

child cared for at this home must contact the superintendent's office for the necessary application forms. All application material and a physical examination report must be completed before any child can be accepted for care. After the application materials have been received, a member of the agency's board makes an investigation of the child and the circumstances.

Juvenile courts and social agencies that refer a child must provide a written social history as well as the required medical report.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Program

Each child shares his room with one other child of his own age. Sufficient space is provided in their rooms for their personal belongings. The housemothers supervise the children and offer guidance in their everyday problems. Boys and girls assist in the routine household tasks as they would in their own homes; older children may work on the farm or in the dairy on the premises.

Educational Program — All children attend the Mason City public schools. They may take advantage of the programs in remedial speech and reading and the vocational educational programs of the schools. Special instruction in piano and voice may be arranged for talented children.

The agency attempts to obtain scholarships for children who desire to go to college.

Religious Program — Each child goes to church services and Sunday school at the home. A minister from the community, who serves on the staff, provides the children with an opportunity for individual and group spiritual guidance.

Recreational Program — A wide range of indoor and outdoor activities, including movies, dances, games, special programs, excursions and a variety of sports, is a part of the recreational program. Children in high school may participate in the Mason City high school athletic program.

Jewish Federation of Sioux City

S I O U X C I T Y

Location

525 Fourteenth Street, Sioux City. Phone 8-0618.

Functions

This agency provides family casework services, recreation, group work, community leadership, nursery school, adult education, individual counseling and children's services to persons of the Jewish faith living within the Sioux City area.

The child placement and child care programs are part of the entire social work and community program. The federation is licensed for child placing and child caring.

Staff

The executive director is a trained social worker. He is assisted by a part-time caseworker, a full-time activities director and part-time group workers. Psychological and psychiatric consultation services are available by referral to Family Service, Inc., of Sioux City.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any Jewish resident of the area is eligible for the services of this agency. This includes children and aged persons who are chronically ill and

disturbed. Supplementary service is obtained from the following resources: Family Service, Inc. — psychological and psychiatric consultation; Iowa Jewish Home for Aged at Des Moines, and Bellefaire Children's Home, Cleveland, Ohio.

Financial Information

Support is derived from the Sioux City Community Chest and United Jewish Appeal.

Charges for services for which fees have been established are based on the recipient's ability to pay.

How To Apply for Service

Any person or social agency who is interested in any of the services of this agency should contact the executive director. Social agencies and courts that make a referral must send a written social history and any available psychological data.

Child Placing Services

The federation is licensed to place children in boarding homes; it also may place children for adoption although it seldom has occasion to do so. The accepted professional standards of child placing are followed in making placements.

Ladies Industrial Relief Society

D A V E N P O R T

Location

115 West 6th Street, Davenport. Phone 3-1854.

Functions

This society, established in 1849, is a family service agency. Casework services are offered to any individual in the Davenport area who needs help with a family or personal problem. As a part of its program, the society maintains a day care center for children of working mothers.

When family difficulties make it impossible for children to continue to receive care in their own home, they may be placed in boarding homes for temporary care, under the supervision of this agency.

Service is offered to any unmarried mother living in Scott county in making plans for herself and baby.

The agency is licensed to place children for temporary boarding care only.

Staff

The staff is composed of an executive secretary, one social worker and two student social workers-in-training. (The society serves as a training center for graduate students in the field of social work at the State University of Iowa.)

Consultation is obtained from local psychiatrists as needed.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any adult or child in Scott county who needs

the type of help this agency offers is eligible for service.

Children for whom boarding home placement is needed may be committed by the courts or referred by their parents. This service is given subject to the agency's ability to meet individual needs.

Financial Information

The agency is supported by the Davenport Community Chest, donations and fees. There is no charge for casework service. The charge for day care is based upon family income and individual circumstances.

Parents of children placed in boarding homes pay a minimum of \$45 per month for each child's care. Arrangements can be made for parents to pay reduced rates when they are financially unable to pay the full amount. Scott county is charged \$45 per month for the care of children committed by a court.

How To Apply for Service

Any person or agency who wishes to make use of the services of the agency should contact the office in person, by letter or by phone.

Social agencies and courts are expected to send social history information when making a referral.

SERVICES OFFERED

Boarding Home Care

The boarding homes used for the care of children are carefully selected and supervised by the society. While a child is in a boarding home, a social worker from the society works with the natural parents, the foster parents and the child toward eventual return to his own home.

All arrangements for visiting and payment for care for children in boarding homes are made through the society.

Services for Unmarried Mothers

Casework services are offered unmarried mothers in making plans for housing and medical care during confinement, and in helping with planning for mother and baby after the delivery. Mothers who decide to keep their babies are helped with employment problems, and with plans for the child's care. Mothers who prefer to relinquish their babies for adoption are referred to properly licensed agencies.

Lutheran Children's Home Society

W A V E R L Y

Location

West limits of Waverly — at the junction of Highways 218 and 3. Phone 230.

Functions

This agency, founded in 1863 and affiliated with the American Lutheran Church, provides treatment and care to children with emotional problems. The program includes institutional or group care, which attempts to meet the needs of the child while in residence, and foster home care, including adoption, for those children who have derived the maximum benefit from institutional care and are ready for private family life. Children in residence, as well as other children who have emotional problems, are offered diagnostic and treatment service at the Child Guidance Center for Bremer County, an outpatient department of the agency, which works in cooperation with the Iowa Mental Health Authority and the State Department of Social Welfare.

The agency is licensed for child placing and for the care of a maximum of 70 children in the institution.

Staff

The staff is composed of an executive director, administrative assistants, medical director, who is the consulting psychiatrist, a casework supervisor, and four to five social workers; there are three teachers in the institution and 12 houseparents, nine housemothers and three housefathers; clerical and maintenance staff. Five physicians and three dentists from the community serve on call.

The State Psychopathic Hospital in Iowa City is consulted when additional psychiatric services are needed. The psychologists of the State Department of Social Welfare administer psychometric examinations and assist in diagnosis and treatment plans for the children. The Rohlf Memorial Clinic in Waverly is consulted for medical services. The home also serves as a training center for graduate students in the field of social work of the State University of Iowa's School of Social Work.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any child who can benefit from the home's program may be admitted for institutional care.

The decision regarding admission is made on an individual basis following a complete psychiatric evaluation by the medical director of the home.

Children over 14 years of age are not admitted, and children between three and five years of age can be given only temporary care. There are no religious restrictions. Children may be placed in the home by their parents or committed by a court.

Children admitted for foster care and adoption are carefully selected in view of their needs and available facilities for this type of treatment. Family placement, however, only follows after a period of care within the home.

Financial Information

The home is supported primarily by donations from the Lutheran constituency, by subsidy from the American Lutheran Church and by child care fees. Support is also received by voluntary contributions from other individuals and groups.

The care and treatment fee is determined on a case-by-case basis following an evaluation of the potential amount and kind of services which will be required in each case. In the case of a child to whom an unusual amount of treatment and individual care resources must be made available, the total care and treatment fee (as of 1955) will vary between \$75 and \$100 per month (the actual per capita cost to the agency is well over \$200 per month).

How To Apply for Service

Referrals may be made by social agencies, courts or parents. It is preferable that referrals be made through a social agency and private individuals are often referred to their local welfare office so that a direct referral may be made by the local social agency. The referring person or agency should telephone or write the home for an appointment for a personal interview.

Social agencies and courts that refer a child must send a complete social history, the report of a recent medical examination, all school reports and any available psychological data before the child can be considered for admission. In all cases a psychiatric evaluation by the medical director of the home is also necessary. After the required materials have been received and if the staff feels that the child may benefit from its program, the child, his parents and a worker from the referring agency are asked to visit the home. At the time of this pre-placement visit, the caseworker from the referring agency and the institutional caseworker discuss plans for the child's care and treatment and how the parents may be given service during the child's placement.

Discharge plans are worked out on the same basis, with the referral agency, parents and insti-

tution participating in accordance with the best plans for the child.

When children are sent to the home, whether by their parents or by court action, they may be placed under the care and custody of the society by the terms either of a conditional or an unconditional release. An unconditional release gives the society permanent custody of the child and makes him eligible for adoption.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Each child is given care and treatment as his individual needs and problems require. He is given individual attention, guidance and therapy through personal interviews, in addition to group care and treatment. Psychiatric consultation is used to diagnose and to prescribe the treatment which each child receives. As a result of this unified program of treatment, it is hoped that the child will be ready either to return to his own home or to enter a foster home.

The children's living quarters are in small group units with a housemother and an assistant assigned to each unit. Ample space is provided for each child's belongings and for study and recreation. Students from Wartburg College provide the children additional individual attention by acting as their "big brothers" or "big sisters."

Each child has duties at the home which he performs before and after school on a rotation basis. The children are encouraged to take part-time jobs in the community and work after school, Saturdays and during the summer.

Visiting hours are on Sunday afternoon and at other arranged times. It is necessary to contact the agency in advance to arrange visits.

Educational Program — Training from the first through the sixth grade is provided in the home's own school. Enrollment is limited to 12 children per room so that a maximum of individual help can be given each student. Children of kindergarten age and students in grades 7 through 12 attend the Waverly public schools. Children who attend the public schools may take advantage of all special facilities and extracurricular activities. Private tutoring is arranged for children who are temporarily unable to function in a formal school situation.

Religious Program — The executive director is an ordained pastor. Devotional meetings are held every morning and evening. All children attend church services and Sunday school at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly. Special religious instruction is required of all children between the ages of 13 and 15; however, confirmation is not required.

Recreational Program — Recreation at the home

includes movies, games, indoor and outdoor sports, special programs, parties and excursions. In addition the children may participate in the recreational program of the Youth Center, the schools, the church and the summer playgrounds. They may also take part in other community activities and in the Boy and Girl Scouts.

Boarding Care

Children who are placed in carefully studied foster family homes remain under the supervision of caseworkers from the home.

Adoption

Children who have been committed to the home for permanent care are placed for adoption

after careful study of their needs and when suitable parents have been selected for them. Children who are placed for adoption are of school age and are physically and mentally normal.

Adoptive applicants should approximate the average age of parents of the child's particular age group; they must be active members of the same church and have sufficient financial means to assure the child adequate care and protection. Applications are made to the agency, and when the applicants are approved as adoptive parents, a child is placed in their home for a probationary period of at least one year, during which time the home is supervised. At the end of the probationary period the agency may give its consent for the parents to complete legal adoption proceedings.

Lutheran Home Finding Society of Iowa

F O R T D O D G E

Location

Central Office - 234 Ninth Ave. North, Fort Dodge. Phone 2808.

The Lutheran Home Finding Society of Iowa is divided into two districts with branch offices located in the following cities:

Fort Dodge - 234 Ninth Avenue North, Phone 2808.

Cedar Rapids - 215 Granby Building, Phone 2-0537.

Functions

This agency, organized in 1901, operates under the auspices of the members of the Synodical Conference in Iowa (the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the Wisconsin Synod and the Norwegian Synod of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church).

The society provides care for dependent and neglected children in boarding homes, in its receiving home and, for children relinquished to the society for adoptive placement, in adoptive homes. Casework service is given to children, their parents and relatives, and to unmarried mothers. The society is licensed for child placing and for the care of a maximum of 20 children in its receiving home.

Staff

The staff is composed of an executive secretary who is a social worker and clergyman; another full-time social worker also serves on the staff. There is one housemother, a cook and a house-

keeper at the receiving home, and a chaplain on the staff. There are also secretarial and maintenance personnel.

Three physicians and one dentist serve the society on an on-call basis. Nursing and hospital services are provided as needed by the local Lutheran hospital. A local psychiatrist provides psychiatric consultation.

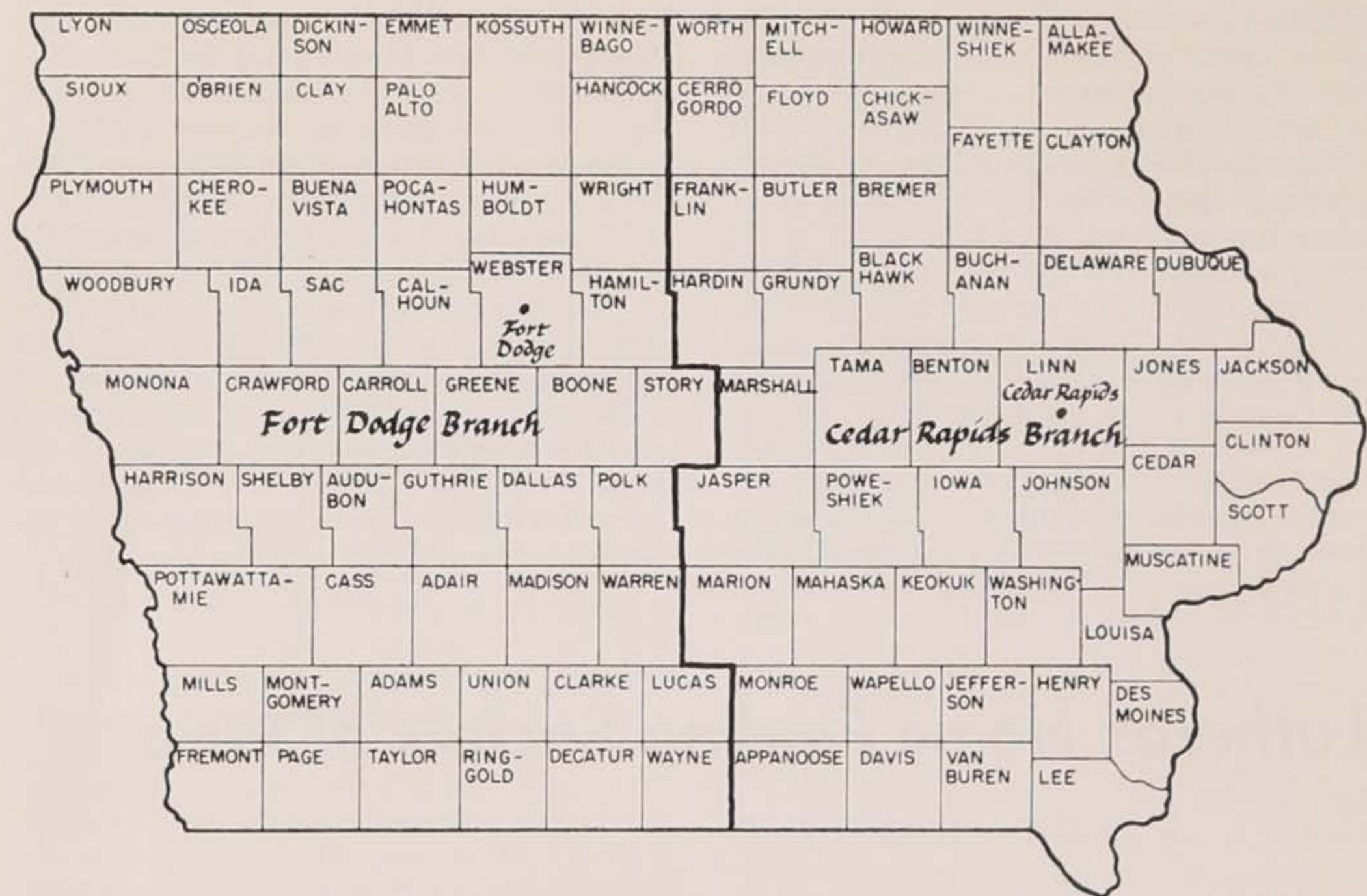
Who Is Eligible for Service

Children from birth to 18 years of age who reside in Iowa and who cannot continue to receive care in their own homes may be eligible for service. Although there are no religious restrictions, Lutheran children are given preference in acceptance. Children of any race are accepted for temporary care, but only children of the white race are accepted for adoptive placement. This is because the society has found that, through the years, it has had no adoptive applicants who are of a race other than white. In some cases physically handicapped children may be accepted, depending upon the nature of the handicap. Some children with emotional problems may be accepted under certain circumstances. Children may be placed by voluntary arrangement or by court commitment.

Any unmarried mother is eligible for help in making plans for herself and her baby.

Financial Information

The charge for the care of a child in the receiving home or in a boarding home is \$45 per



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month. This amount includes children's allowances, but it does not include clothing and medical care. Such items must be provided by the person having legal custody of the child. In a limited number of cases, based on need and ability to pay, the society will bear the total cost of care.

How To Apply for Service

Parents and relatives who wish to place a child at this home should contact the society by letter or phone to make an appointment for an interview. All application forms, including one for a medical examination, are completed before any child is considered for admission.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child for care must send a social history, the report of a recent medical examination and any available psychological data before a decision can be made regarding the child's admittance.

Unmarried mothers who want help in making plans for themselves and their babies should contact the society for an appointment.

Couples who wish to make application to adopt a child should write or phone the agency for an appointment for a personal interview. They must be residents of Iowa, Lutheran members of the Synodical Conference, and physically unable to have children. Acceptance is limited to persons not older than 35 (women) and 40 (men), if the couple wishes to apply for a child under six years

of age. Adoptive applicants may be older than these limits if they are willing to adopt a child over six years of age.

SERVICES OFFERED

Care is offered children on a temporary or permanent basis. During the time a child is in the care of the society, casework service is given to the child's natural parents by this agency.

Receiving Home

Children live in the receiving home at Fort Dodge while awaiting placement in a boarding home or in an adoptive home. If a plan of group living is considered most suitable for a particular child, he continues to live in the receiving home.

The children at the home sleep in small groups of not more than four, or have their own individual rooms. Meals are eaten in the cottage dining room.

Educational Program — Children attend St. Paul's Lutheran School and the public high school in Fort Dodge. All the special facilities and extra-curricular activities of these schools are available to the children.

Religious Program — Morning and evening devotions are held daily. The children attend Sunday worship and Sunday school in a Lutheran church in Fort Dodge. The Lutheran Church also provides special religious instruction for seventh and eighth grade pupils.

