Deep roots make tall trees

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA EDUCATION AND REFERRAL CENTER, INC.

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The President’s Page

TIME: "A continuum which lacks spatial dimensions and in which events succeed one another from past through present to future." What better definition than Webster's could be applied to time dedicated by staff and directors of SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA EDUCATION & REFERRAL CENTER, INC., to their mission? The Executive Director, Jewell Lowe, literally searches the skies of education, government and industry, for public-oriented programs in medical, psychological, sociocultural, socioeconomic and political fields to fill gaps in community services vital to an expanding, highly divergent population.

As the newly elected President of SLEMC, I am proud to gratefully acknowledge the funding of UGF and private sources, as well as the cooperation of government and law-enforcement officials. We are also indebted to members of our medical, dental, and other professional communities for their continuing in-kind assistance.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TEL-MED, TEL-LAW, COUNSELING, DETENTION HOME PROJECT, UNITED MOTHERS, MILK FUND, VERNAL DISEASES AND LEGAL AID, are descriptive terms for but a few of the ongoing human needs to which 232-HELP responds daily. The environment we cherish and hope to preserve in the Lafayette region cannot survive without the one-to-one, referring, counseling, and problem solving community services emanating from HELP.

RICHARD D'AQUIN
PRESIDENT

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S LETTER

We hear and read everyday that our natural resources are being depleted. Too many trees are felled. Pollution endangers our water. Arson destroys property unnecessarily. Equally devastating are the human disasters concurrent with urbanization, technology, social sophistication, and medical advancement. True, we live in an age of greater individual freedom, but not everyone is equipped to pay the price.

The problems of the uneducated, the mentally retarded, the physically handicapped, and the emotionally disturbed cannot be fed into a computer and resolved through a printout. It takes people—professionals—with open minds, wide shoulders, objective points of view, empathy, and a reliable index of resources. It takes HELP—232-HELP—Lafayette's public-service hotline, funded by UGF and private sources and coordinated through the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center.

As Executive Director, I find the demands upon our agency reflect the prejudices of the past, the confusion of the present, and immense fear of the future. More and more our programs are designed to assist our clients in coping with what is recognized as a time of traumatic transition in the survival process. Education is emphasized; referral is regulated for the benefit of the recipient and the professionals donating their services; action is justified in terms of eligibility, effectiveness and expense. SLEMC is the hub and its professional components are the spokes of a wheel perpetually in motion to generate a constant source of energy dedicated to the centralization of community service.

JEWELL P. LOWE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The broader the tree the more shade it gives.
SLERC gets things done!

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The Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center is beginning its 15th year and it continues to fill many needs in the community from public service to medical assistance.

Elected as president of SLERC during its recent board meeting was Richard E. D’Aguin. Other officers include Dr. William McCray, first vice president; Dr. Robert Martinez, second vice president; Elaine Abel, secretary; and Rodney Savoy, treasurer.

Also elected were two new members to the Board of Directors, Dr. George Smith and Dr. Larry Baker. The other board members are Dr. Ray Authement, Dr. J.T. Briere, Dr. Shirley Covington, Dr. Daniel Dunlap, Gary Fentonot, Bradley Foreman, Dr. Kirby Guidry, Dr. C.F. Hamilton, Rev. R.S. King, Robert D. Lowe, Warren McGowen, J. Barry Moyton, John F. O’Malley, Dr. Albert Rees, Dr. David Rees, Carol Ross, Dr. Curtis Roy, James P. Roy, Dr. Richard Saloon, Dr. Harley Smith, Dr. John Straub and Dr. J.W. Vildibill.

OFFICERS

The Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center elected officers for its 15th year recently. They are: left to right, standing, Dr. William McCray, first vice president; Dr. George Smith, new board member; Dr. Larry Baker, new board member; seated, Dr. Robert Martinez, second vice president; Richard E. D’Aguin, president; Elaine Abel, secretary. The new treasurer is Rodney Savoy who is not in the picture.
Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center, Inc.

Purpose

Graphics handily project the profile of a subject; so do words when they outline the basic structure—WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY.

We hope this word-profile will better acquaint you with the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center (SLERC), Lafayette, Louisiana, and its direct hotline—232-HELP.

Who?

