

It appears not only that there is ample work for these four field agents, but there is reason to believe that the service they render is already proving acceptable to the individuals and families concerned.

Another reason for requesting the creation of these field agencies is the very great overcrowding of our present institutions and the consequent need for additional bed space. The cost of building has been so prohibitive since the war that the Legislature has not approved continued requests for additional buildings. Field agencies, if they succeed in keeping children out of institutions, will therefore do much to relieve overcrowding, make beds available at the institutions for the custodial low grade type of case and the possibilities for reducing the amount of Juvenile delinquency are not small.

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## NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON PRISONS AND PRISON LABOR.

### STATEMENT OF STANDARDS WHICH SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY THE SEVERAL STATES IN CARING FOR DELINQUENT GIRLS AND WOMEN

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This Committee stands for the principle that delinquent girls and women should be cared for by women from the time they are arrested until they are returned to the community.

Pursuant to this principle:

#### I BEFORE CONVICTION

1. The system of employing women on the police force should be extended wherever possible.
2. We approve of the further development of the probation system, and the increased employment of field-workers and preventive agents.
3. We approve of the establishment of detention houses for girls and women, officered by women, and providing for proper classification and separation of different types of offenders.

#### II AFTER CONVICTION

We recommend:

1. The establishment by the state of a central clearing house, to which convicted girls and women should be sent for scientific study,