

tures will provide an additional 120 beds for these severely handicapped retardates. We all would agree, I know, that this is a wise and sound investment of public money.

Just recently, the Department of Mental Hygiene supplied me with some figures which I think are of great significance regarding our total effort in the area of mental retardation. They have to do with the increasing role our public schools are playing in caring for boys and girls who are mentally retarded. In the school year 1957-1958, I am advised there were 6,363 mentally retarded children enrolled in our public school system. Five years later—in the school year 1962-1963—that enrollment had jumped to 17,869, or, in other words, had almost tripled. That included the boys and girls enrolled in special classes in the public schools. Those being trained in their homes under the home-teacher program and those receiving special tuition for training in the public schools.

A point to make here is that the problem of the mentally retarded is not a problem to be resolved by one State department or agency. But instead requires the cooperation and coordination of many different groups and individuals. It is a problem that transcends the efforts of the physicians and the experts in the field. An effective program for the retarded requires the combined efforts of educators, of sociologists—indeed the efforts of all citizens who in working together create what we call a community.

Of course we realize that, so far as we are able to foresee, there will remain with us that residuary of patients which we now classify as the severely handicapped who must continue to be hospitalized here at Rosewood State Hospital or at other similar hospitals. We must continue to broaden and strengthen our program for the care and treatment of the one of ten among our retardates who require hospitalization, just as we are doing by the erection of these two spastic buildings here at Rosewood.

To relieve Rosewood of some of its burden, we are staffing and equipping the Henryton State Hospital for severely retarded patients. And our plans, of course, call for the construction of another hospital-type facility in the Washington metropolitan area.

Your State government is fully aware that our efforts must be accelerated and strengthened if we are to meet our responsibilities, in the field not only of mental retardation but in mental illness as well. President Kennedy's description of these two health problems—that they occur more frequently, require more prolonged treatment, cause more suffering among families, cost more and waste more of our human resources than