The Southwest Louisiana Education & Referral Center is a U.O.F., and to some extent, a public/private supported agency. The Center functions as a problem solving entity, affording assistance to those lacking personal resources and ineligible for or unaware of government or other aid programs. Professionals as well as lay citizens utilize expertise of the Board and staff.

The SLERC Board of Directors includes 30 professionals consisting of lawyers, doctors, media personnel, accountants and businessmen who govern the policies and activities of the agency. In addition, 67 attorneys volunteer their time through a legal aid program; 18 urologists and urologists offer their expertise in venereal disease; psychiatrists, ophthalmologists, neurologists, general practitioners and dentists participate by offering assistance in cases of need.

What?

“I have raped three women in three weeks. I know I’m sick! Where can I go for help?”

“What is going to happen to our one year old daughter? We just found out she has epilepsy. Where can we get help?”

“I’ve slashed my wrists, I thought I wanted to die. Help me!”

“My husband deserted me and our two children. I have no money or family. What can I do? Where can I go?”

Taken from thousands of calls directed to 232-HELP! From a beehive in a carport to an elderly gentleman needing transportation to New Orleans; from broken plumbing to a girl who wants to die—HELP is called for by all and each call is considered equally important.

When?

In 1966 a group of interested citizens made up of professional and business or other civic leaders met with officials of the Louisiana State Department of Hospitals to discuss the idea of founding a comprehensive community health service. A grant of $8,000 was available from the State Department of Hospitals to launch such a project if the community would be responsible for additional funds (subsequently, 232-HELP became a United Way agency).

An information and referral center, patterned after other centers dealing with one specific problem (alcoholism, poison control, suicide prevention, mental retardation or mental illness) was chosen as the prototype for the new agency but the new center was intended to cover all areas of community concern. Duplication of effort, money and services would be avoided while citizens would be assured of immediate assistance and continuity of care.

The first undertaking was the compilation of an information index to all agencies and services in the area. A Task Force accomplished that monumental assignment through letters, telephone calls and personal visits. As a result, detailed information on each service and agency was easily accessible in a resource file containing material concerning hospitals, schools, civic clubs, service agencies and numerous medical findings. Brochures about facilities and major health problems were accumulated for public distribution. Placards, billboards, bus signs and handouts explaining the services of the new center were designed and printed.

A healthy information line is not a static entity; it is always changing. Staff members constantly seek new information from daily and weekly newspapers, television, radio and periodicals as aids to expanding services and communicating with the public. Requests for interviews, news releases, TV and radio programs, newspaper articles, speeches at clubs, churches, health, civic and professional groups continue to increase. SLERC is a vital part of the community. An office schedule convenient to the users of 232-HELP is maintained from 8:00 - 4:30 Monday through Friday. After hours, pressing problems such as need for lodging or food, threatening suicides and/or medical emergencies are handled by staff members from their homes utilizing a 24-hour answering service.

The first step in finding a positive solution to a problem is to identify its nature and its extent. The SLERC staff works closely with existing service agencies and often coordination and consultation are required to ensure callers obtaining the most correct and updated services possible.

A large portion of the ever-increasing calls per month are requests for direct services: financial assistance, medical attention or legal aid. Through private individuals, SLERC can provide the direct services in most instances. Those 232-HELP cannot solve are referred to the proper cooperating agency or organization. There is a follow-up by SLERC to assure the person's needs have been met. Detailed records are kept on every call and maintained indefinitely in confidential files.

Where?

Lafayette was selected as the site for the new information and referral center because of the success and national recognition of other pilot programs located there. Among them were the Acadia Mental Health Center, New Hope Center and special education programs.

Rich in Cajun-French heritage and tradition, Lafayette is located in the heart of South Louisiana, a short distance from the Gulf of Mexico. Its proximity to Houston, New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico makes Lafayette one of the most productive "oil towns" in the country. It is the gateway to a playground for fisherman, hunters, golfers, boaters and, of course, those who enjoy fine cuisine.

SLERC is located in the University Medical Center which is the largest medical facility between New Orleans and Houston and serves an eight parish area consisting of Lafayette, Iberia, St. Martin, Vermilion, Evangeline, St. Mary, St. Landry and Acadia. SLERC offers guidance, counseling, information and referral to anyone for the asking.

Why?

