

These free mental clinics are conducted as an aid in re-establishing paroled and discharged patients in their respective homes and communities, and for the benefit of persons in the community who may be suffering from nervous or mental disease or defect.

At each clinic there is present a specialist from one of the State hospitals who makes diagnosis and gives advice. In certain of the joint clinics, additional personnel has been furnished by the State Commission for Mental Defectives. Physicians from the State Schools for Mental Defectives have been detailed as special consultants, and psychometric examiners have been furnished through the State Board of Charities. A hospital social service worker attends the clinic to give patients needed assistance in adjusting themselves to their environment.

Nervous and retarded school children are examined upon request of parents and advice in regard to special training is given. Any person who desires a frank interview about his own mental condition or that of a relative or friend is invited to visit the clinic nearest his home. Physicians, clergymen, social workers, teachers and social agencies are requested to bring or refer cases to the clinic for consultation.

Arrangements are being made for the co-operation of the State Hospital Commission with several of the other State Departments in holding clinics for mental and nervous cases in the principal cities of the State. Such joint action will eventually enlarge the scope of some of the clinics.

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## CINCINNATI FEDERATION URGES EUGENIC REFORMS

**T**HE Public Health Federation of Cincinnati, composed of all social welfare organizations of that city, is featuring various public health needs of the community through newspaper and other forms of publicity.

A series of four leaflets, issued by the Federation, urging the necessity for adequate appropriations and facilities for the care and training of mental defectives, is one item in the campaign and has caused favourable comment from many sources.

In May, 1919, \$650,000 was appropriated by the state legislature for a new custodial institution, but no steps have been taken as yet towards its building. To show the need for immediate action in this direction one of the leaflets gives an outline of the subject under the heading, "What is Feeble-mindedness?" The points made are: