

(5) TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE RESOURCES TO OPERATE COMMUNITY SERVICES TO SUSTAIN MENTALLY RETARDED INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY, RATHER THAN IN INSTITUTIONS;

(6) TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATION TO DESIGNATE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO FOSTER AND STRENGTHEN A PERMANENT COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS INDIVIDUALS AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE;

[(5)] (7) To recognize the right of those mentally retarded individuals for whom care in a residential facility is necessary to live in surroundings as nearly normal as possible and to provide adequate facilities for this purpose;

[(6)] (8) To provide appropriate social and protective services for those mentally retarded individuals who are unable to manage themselves and their affairs with ordinary prudence;

[(7)] (9) To protect the rights of parents and to help parents and guardians in planning for and managing mentally retarded individuals;

[(8)] (10) To promote and provide for the development, maintenance, and coordination of all programs for mentally retarded individuals;

[(9)] (11) To advance research and professional training related to mental retardation; and

[(10)] (12) To promote public understanding of these policies and the programs provided in this title.

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(a) In addition to the powers and duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Director has the powers, duties, and responsibilities set forth in this section.

(b) The Director is responsible for-

{1} ~~Supervising~~ supervising the custody and treatment of mentally retarded individuals and for the programs for mentally retarded individuals; ~~AND~~.

{2} ~~ENSURING THAT ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE ALL APPROPRIATE SERVICES, REGARDLESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S LIVING ARRANGEMENT OR THE IDENTITY OF THE SERVICE PROVIDER.~~

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