

Physicians on their own initiative referred 16 cases to the clinic. Perhaps some of these patients would have gone on their own initiative or that of their relatives, if it had not been for the requirement above referred to. In the other comparable clinic 4 patients themselves applied and parents on their own account brought 26 children.

Public Health Nurses referred 5 patients, a community nurse 2, a social worker in an industrial plant referred 3, and another social worker, a settlement worker, and a Sister of Charity each referred 1.

Child-caring agencies often take newly received children to such mental clinics for a mental examination, even though no abnormality is suspected; and child-placing agencies often do the same before placing children out to board or for adoption.

The above account points to some of the uses that are made of mental out-patient clinics.

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The disposition made of these hundred cases indicates to some extent not only the resources of that particular community, but the kind of help that was given to the patients themselves and to the persons and agencies that were trying to help them.

Of the 47 feeble-minded patients, six have already been admitted to institutions for such cases, and 20 more have been recommended for such admission. Some of the latter are actually on the waiting lists of the institutions, for the institutions of the State are greatly over-crowded. Meanwhile, these and most of the remainder of the 47 are still in the community under the supervision and guidance of the social worker of the clinic.

Practically all of the frankly psychotic cases were sent to the State hospital for mental diseases of that district.

Three patients have been sent to a reformatory and three more were recommended for such disposition. Two were sent to their own homes outside the county, accompanied by an abstract of their records and the recommendations of the physician; one was sent to the County Almshouse; one was sent to a home for girls; two were recommended to have special education, and one moved away.

A full half, 52, are being treated in their own homes. These include several undiagnosed cases, several feeble-minded, and practically all of the miscellaneous diagnosed neurological, neurotic and psychopathic cases.

The number who were cared for at home is unquestionably larger than it would be in connection with some clinics, because of the trained psychiatric social worker whose services were available for follow-up