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PREFACE

A most beneficial trend has been established in rehabilitation. It is the trend toward providing required rehabilitation services to the disabled in their local communities. This trend is beneficial because it enhances the commitment the community has for the rehabilitation of their handicapped persons. Additionally, rehabilitation is more effective if it occurs in the general area in which the client will function vocationally. This obviously is because professional rehabilitation practitioners are more thoroughly aware of the social, cultural, vocational, educational, and economic nuances and idiosyncrosies of a community or geographical area. Thereby the client is provided rehabilitation services with a much higher degree of specificity than if the rehabilitation services are provided in a comprehensive center in a centralized location in the state or if they are provided outside the state.

The purpose of this book is to provide assistance to administrators and communities confronted with the considerations of developing or expanding a rehabilitation facility. Also we feel it will serve as a text for training rehabilitation facility administrators.

We have selected what we feel are key areas of consideration in developing a community rehabilitation facility. There are many other areas which could have been included but to include them would defeat our purpose of highlighting those concerns most pertinent for consideration in developing a viable professionally oriented community resource for handicapped persons.

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