Once a person in need turns to the center for HELP, there is no longer reason to worry about "where to turn" for Help. Hours of telephoning may be involved to obtain satisfaction in one case, but the effort is made and that is why SLERC/232-HELP exists.

While the Board Members and staff know one agency cannot solve all problems within its context, they are committed to the good neighbor and the good Samaritan concept and dedicated to its delivery through centralization of community services as organized under the aegis of Southwest Louisiana Education & Referral Center and available to all through 232-HELP.
Tel-Law Starts Operations Here

You live on a corner lot. Surrounding your home is a beautiful prize-winning lawn and garden. Each afternoon the children returning home from school use your yard as a shortcut. Is this trespassing? What can you do? Is a costly conference with an attorney necessary? You are over your head in debt. Your creditors are making it impossible for you to function effectively. What can you do to get back on your feet? What is bankruptcy? Is this the answer?*

Beginning today, after three years of negotiations, Lafayette will have an authoritative source to answer general, uncomplicated legal questions such as these. The program was originated in California to commemorate Law Day and public demand warranted a continuation of the service.

Sponsored by the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center (232-HELP), the Lafayette Parish Bar Association and individual area attorneys, Tel-Law is a collection of tape-recorded messages written by lawyers to tell you what you should know about the law and the justice system. You can find out if you have a problem, general information about the situation and where to go for help. The messages are designed to help consumers avoid making unwise purchases, loans or contracts. In addition, there are helpful hints on self-protection for older persons and single women and information on problems with tax assessments, mortgages and estate planning. It encourages people to seek legal advice when an attorney is needed and relieve the burden placed on lawyers for small "nit-pic" matters.

Local attorneys J. Barry Mouton, James P. Roy, and Elaine D. Abell are shown above, reviewing the TEL-LAW scripts.

For Free Legal Information Call

TEL-LAW

233-9496

Legal Aid

Many attorneys of the Acadia region participate in the Legal Aid program on a rotation basis, assisting persons in civil matters in accordance with guidelines established by the Bar Association. Domestic cases or cases that generate fees are not handled by Legal Aid.
Referral Center Gives City Another Top Program

Beginning Thursday, Lafayette will receive another outstanding community service mainly because of the efforts of the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center.

Jewell P. Lowe, the tireless executive director of SLERC, has spearheaded the effort to bring Tel-Law to the citizens of Lafayette.

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The concept is simple. A caller from his own telephone can dial 233-9496 and request a tape that has been screened and studied by a team of area professionals in the field. There are currently 100 tapes available — 33 of which have been revised by the Louisiana State University School of Law to reflect Louisiana's Civil Code and revision of a current statute.

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We congratulate the referral center, the parish bar association and the individual area attorneys for the three years of work it has taken to make this program a reality. It is an outstanding community service and one which a growing community like Lafayette can certainly use.

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Tel-Law will be available Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Advertiser will publish the complete list of tapes in Wednesday's edition.

The Tel-Law program, sponsored by the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center (232-HLP), begins operation May 1.

A caller seeking advice to general legal problems, can dial 233-9496 and request a tape that has been screened and studied by a team of area professionals in the field of law.

Tel-Law Service is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Tel-Law Library includes the following selections:

- How: Can I Have My Arrest Records Removed from the Records?
- General Information about Adoption Procedures
- How: Can I Protect My Home From Foreclosure?
- Can Bankruptcy Help Me?
- Have I the Grounds for an Annulment in My Marriage?
- You Should Know About Being a Witness
- What is a Patent?
- What is a Trademark?
- Are You a Victim of Mail Fraud or Misuse of Mail?
- Safe Practices for Night Drivers
- Tips for the Babysitter
- Your Welfare Rights
- Do I Have the Right to a Free Attorney?
- Child Support and Child Support Enforcement
- How: Do I Take Bankruptcy?
- How: Financial Support for a Child or Spouse is Established in a Divorce or Separation
- Who Will Get Child Custody in a Divorce
- Medical and Legal Malpractice
- Adopting a Child Through an Agency
- Legal Separation and Related Problems
- Why You Should Read Food Labels
- How Can I Judge the Soundness of Financial Investments?
- Welfare Families and Children
- Adopting a Child Independently
- Giving Testimony Out of Court
- Restraining Orders in Divorce
- What to do if Child Support or Alimony is Not Being Paid
- Libel and Slander or Defamation
- What Are the Main Differences Between a Civil Case and a Criminal Case
- Protecting Yourself Against Robbery or Personal Attack
- Disputes Between Attorney and Client

