

West Virginia led all States in terms of the number rehabilitated per 100,000 population, with a rate of 218, followed by the District of Columbia (178), North Carolina (176), Rhode Island (173), and Georgia (168). The national average was 70.

Concluding her report to Secretary Celebrezze, Miss Switzer stated: "I am deeply grateful for the consistent encouragement and direction which you and other officials of the Department have given to the development of the vocational rehabilitation program. I hope you will convey to the President our profound gratitude for his leadership and support, both in appropriations and in proposing legislation to expand and improve this work which so vitally affects the lives of millions of Americans."



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Human Resources Foundation Affiliated with NYU

A new affiliation between Human Resources Foundation and the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation, New York University School of Medicine, has been announced. Human Resources is the research-education affiliate of Abilities, Inc., the widely publicized organization in Albertson, N. Y., which employs 450 severely disabled and mentally retarded persons.

The relationship between Human Resources and Abilities, Inc., headed by Mr. Henry Viscardi, Jr., and the department of physical medicine and rehabilitation, has been one of long standing as Mr. Viscardi has been a departmental faculty member for almost 15 years. Departmental trainees have long made seminar and observation tours to Abilities, Inc., and Human Resources and many of the faculty have assisted in the planning of facilities at the Foundation.

Under a grant from the National Institutes of Health in 1960, the Foundation was able to put up its own building, which included special classroom and research laboratories to establish the Human Resources School devoted entirely to teaching handicapped children. Only those children considered "homebound" were acceptable. The success of this operation has now resulted in the erection of a separate building to house the school, allowing the Foundation to enlarge its program and expand research facilities.

With the growth of Human Resources and the new departmental affiliation, departmental residents will be assigned to the Foundation for research and observation, thus allowing the trainees a broader scope of experience than has previously been available. Under the new affiliation, the following general areas of study will be undertaken: Pediatric rehabilitation, energy cost studies, psychological studies, and verbal impairment.