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# Regional Screening Center for Program for Exceptional Children

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REGIONAL SCREENING CENTER FOR PROGRAM  
FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

The Advisory Council recommends that the desirability of locating regional centers in the following places be investigated: University of Mississippi, Oxford; Mississippi State College, Starkville or Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus; Delta State Teachers College, Cleveland; Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg; Jackson; Meridian; and others as applications received indicate a need.

The council further recommends that personnel at each screening center should include representatives of psychological services, medical services, education or speech correction services. It is further recommended in the screening of negro children that a negro educator, counselor, or social worker be included as a member of the "screening team."

It is recommended that personnel for screening purposes should meet the following qualifications:

Doctor - licensed medical doctor recommended by the local medical society for this specific purpose --- preferably a pediatrician or a general practitioner with specific interest and experience in the area of the exceptional child.

Psychologist - Psychologist with a doctor's degree, qualified by training and experience in individual testing of children.

Educator - A teacher experienced in elementary school teaching and particularly interested in the exceptional child.

Speech therapist - one qualified by training and experience in speech therapy.

SUGGESTIONS

For

REGIONAL SCREENING TEAM (OR COMMITTEE)

I. Procedures

1. Initial meeting of regional team for each class being screened.
  - a. To study all available information on each child referred by local survey committee.
  - b. To decide what further information should be made or tests given. (Medical, social, psychological, psychiatric, etc.) All such tests or services made or rendered by a member of the regional team, or anyone else, must be authorized in writing by the chairman of the regional team if their cost is to be claimed for reimbursement from state appropriations.
2. Second meeting of regional team for each class being screened.
  - a. To study information secured under 1-b above.
  - b. To determine eligibility of pupils for special education classes.
3. Subsequent meetings to consider new referrals and those not completed in previous meetings.
4. Children not considered feasible for special education classes may be reconsidered at any future time if further evidence is presented to substantiate the need.

II. Reporting Results of Screening Team

1. The chairman of the regional team is charged with the responsibility of reporting the decisions of the team. Forms will be provided for this purpose.
2. Reports are to be made in duplicate, the original to be sent to the superintendent of the school and the duplicate copy to the supervisor of special education, State Department of Education.