MAKING PLANS - Officials of the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center and the Lafayette Parish Bar Association make final plans for Tel-Law, which began operation today. Making plans are (from left) James P. Boyer, SLERC board member; and Norman Faret, Bar president.
Tel-Law Marks First Birthday

Is the complexity of legal terminology confusing? Does it seem as if there is an ever-increasing number of laws governing every part of our lives? How does one take action against a noisy neighbor, get a leaky faucet fixed, or determine which property is legally the husband’s, the wife’s or owned jointly?

The increasing importance and impact of law upon our daily lives creates the need for a means of understanding these legal questions. Tel-Law, a library of taped legal information answers these questions directly. In easy, understandable, everyday English, Tel-Law answers legal questions of general interest. It does so quickly, efficiently, and economically.

All the person needing information needs to do is to call the number, say the words: "Telephone Legal Assistance," and ask the operator for a tape on the subject.

The system works. In the Tel-Law facility sponsored by the Parish Bar Association and the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association, where Tel-Law was initiated on May 1, 1969, there have been over 17,000 calls to date. One of the most interesting facts to come out of the experimental tape system is the general interest people show in the same problems.

The most requested tape from the Tel-Law library is the one on different subjects. "Will." By listening to the tape, the person learns that a will has more purpose than just to leave property after a person’s property after death. There are three very important functions of a will. The first is the carrying out of a person’s wishes. The last is the saving of time and money. The last is the saving of family and friends.”

One recently recorded tape is on Louisiana property laws governing the division of property on separation and divorce. These tapes are made with legal information and advice by the famous Louisiana state bar associations.

FORTY-TWO LAW SERVICE: Local attorney Dave Foster was responsible for obtaining the services of the SLR Law School in revising the Tel-Law script which are now being used in the service. Dr. Shirley Compton, of the SLC Board of Leadership, then serving as President, presented Mr. Foster with a SLR commemorative document.

SLRC is a unique agency, not to be duplicated elsewhere in Louisiana or, for that matter, in most of the United States. It’s underlying purpose is SERVICE to all who need it. SLRC is a pluralistic society wherein all people, from all walks of life, from all kinds of many and diverse individuals of all different areas, are always welcome.

SERC was created to do exactly that. To provide help to those who seek assistance. It is not a mass organization. It is not a mass organization. It is a service to the individual, the family, the community. It is a service to the individual, the family, the community. It is a service to the individual, the family, the community. It is a service to the individual, the family, the community. It is a service to the individual, the family, the community.

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The Forgotten Men

The criminal justice system in this country has been a disappointing and expensive failure in protecting society from crime and from preventing and reducing crime as well as in rehabilitating offenders for the sake of society as well as themselves and their families. SLCRC wants to help.

Pictured are SLCRC and community leaders dedicated to making this program successful. In the foreground, left to right, are: Chief John Hyde, Elaine Abell, Rick Hughes, Barry Mouton, Dr. Michael Berard, and SLCRC Executive Mrs. Jewel P. Lowe.

If you have an interest in helping the ex-offender as well as those in our jails and prisons, call 232-HELP. Employment opportunities, housing, educational services, and financial assistance from throughout the Acadiana community is needed for this important work to be sustained and expanded. The human rewards of being involved in helping ex-offenders become good citizens are especially poignant and stimulating to those who care about all fellow human beings.
It’s a familiar scene. An ambulance is sent to a residence where a person is living alone. Neighbors of the person have summoned the medic’s because the person is ill. As the medic enters the house, they find a man or woman who is too ill to get outside the medic or the staff at the hospital. Necessary medical information.

In the past, this meant that the doctor attending the patient would be placed in a dangerous position. But now a new system to be introduced by the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center (SLERC) will change all that.

The system is known as the “Vial-of-Life” and will eliminate the above situation. The system involves a person filling out a form on which important information such as names of the person’s doctor and insurance. The form will be filled out and the form will be placed in a plastic vial and taped to the upper right hand shelf of the refrigerator.