Recreational Program—The home and the community offer a wide variety of recreational interests for all age groups. Recreation in the home includes games, sports, television and parties. Children attend local movies and community-sponsored activities.

Boarding Home Program

A child who needs family care is placed in one of the boarding homes approved and supervised by the society, and all arrangements for visitation and cost of care are made by this agency. Month-

ly reports may be sent to the referral agency upon request.

Adoption

Children who have been placed under the permanent care and custody of the society are available for adoption.

Unmarried Mothers

Casework service is offered unmarried mothers to help them make plans for housing, medical care and hospitalization during confinement. Casework service in making the best future plan for mother and baby is emphasized.

Lutheran Homes

M U S C A T I N E

Location

The home is located one mile west of the Muscatine city limits. Phone AM3-1241.

Functions

This agency provides a home for children who cannot remain in their own homes because of a family break, or some emotional or delinquency problem. The children receive care either in the agency's institution or in supervised boarding homes. There is a limited adoption program also.

The institution is licensed to care for a maximum of 100 children.

Staff

The home is staffed by a superintendent and an assistant superintendent, a social worker, four teachers and 10 houseparents. There is also a chaplain in residence.

Medical service is provided by physicians from the community on an on-call basis. For psychiatric services the agency uses the State Psychopathic Hospital in Iowa City as well as mental health resources in the child's home community. The services of the psychologists of the State Department of Social Welfare are utilized when needed.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Children from Iowa (and from neighboring states, under special circumstances) who are not more than 14 years old and in need of the services of this agency may be accepted for care. There must be compliance with the law on interstate movement of children in accepting children from outside the state. Children may be placed privately by their parents or be committed by

courts. There are no racial or religious restrictions. To be acceptable for temporary care or for adoptive placement, a child must be physically and mentally normal. Children with behavior problems or emotional disturbances are served in the institution.

Financial Information

The agency is supported by a subsidy from the American Lutheran Church, child care fees, contributions, income from investments, farm operations and bequests.

The charge for the care of a child in the institution is \$45 per month. Medical care and clothing expense are added charges.

Individual financial arrangements are made for children who are cared for in boarding homes.

No fee is required for adoptive placement service.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, relatives, social agencies, juvenile courts and others who desire the use of any of the services of the agency should contact the superintendent.

Parents who wish to place children should be interviewed at the home. It is desirable that parents of children who are committed by a court be interviewed also.

Before any child can be admitted, all necessary application forms, including a medical examination report, must be completed. Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child must send a written social history, a complete medical report and any available psychological data.

Referring agencies located outside of Musca-

tine are expected to provide casework services to parents of children who are under the care of the agency.

Persons interested in providing foster care (whether boarding or adoptive) should contact the superintendent.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Children receive care in the institution while waiting for their own homes to be re-established, or until they can be placed in boarding or adoptive homes. When children are accepted, tentative plans for their care are made. Periodically, these plans are reviewed by the staff to determine the children's progress and necessary changes may be made.

The child's first contact with the agency is usually with the social worker and this may occur before he is admitted to the institution. After the child arrives he is helped to get acquainted and to adjust to the experience of group living.

There are separate buildings for boys and girls but all children eat together in the main dining room. Each child shares his room with two or three other children of his own age. The housemothers supervise the buildings and help the children with their everyday problems. Older children participate in the household tasks.

Visiting is arranged on an individual basis.

Educational Program — Children in grades one through eight attend classes in the school located on the grounds; older children attend the public high school. Piano, arts and crafts, sewing and vocal music are taught in the home and any child who is interested may take part. Educational scholarship funds are available for boys and girls with the ability and desire to further their education.

Religious Program — The superintendent is a Lutheran pastor and offers spiritual guidance to the children. Devotional services are held each morning and evening. Worship service is held each Sunday in the chapel.

Recreational Program — Each building has play

and recreational rooms with equipment for all age groups. There are several well-equipped playgrounds for outdoor recreation. Activities include games, special programs, sports, arts and crafts and excursions. Children who are old enough to go into town may participate in the city recreational program. Students enrolled in the city high school take part in the extracurricular activities offered by the school.

Boarding Home Care

Children who need family care rather than group care are placed in boarding homes which are selected and supervised by the agency social worker.

All arrangements for visiting and payment for care in boarding homes are made through the superintendent's office.

Adoption

Children who have been relinquished to this agency are placed for adoption after careful study. Children available for adoption may range in age from three months to 10 years. No child with a chronic mental or physical disability is placed for adoption.

Couples who desire to make application to adopt a child must be of Lutheran denomination. They must have sufficient financial ability to support a child adequately. Applications may be accepted from prospective parents who are under 40 years of age if they are interested in adopting an infant; applicants who wish to adopt older children may be somewhat older. Prospective adoptive parents need not be childless to qualify, but those who have no children must be physically incapable of having children of their own.

When applicants have been approved as adoptive parents and a child is available, placement is made for a one-year probationary period. During this time the social worker supervises the home and offers assistance in problems of adjustment. After the required probationary period, the agency may give its consent for the parents to petition the court to adopt.

Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa

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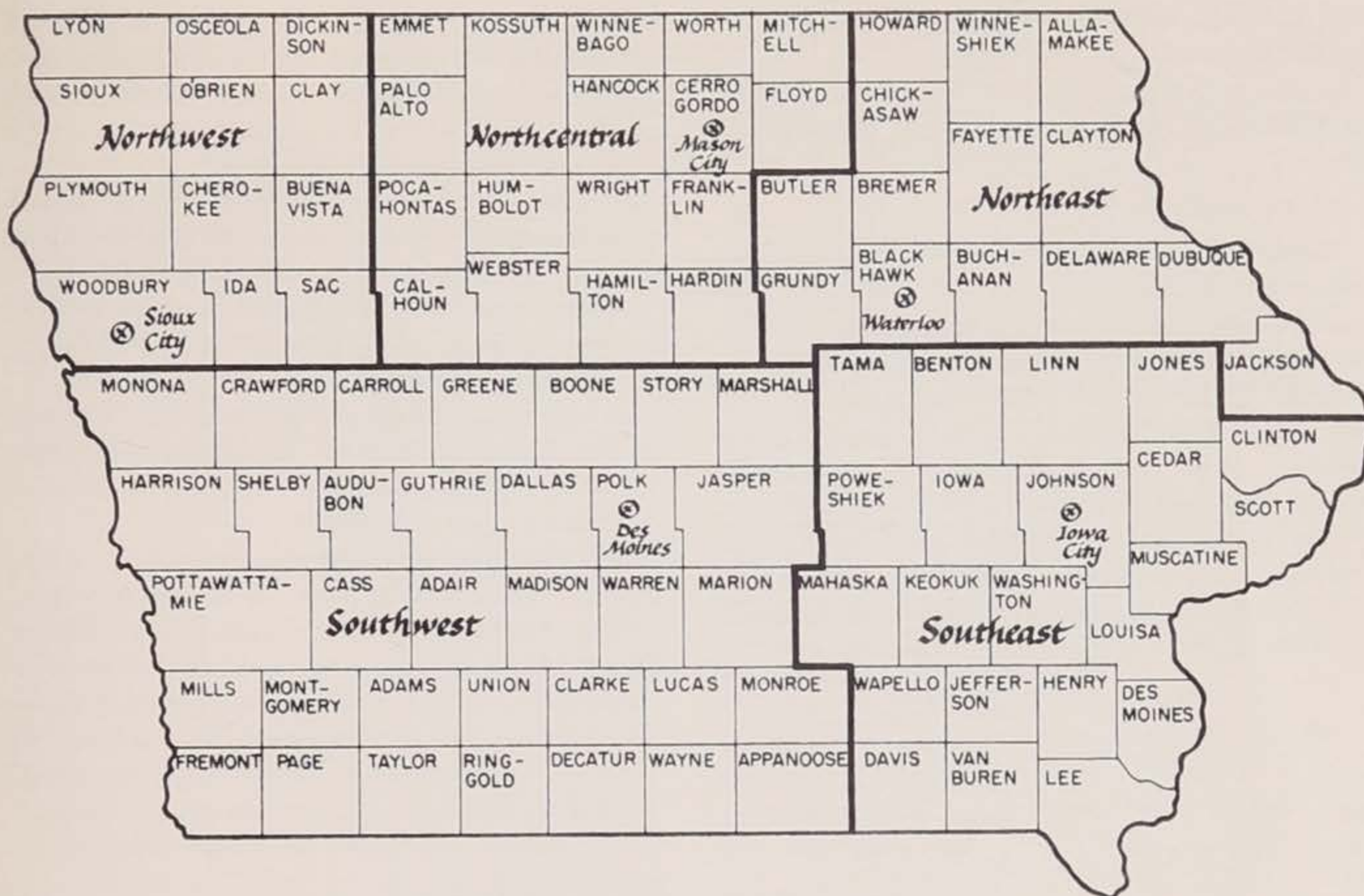
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Location

Central office — 2302 University Avenue, Des Moines, phone 7-4476. The Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa is divided into five districts (includ-

ing Des Moines-Southwest District) with branch offices located in the following cities:

Northeast District—Waterloo
502 Commercial Building
Phone ADams 3-9220



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Northwest District—Sioux City

319 Benson Building
Phone 5-7788

North Central District—Mason City

19½ First Street N. E.
Phone 877

Southeast District—Iowa City

119½ E. College
Phone 5131

Southwest District—Des Moines

2302 University Avenue
Phone 7-4476

Functions

This agency, organized in 1938 and affiliated with the Churches of the National Lutheran Council in Iowa, is a state-wide Lutheran child placing agency working in the fields of boarding home and adoptive placement. In addition to the child placing program, casework is offered to unmarried mothers and a chaplaincy service to state institutions is maintained.

Staff

The society has an executive director and five branch directors. Eleven social workers comprise the casework staff.

Psychological service is obtained from the State Department of Social Welfare. Consultation with private psychiatric and medical resources is carried on as necessary.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Services are given to children whose parents or guardians are members of, or attend, one of the National Lutheran Council Churches in Iowa. In unusual situations and dependent upon the resources of the society, exceptions may be made and consideration given to non-Lutheran children. Children are accepted for placement only after it is determined that this is the best available plan.

Physically handicapped children are accepted for boarding home placement within the limits of the agency's resources. Children with behavior problems are accepted if the agency has the resources to deal with their particular problem. The agency will accept for adoptive placement any child for whom a suitable home can be found. A child may be placed for care privately or by court commitment.

Any unmarried mother is eligible for casework service regardless of religious affiliation.

Financial Information

The agency is supported by contributions from Lutheran churches, individuals, synodical grants and by community chest grants in Des Moines and Sioux City.

Casework services to children and to unmarried mothers is provided without charge. Children are placed in boarding homes at a charge of \$45 per month plus the costs for medical care

and clothing. Special arrangements are made for people unable to pay this charge.

Adoptive parents pay a graduated fee of \$150 to \$300 based upon their ability to pay for this service.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, relatives and others who wish to make use of any of the services of the society or who want to make inquiry may make an appointment for an interview at the office in their district.

Social agencies and courts that refer a child may contact the branch office in their district. Before a child can be accepted for service the social agency or court must send a social history, the results of a psychological examination and the report of a medical examination.

Adoptive applicants must make an appointment for a personal interview.

SERVICES OFFERED

Services to children who need care outside their own homes are available on a temporary, long term or permanent basis. Children in need of group care rather than foster-family care are referred to an institutional home.

Boarding Home Care

Placement of children in boarding homes is made only after careful evaluation of the needs of a child who is referred. All the boarding homes are carefully selected and are supervised by the agency. Every effort is made to keep the child in touch with his family. It is the agency's objective to return the child to his family as soon as the conditions which made placement necessary are improved.

Adoption

Children who have been relinquished voluntarily by their parents or children who have been removed from parental custody by action of the court may be placed for adoption.

The age of the prospective parents is considered in placing children of various ages for adoption. Adoptive applicants must be members of a National Lutheran Council church except in very special instances. They must always be members of the same church.

Adoptive applicants are personally interviewed at the Lutheran Welfare Society office before application forms, including one for a medical examination, are completed.