Through the re-operation of the Lafayette Police Department, which is co-sponsoring the program, Chief of Police John Hyde says that his officers and members of the Lafayette Fire Department will assist in the effort in a variety of ways. Hyde states that the vial will be located at the Lafayette Police Station and all City of Lafayette fire stations as well as the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center at 60 Bank St.

Though the program will initially be confined to the City of Lafayette, Lafayette says that it will expand to the entire parish at a later date.

The best part of the “Vial-of-Life” is that it is free to everyone who requests to take part in such a life-saving action.

The drive to send the message to the people about the “Vial-of-Life” will involve almost every organization in Lafayette. In addition to the Lafayette Fire and Police Parish Sheriff’s Office, the Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office, the Lafayette Ambulance Service, Lafayette General Hospital, and the Lafayette Charity Hospital, the University of Law, various educational and health organizations in Lafayette.

Already in operation in 49 states and some foreign countries (England, Japan and Mexico), the “Vial-of-Life” has proved to be a life saver.

It is a family participating in Vial-of-Life, information including medical history, names and phone numbers of family doctors and persons who be notified in an emergency will be in the plastic container.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

The Vial-of-Life program, which has grown into an international life-saving project, will be introduced to Lafayette citizens within the next few weeks, according to Jewell F. Lowe, executive director of the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center.

Communities in 49 states and in some foreign countries (England, Japan and Mexico) have adopted the plan for keeping a household’s medical data in a plastic bottle, wrapped under the upper right shelf of the family refrigerator, where it is available to emergency crews should the household become ill or injured.

The program is being sponsored locally by SLERC, and the Lafayette Police Department.

Clarence Hurst, Gary Fontenot, Darrell Gregory, J.J. Burdin

Seated: Capt. Clifton Cabell, Chief John Hyde, Major Bill Vincent

The doctors in your community have screened a library of 267 taped messages about your health. You can listen over your telephone to the privacy of your home. To use the service is free of charge. It’s easy. Just call 233-9492 and give the operator the number of the tape you wish to hear.

Tel-Med is a library of taped recorded health messages — each one 3 to 5 minutes long — designed to help you remain healthy; help you recognize early signs of illness and help you adjust to a serious illness.

There are presently 25 medical tapes on such topics as Alcoholism, Arthritis, Birth Control, Cancer, Care of the Patient in the Home, Children, Dental Health, Diabetes, the Digestive System, Drug Abuse, Eye Care and Hearing, First Aid, General Health, Gynecology, Health and Nutrition, Physical Education, Pregnancy, Public Health, Public Health Information, Respiratory, Skin Disorders, Smoking, Veneral Disease and General Health Information.

Please, if you own a tape recorder, turn to the next page and listen to some of the information on tapes. If you do not own a tape recorder, turn to the next page and listen to some of the information on tapes.

WHAT’S THE PROBLEM?

Local Tel-Med Service a Boom

Anytime during the day, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., you can pick up the phone and hear a voice say, “Vasectomy does not take away from a man’s sexual desires. He’s still able to perform, his sex drive is as strong as ever.”

Or, the voice might say, “The chief causes of problems in a marriage are money, sex, desire of children, and in-laws. At one time or the other in a marriage, every couple has problems along these lines.”

Or, you might hear, “Get rid of the age-old idea that an alcoholic is sick because he likes it. That’s a belief based on superstition, ignorance, prejudice. Alcoholism is a sickness.”

This voice will go on for 3 to 5 minutes, talking about these subjects and 264 others. It’s all recorded and it’s all a part of the Tel-Med Library. All you have to do is call 233-9492 and ask for any tape you’re interested in. The choice is wide and covers a variety of subjects from birth control to crooked teeth to suicide to compulsive gambling to baggy eyelids to menopause to cancer, etc., etc., etc.

Tel-Med, another public service creation by the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center (233-HELP), has had phenomenal success since it began the new years ago. More than 100,000 calls have been recorded. What were the most requested tapes last year? Mary Juana (#137), Vasectomy (#1), Veneral Disease (#8) and Masturbation (#174).
Good ideas keep popping up.

IT'S FIRST IN NATION!

'Counseline' Aids Mental Problems

"I am going to kill myself," the voice on the phone said calmly.

"I think I am going crazy. Can someone help me?"

"My son is dead. I can't stand it."

These are actual phone conversations between persons in Lafayette.

These were people confronted with just some of the problems of today's complex society: drug or emotional instability, stress, grief, or other disturbing problems are everyday occurrences in every community in the nation.

Lafayette, through the efforts of the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center and the Civilian Club, will become the first community in the nation to institute a program to help Lafayette citizens deal with some of these problems.

Depression, death of a loved one, suicide—these are areas which are being brought to the surface in today's society. The problems have been with mankind since time began and today efforts are being made in some areas to be able to handle and evaluate the situations such as those above that people sometimes find themselves in.

Starting tomorrow, such a service will be offered in Lafayette, where the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center (S.E.R.C) will begin operation of "Counseline," a program designed to provide self-help instructions to persons in stressful situations.

The service will work in the following manner: A person will call S.E.R.C and ask for a 7 or 9 minute tape dealing with such subjects as suicide prevention or assertiveness training. The person will then hear the requested tape over the phone. The person does not have to give his or her name in order to be able to listen to the tape. The number to call is 335-9982.

Counseline is being funded by the Lafayette Civilian Club, which voted in June of 1978 to provide funds for the program as a way of serving people in southwest Louisiana. In adopting the resolution, the organization stated that the Counseling program would be a way of saying that "we want to help people."

We're building a reputation, not resting on one.

Pictured below reviewing Counseline scripts are:

(left to right): Dr. J.T. Braierre, Dr. Sidney Dapuy, Al Bethard, Dr. William McCray, Warren McGovern, Dr. James Fournet. Seated: Dr. David Rees

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COUNSELINE TAPES

- 5. Fighting Constructively
- 6. Developing Positive Thoughts and Feelings
- 7. Dealing with Anger
- 8. Understanding Myself
- 9. How to Say "No"
- 10. Anxiety and Possible Ways to Cope with it
- 11. Loneliness
- 12. How to Handle Fears
- 13. Accepting Yourself
- 14. Building Self-Esteem and Confidence
- 15. Value and Use of Self-Talk
- 16. Decision
- 17. Coping with Stress
- 18. Learning to Accept Yourself
- 19. What Is Therapy and How to Use it
- 20. Things to Consider in Deciding to Use Therapy
- 21. Popovic Communication and Sexual Fulfillment in Marriage
- 22. Common Marital Problems and How to Handle Them
- 23. Planning for Children
- 24. Parenting Boys
- 25. Parenting Girls
- 26. Making a Marriage Happen in Life
- 27. Grieving with the Reality of Divorce
- 28. Building a New Marriage
- 29. How to Cope with a Broken Relationship
- 30. Understanding Grief
- 31. What Is Depression
- 32. How to Deal with Depression
- 33. Dealing with Alcoholism
- 34. Social Crisis
- 35. Recognizing Social Potential in Others
- 36. Helping Someone in a Social Crisis

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DEVELOPMENTAL

Dr. Robert Martinez, Pat Carriette, R.N., Dr. Daniel Darulap examining patient with epilepsy.

Peggy Daley, Counselor, counsels mother and child

Disabilities

Dr. William McCray, Dr. Michael Recard, Dr. David Rees and Peggy Daley (Counselor)

Dr. Kirby Guidry & Dr. Curtis Roy meet to discuss new dental program for the developmentally disabled.
The Case Management Advocacy Program for the developmentally disabled provides many services for the handicapped individual and Acadia as a whole at no charge.

1) Outreach - Keeps the community advised of our programs designed to help the disabled and provides information about disabilities and needed services to the general public.

2) Information - Advises the disabled person and his family of their rights as handicapped people, programs designed to assist them with employment, education, recreation, transportation, medical treatment, .........

3) Referral - Introduces the individual to the agencies providing the needed service and assists in obtaining those services.

4) Follow-Along - Makes sure the needed programs are provided and the needs are met.

5) Counselling - Helps the individual and his family understand and cope with the disability and its problems. (A parent to parent program is also available.)

6) Advocacy - Acts as a "go between" when services are denied or unavailable or a mediator is needed and advises of legal rights.

More Than Just Medical Problem Alone

Good News

"Campaign Of Concern"

The "Campaign of Concern" is a partnership between the dental profession, special education personnel, disabled individuals, parents, counselors, civic organizations and government to help handicapped people enjoy the comfort and dignity of dental health.