After a couple is accepted as prospective adoptive parents, a waiting period is usually necessary until a suitable child is available. If the child is acceptable to the parents, he is placed in their home for a one year probationary period. During this time a social worker supervises the home to observe the suitability of the home for the child. After this period, the society may give its consent for the parents to proceed with legal adoption.

Unmarried Mothers

Casework service is offered unmarried mothers who request help with personal problems and with finding suitable housing, medical care and hospitalization. Help is also given in making plans for the future. If an unmarried mother decides to keep her baby, assistance is given in finding work for the mother and in providing care for the child. If a mother decides to release the child for adoption, help is given to complete all necessary arrangements.

Minnie Crippen Home for Children

W A T E R L O O

Location

211 Independence Avenue, Waterloo. Phone ADams 2-9410.

Functions

This home offers temporary care to children over two years of age who are unable to remain in their own homes. During the time the child is in the receiving home a caseworker from the Family Service League works with the parents toward returning the child to his own home. The agency is licensed to care for a maximum of eight children.

Staff

The home is staffed by a couple who serve as houseparents, a caseworker from the Family Service League and a doctor who serves on call.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Children over two years of age who need care outside their own homes may be accepted for service. Children may *not* be placed by their parents. At the present time, all admissions must be approved by the Family Service League, in agreement with the case committee of the Junior Service League. The purpose of this screening is to

exclude children who have problems so severe that they would disturb the program in existence. Children with serious mental retardation cannot be accepted.

Financial Information

The charge for the care of a child is \$10 per week or \$2 per day if he remains in the home less than a week. The expense of medical care and clothing are additional charges.

Parents who are able to pay must provide allowances for their child based on the age and needs of the child.

How To Apply for Service

All applications for admission to this home must be made through the Family Service League, 727 Franklin Street, Waterloo, phone ADams 4-7759. Before any child can be accepted all necessary application forms must be completed and a physical report must be sent by the family physician. Social agencies and courts that refer a child must send a social history in addition to the other required information.

Discharge planning is also handled by the Family Service League in conjunction with the referral agency and the parents.

SERVICES OFFERED

Receiving Home Care

Because of the small number of children in the home, individual attention can be given to each child by the caseworker and houseparents. Several children sleep in each bedroom and they eat together in the main dining room. In general living conditions, as nearly as possible, approximate normal family living.

Visiting is arranged on an individual basis.

Educational Program — All children attend the nearest public or parochial school and may participate in all school activities.

Religious Program — Because the children are of different denominations, no formal religious training is provided at the home beyond saying grace and evening prayers. The children attend church and Sunday school with the houseparents or their own parents or relatives.

Recreational Program — Recreation at the home includes outdoor and indoor games, birthday parties, picnics, television and excursions. The members of the Junior Service League entertain the children once each week during the school year and once each month during the summer. This program includes picnics, swimming, excursions and suppers in private homes.

Mount Pleasant Home

D U B U Q U E

Location

1695 Mount Pleasant Street, Dubuque. Phone 2-4144.

Functions

This agency provides temporary shelter and long-term care for children from three to 18 years of age whose own homes have been broken or who have been judged dependent and neglected by a court. It is licensed to care for a maximum of 25 children.

Staff

The staff is composed of the superintendent and her husband, who serve as houseparents.

Dental and medical services are obtained from the local community when needed.

Who Is Eligible for Service

To be eligible for admission, children must be between the ages of three and 18, residents of Iowa, of Protestant faith in most cases, and in

need of the services of this home. Children who are admitted should be physically and mentally normal. In individual cases, some exception to this rule may be made for physically handicapped children. Delinquent children are rarely admitted. Children may be placed voluntarily by their parents or committed by the courts.

Financial Information

The home is supported by the Dubuque Community Chest and by child care fees.

The charges for the care of each child is \$45 per month or \$1.50 per day plus clothing and medical expenses. When the child is placed privately, the parents pay the charges. If the child is committed, the court will determine who will pay the charges.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, relatives, social agencies, juvenile courts and others who desire to place a child in this home should contact the superintendent in

regard to admission. All application forms, including one for a physical examination, must be completed before any child can be considered for admission. In addition to the required forms, a social history report is required.

The referring agency is expected to provide casework services to the child's parents to help them plan for his future.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

During the time a child is in the home the caseworker from the referring agency works with the child's parents toward his eventual rehabilitation in his own home. If this is not feasible, other resources are explored. These might include continued care at this home, referral to another agency for foster family care or, in cases of relinquishment, referral to a licensed child placing agency for adoptive placement.

The children sleep in separate dormitories according to age and sex; meals are served, family style, in the main dining room. The home pro-

vides individual and group study rooms and recreational rooms.

While in residence each child performs small household chores as he would in his own home. Older children may hold part-time jobs in the community. Visitation is arranged on an individual basis.

Educational Program — Children attend church in Dubuque and may participate in all church activities; religious instruction in the home is provided by theological students from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque. Short prayers in the morning and evening devotionals are held daily.

Recreational Program — Indoor recreation rooms and outdoor playground facilities allow a wide variety of sports and other activities. Arts and crafts, games, special programs, and parties are a part of the planned recreational program. The children may take part in the programs of the local Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., the churches and the schools. With the permission of the superintendent, children may take advantage of community recreational facilities.

Powell School

RED OAK

Location

One-fourth mile south of Red Oak on Highway 48.

Function

The Powell School, established in 1903, specializes in the education and training of children who are mentally retarded. The training of children who have passed the school age but still require supervision is a part of the function of the agency. The school is non-sectarian and co-educational. The school is licensed as a child caring agency and cares for a maximum of 72 children and adults.

Staff

The school is staffed by the director, children's supervisor, a physician and staff of nurses, and four teachers who are in residence.

Who Is Eligible for Service

In order to be eligible for admission to this school a child must be three years of age, and not able to attend a regular school because of some mental or physical handicap. Special provision is made to accommodate a limited number

of older children who need supervision and training.

Financial Information

The school is privately operated and all fees are based on an individual agreement with parents or guardians. Tuition rates include all living expenses including medical care. Parents furnish personal items, clothing, bed linens and blankets.

How To Apply for Service

A confidential questionnaire is available to any parent or guardian who is interested in placing a child in the Powell School. Acceptance is based on the information obtained in the questionnaire and is dependent upon available space. This questionnaire should include all available information about the child's mental and physical condition.

SERVICES OFFERED

School Program

Children and adults live at the school. The school year covers nine and one-half months. The curriculum ranges from pre-kindergarten to eighth grade. Special attention is given to speech problems in all grades. Pupils with special aptitude

are given piano lessons. Handicraft is taught as well as training in home economics and specialized courses geared to the child's individual abilities.

Pupils are grouped according to mental age,

ability and stature. The school day is divided into periods which include regular classes, music, outdoor recreation and, insofar as possible, approximate the type of school training to which each child is able to respond.

Quakerdale Farm

[White's Iowa Manual Labor Institute]

NEW PROVIDENCE

Location

Highway 299, two miles north of New Providence. Phone 21.

Functions

This institution, operated by the Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, provides care to dependent and neglected boys. It is licensed to care for a maximum of 26 boys.

Staff

The staff consists of the superintendent and his wife, who also serve as houseparents, and maintenance personnel. A physician and dentist are available on call.

The psychological services of the State Department of Social Welfare are available to the home. A minister from the community serves as religious advisor. Boys in need of special medical attention are sent to the Eldora Memorial Hospital.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Neglected and dependent boys between the ages of five and 14 who are residents of Iowa and who may benefit from the home's program may be admitted for care. There are no racial or religious restrictions. To be admitted, a boy must have an intelligence quotient of at least 90, and must be physically normal and emotionally stable. Boys may be placed voluntarily by their parents or by court commitment.

Financial Information

The home is supported by the two farms of White's Manual Labor Institute plus fee payments from counties and parents.

The charge for the care of each boy is \$45 per month; this amount includes allowances. If possible, the parents or the referring agency should pay clothing and medical expenses.

How To Apply for Service

Parents, social agencies, juvenile courts and others who wish to place a child in this home must contact the superintendent in person or by

letter. There are no application forms. A complete medical report and a report from the school the child has been attending must be sent before any child can be considered for admittance.

Social agencies and juvenile courts that refer a child must send a social history and a psychological report in addition to the above information. The parents or a social worker from the referring agency usually accompany the boy to the home and participate in making plans for his care.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

Upon arrival each boy meets the superintendent, then is conducted through the buildings and introduced to the staff members by a group of the boys. The boys share rooms with one to three other boys of their own age. All meals are served in the main dining room.

All boys receive an allowance ranging from \$1.50 to \$3 a month in accordance with age level.

The routine chores are rotated among the boys on a weekly basis. Work that is performed, in addition to these regular chores, is voluntary and the boy is paid for it. The older boys may hold after-school and Saturday jobs. During the summer boys may work for local farms and are paid the prevailing wage for this work.

Visiting is arranged on an individual basis.

Educational Program - Community facilities are used for kindergarten through high school. The boys may take advantage of all special facilities and extracurricular activities of the school system. Special training is offered by the schools in agriculture, shop, music and speech.

At the home boys have the opportunity to learn good farm practices and to participate in livestock raising and other agricultural activities.

Boys who complete high school while in residence at the home may be given interest-free loans to help them through college.

Religious Program - Daily devotions and indi-

vidual conferences are a part of the daily religious program. All boys attend services and Sunday school at the local Friends' church, and may participate in the youth program of the church.

Recreational Program — The home maintains

well equipped indoor and outdoor play areas. Activities include games, television, sports, fishing, hunting, trapping, archery and horseback riding. The boys raise their own pets. Special excursions are conducted each summer.

Rose Cerebral Palsy School

D E S M O I N E S

Location

2564 Morton Avenue, Des Moines. Phone 6-5848.

Functions

This school offers temporary care to physically handicapped children who are in need of special services. The usual minimum age is two years. The school is non-sectarian and co-educational. It is licensed to care for a maximum of 10 children on a full-time basis, and 12 children during the daytime only.

Staff

The staff consists of the director, one teacher, two assistants in the school, three attendants and maintenance personnel.

Medical care is obtained through local services or the child's own physician.

Who Is Eligible for Service

Any child with a physical handicap, or a physical and mental handicap, who is not able to attend regular school and/or remain in his own home is eligible for care. Children are accepted directly from parents or from social agencies.

Financial Information

This school is privately operated and supported by child care fees and donations. The rate of

board for each child cared for full time is \$3 per day and \$2 per day for each child cared for only during the daytime.

How To Apply for Service

Parents or agencies who wish to place a child in this school should contact the director. All children must have a medical examination prior to admission.

SERVICES OFFERED

School Program

Children are cared for on an 11-month basis. Services provided include complete physical care and an educational program.

Educational Program — A five-day special school is operated on the premises. Schooling includes regular remedial classwork and the development of social and physical skills. Classwork involves some speech correction and teaching the children to care for themselves.

Religious Program — Bible study is held one morning a week. Sunday school teachers from various local churches provide the instruction.

Recreational Program — Recreational activities are carried out primarily within the program of the school and directed towards the abilities of the children. This includes games, special programs and picnics.

St. Monica's School for Girls

D E S M O I N E S

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Location

1011 Park Avenue, Des Moines. Phone 4-7535.

Functions

This school is a non-sectarian agency that

serves adolescent girls who need placement away from their own homes and who, because of some behavior or personality problem, can be helped more through group living than by foster home care. Girls at the school are from homes broken

by death, illness or divorce of parents, or from homes with financial problems or problems of adjustment in the family or the community. The school is licensed to care for a maximum of 17 girls.

Staff

The staff is composed of an executive director, one social worker and four housemothers. Two housemothers are full-time and two serve on a part-time basis.

Psychiatric and psychological consultation is obtained from the Des Moines Child Guidance Clinic. Medical care is available at the Des Moines Health Center and at Broadlawns Hospital. Other specialized services are obtained, when needed, by referral to other community resources.

Voice and piano teachers give instruction on a part-time basis. In addition to the regular staff, several volunteer groups assist in the agency's program.