LEFT: Dr. John Hendry, Dr. Curtis Roy and Dr. Kirby Guidry

NEW PROGRAM - Shown discussing the newly organized Parent Program for the developmentally disabled are (seated) left to right: Peggy M. Daley, D.D. Counselor; Dr. Daniel Duplais, local neurologist and board member of the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center; and Mrs. Jan Hamilton, Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Deborah Leblanc, Mrs. Cynthia Duplais, Mrs. Donna Branch and Mrs. Julie Lowe.

Parents Of Handicapped Children Get Support

A new resource is available to the community through the developmental disabilities program administered by the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center (HELP). The service will provide parent-to-parent support for those with handicapped children.

This is part of our effort to fill the local service needs of the developmentally disabled and his family," according to Mrs. Peggy Daley, D.D. counselor. "Many times a guest assistance in a specific problem area, and during the course of the conversation, reveals a desire to talk with someone else who has experienced the same difficulties. The "Veteran Parents" involved in our program can offer understanding and friendship in a very real way."

Several disabilities are represented by the parent group. Among them are epilepsy, blindness, hemophilia, deafness, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and Down's syndrome. Interested persons may call Peggy Daley, 331-3535 (HELP) for more information.

Campaign Eyes Dental Health Of Handicapped

Early dentists were usually untrained and unskilled, and practiced because someone had to take care of the dental needs of the population. In the United States, and only 15 percent of whom were graduates of a medical school. The profession evolved and curricula intensified so that all good dentists and students learned throughout the United States. However, programs specifically designed for the handicapped did not exist. The practitioners training in caring for children was expected to treat the handicapped.

From 1962 and 1950, many programs developed in the dental schools that resulted in new techniques and methods in caring for the dental needs of the disabled population. Results of these programs showed that students were capable of managing patients with handicaps but also of accepting the challenge of treating the handicapped. In 1962, the American Dental Association initiated a program for the handicapped. In 1962, the Academy of Oral Rehabilitation of Handicapped Persons was organized by three specialists, with the purpose of promoting high standards and training handicapped people, especially dental professionals to prepare themselves to treat the handicapped. The program continues to be the leading force in dental care for the handicapped.

Many diseases, such as polio, have been conquered through immunizations. Prenatal and postnatal care is now so comprehensive that many problems, which many years ago would have resulted in handicaps, can now be alleviated. Medical advances allow people to live longer lives. However, handicapping conditions still exist. Many parents do not have their children immunized against preventable diseases. There has been an noticeable increase in the number of accidents causing permanent disabilities, particularly in the young adult population. Approximately three million babies are born with some type of handicap each year. With increased longevity, more people are now reaching the age of 80 and over, post-stroke paralysis, and other chronic conditions.

UNWED MOTHERS: Referral for pregnancy testing is offered at no cost with complete anonymity. Screening and follow-up counseling with referral for specialized services are available for females concerned with the possibility of pregnancy. Help is offered through the services of medical and related professionals.

Tel-Med, Counseline Popular

The Tel-Med and Counseline tape service, operated by the Southwest Louisiana Education Center, continues to be the most discussed and popular service. The referral center is now offering a night line at the regular hours. 30 m o 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. The most popular tapes are being played when a person calls 223-9492 after regular hours.

1. Operation Venu: Area urologists and gynecologists, working on a rotation basis, assist SLEIC in treating those persons with venereal diseases who do not wish to go to the Health Unit or to their private physicians.
DETENTION HOME MEDICAL PROJECT

Working on a rotation basis, four
SERC Board leaders participate
in the Volunteer Medical Program for the Laf-
ayette Parish Juvenile Detention Home. The program
provides for all new admissions to receive a
complete physical examination and treat-
ment as necessary. Since the program
was started, hundreds of children
have been examined. Over 100
have been placed in group homes.
The program is invaluable as an aid
to the Courts for placement
and to the Police
Department.

Four Board members of SERC were recently
recognized by the Lafayette Parish Police
Jury for their voluntary work at the Laf-
ayette Parish Juvenile Detention Home.
Shown above with A.J. LeBlanc, seated at
left, are: Drs. Charles Hamilton, Albert
Bennett, Richard Saloom and Shirley Covington.

HEALTH DISCUSSION

- Dr. Kirby
Galatoire (standing), secretary of the
Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral
Center (SERL), and Dr. Curtis Ray,
SERC board member, discuss diet and
health with Wanda Segard of the Lafayette
Diabetic Association.

SERC Sponsors New
Health Info Service

Nutrition Program

This program is designed for
the general public to answer
simple questions regarding nutrition: such as:
Is water faltering? Does frozen
orange juice have less nutritive value than fresh?
Does toast have fewer calories than bread?
How to store items in the refrigerator.

You can get the answers to such questions by dialing 232-HELP.

Through cooperative efforts of the Southwest Louisiana
Education and Referral Center (SERL) and the
Lafayette Diabetic Association, this service now has an
authoritative source for nutrition information.

Nutrition Line, devised by
the American Heart Associa-
tion, is designed for the
general public to answer sim-
ple questions about nutrition.
Healthy individuals can get
answers to their questions by
dialing 232-HELP.

People under medical supervision and dietary restrictions should call
their physicians for nutrition regarding their diet.

Healty individuals can get answers to their questions by
dialing 232-HELP.

Nutrition Line is a unique service—a real opportunity
to the "grass roots" nutrition
education and combat food
misinformation.

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PUBLIC AWARENESS

DRUG PROGRAM SET

Heroin Leads To Jodi's Death

On the Saturday afternoon following Thanksgiving last year, a phone call from the Humane Society began the nightmare. They had Jodi's dog, Bed, but he was always with Jodi and had no identification tags. Where was Jodi?

Two detectives knocked on the door with the answer. "Your daughter is at the hospital. She's dead," they told her mother.

The mother gasped and her face turned pale. "You mean she's hurt," she exclaimed, unbelieving. "She's not dead. She's hurt. Did you see her?"

"We're sorry," the detectives said.

The autopsy found heroin, a derivative of morphine, in Jodi's blood. There were no needle marks on her body. The powder apparently had been snorted through a nostril, and the lack of inflammation and burns indicated it had not been a regular practice.

The night Jodi died, she had told her closest friend she planned to go to a party at her boyfriend's house. She arrived at his house with a man whose last name was unknown to the others at the party.

According to the police account, the "mystery man" passed a short strip of heroin on a saucer. Jodi was the only one to snort it. She passed out, and they revived her by putting her in cold water. Her face was injured when she fell against the side of the bathtub. Hoping she would sleep it off, they put her to bed, and there she died.

All of this took place four blocks from a hospital. The people with Jodi panicked. Her boyfriend's roommate came home and they decided to get the body out of the house. They drove her car out to where it was found. There, Jodi and her friends were separated.

The story of Jodi is one of the articles in a journal entitled, "A Reason for Tears." The booklet is being distributed to area schools as a joint project of the Southwest Louisiana Education and Referral Center (SELPE) and the Lafayette City Police Department.

Jewell P. Lowe, executive director of the referral center, said, "This booklet is offered as an enlightening source of information, and as a reminder of the pain and suffering that can develop from drug abuse."

The new program is designed specifically to educate parents in the area of drug abuse. The program employs the use of a city police department juvenile officer or school resource officer and the use of a well-compiled pamphlet.

a family matter

The best ideas are the ideas that help people...

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Milk Fund

In 1969, the MILK FUND was established as a cooperative venture of the Daily Advertiser and SELPE to provide emergency food in time of need. Appeals for contributions are made by the Daily Advertiser and calls screened and processed by SELPE. The agency then places an order with the milk company and free delivery is made for a designated period of time. The amount depends on the size of the family. The criteria are: 1) Is it an emergency? 2) Is it a temporary situation? 3) Who is the referring agency or person?

ADVERSITY HITS CHILDREN HARDEST

Left to Right: Chief John Hyde, Jewell P. Lowe, Richard D'Aquin; Seated: Mayor Bud Lestraple

ADVERTISER MILK FUND DIRECTORS

- The Rev. Charles Malichi, pastor of St. John's Church (center); newly named president of the Fund's board of directors, is flanked by fellow board members (seated, left to right), Vincent Marlel, Rev. Robert F. King, Mrs. Jewell Lowe and Albert Richardson. (Standing, left to right) are Leonid Weil, Jr., Rev. Perry Sanders, Bradley Foreman, Richard D'Aquin and the Rev. Alexander O. Sager