Who Is Eligible for Service

The school accepts emotionally disturbed girls of any race or creed, between the ages of 12 and 18, who can benefit from the program. To be accepted, a girl must be able to do at least average school work. The school cannot accept girls with severe physical handicaps. Because of the limited capacity of the residence and the agency's participation in the Greater Des Moines Community Chest, Polk county girls are given preference in admission. Girls may be committed by a court or placed voluntarily by their parents or relatives.

Financial Information

St. Monica's property is owned by the Episcopal Church. The agency's major source of support is the Greater Des Moines Community Chest. Additional financial support is received from the Episcopal Church for rehabilitation of property, campships, etc.; service clubs assist in providing needed equipment.

The family or referring agency is charged \$1.50 per day to cover part of the cost for care of each girl. Medical care is provided without charge to Polk county girls; medical care is an added charge for girls who reside elsewhere. Families are asked to provide \$2 per month as an allowance for each girl; the Community Chest will furnish this amount to Polk county girls if their parents are unable to provide it.

Girls who come to the school should be provided with clothing for all seasons and for the various activities they may take part in at the home and in the community. A list of necessary

items of clothing may be obtained by writing to the director of the school.

How To Apply for Service

Social agencies, juvenile courts, parents and others who wish to make application to place a girl with this agency should contact the executive director.

Before any girl can be considered for admission, all application material, including a complete medical report and the report of a psychological examination, must be submitted. Social agencies and courts that refer a girl must send a written social history in addition to the other required materials. Progress reports are sent to the referral agency periodically.

If possible, the girl and her parents should visit the home before the admittance procedure is completed.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

The girls live in three small cottages with a housemother in charge of each group. Each girl has her own individual room which she may fix up as she wishes. Meals are served in a main dining room. Routine household tasks are performed on a rotation basis; each girl spends about 10 hours each week with these duties. Older girls are sometimes allowed to hold part-time jobs outside the school.

Visiting times are arranged on an individual basis. After girls have been at the school for some time they may be given the privilege of visiting approved friends and relatives. The length of time required before a girl may earn this privilege varies with each individual.

Educational Program - Girls attend the local junior and senior high schools. All the special remedial and vocational training courses are available to them and they may participate in the many extracurricular activities of the school system.

Piano and voice instruction and choral participation are offered. Girls are encouraged to develop their vocational and professional interests. Advanced schooling including college and vocational training is planned on an individual basis; loans may be arranged for those who desire to avail themselves of this training.

Religious Program - Girls are required to attend some church; those who have no church affiliation attend the Episcopal Church.

Recreational Program - Girls may participate in the recreational activities of the home, the school, the Y.W.C.A., the church and other approved community activities. Under certain conditions, girls may have dates and take part in additional activities outside the school.

Y.M.C.A. Boys Home of Iowa

DES MOINES

Location

Merle Hay Road, Highway No. 141, about one mile from Johnston, which is about 10 miles north of Des Moines. The business office is located at the central Y.M.C.A. at 4th and Keosauqua, Des Moines. Phone 8-0131.

Functions

This agency provides care and character training for boys who, because of adverse circumstances in their own homes, are delinquent or are in danger of becoming delinquent. The home is licensed to care for a maximum of 32 boys.

Staff

The staff is made up of a director and associate director who are professionally trained Y.M.C.A. workers. There are four houseparents (a man and wife and two housemothers).

The staff of the Des Moines Y.M.C.A., including 11 professional Y.M.C.A. secretaries, serves the home on a consultant basis. A physician, a psychologist and a psychiatrist on the board of directors provide services as they are needed. The Des Moines Child Guidance Center is used for any special psychological studies.

Who Is Eligible for Service

This home accepts boys of any race or creed who reside in Iowa and who may benefit from the rehabilitation program. Boys from nine through 18 years of age may be accepted; however, the home places emphasis on serving teenage boys. Most of the boys at the home are court committed. They may be placed without court order if they have been recommended for care by a social worker, teacher, minister, or Y.M.C.A. worker and if they are in special need of the home's services. Boys who are accepted must be able to do at least average school work. Children with physical handicaps and mental or behavior problems that require frequent medical or psychiatric attention cannot be accepted.

Financial Information

The home is supported by voluntary contributions and fees for care.

Parents who are able to pay for the care of a boy are charged \$50 to \$60 per month plus medical and clothing expenses. Parents unable to pay the full amount are charged according to their ability to pay. County agencies that are financially responsible for a child's care are expected to pay at the prevailing county boarding home rate. Boys are expected to have clothing furnished by parents or counties.

How To Apply for Service

Social agencies or individuals interested in placing a boy in this home must send full information about him and his circumstances to the director and make an appointment for a personal interview. Social history and medical examination reports are required plus available psychological data. If, after the interview, the boy is thought to be eligible and ready for this type of group care, he is invited to visit the home and decide whether he wishes to live here.

Juvenile courts that refer a child must send a report of a recent medical examination, social history and psychological data, if available.

The referring agency is expected to maintain an interest in the boy and to work with the home in planning for his future. The director of the home maintains contact with the referring agency and/or the court and conferences are held periodically to discuss the boy's progress.

SERVICES OFFERED

Institutional Care

The 18 boys are housed in two buildings. Each boy shares his room with two or three other boys of his own age.

All boys share in the household chores and have the opportunity to work on the home's farm. Many of them earn spending money by caddying at a nearby golf club or working on adjacent truck farms.

Visiting is arranged on an individual basis.

Educational Program — All boys attend the public schools in Johnston. They may participate in all special courses and extracurricular activities of the school system.

Religious Program — An informal, interdenominational religious program is conducted at the home. Boys are encouraged to attend the local Sunday schools and churches; Catholic boys are taken to mass.

Recreational Program — Ample space and facilities exist at the home for outdoor and indoor recreation. Activities include movies, games, gymnastics, birthday and other parties, television, craft classes and special programs. In addition to the home's recreation program, the boys may participate in all school activities and the activities of the Des Moines Y.M.C.A.

Volunteer groups take the boys on fishing, hunting and camping trips. The summer program includes special excursions and two weeks at the Y.M.C.A. camps.

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