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1997 RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Special Schools/Centers


1. In pursuance to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385 dated February 12, 1995, this year's Retarded Children's Week will be observed on February 14-20. The theme is "Quality Program Through Family and Community Involvement".

2. This year's celebration is also a part of the National Observance of the Asian and Pacific Decade for Disabled Persons, 1993-2003.

3. The collaborative role of the school, the family and the community in the delivery of services to satisfy the physical and social needs of mentally handicapped persons shall be emphasized. The following are some activities that may be undertaken:

- a. launching a campaign for the out-of-school mentally handicapped children and youth to attend classes, sheltered workshops, vocational training, etc. that are available in the community;
- b. organizing a community network group composed of government and nongovernment agencies to plan and implement programs for persons with mental retardation;
- c. updating practitioners and parents of persons with mental retardation on educational and social opportunities for this special type of learners; and
- d. holding conferences, symposia and/or panel discussion on topics geared to the theme with parent or community participation.

4. It is requested that the contents of this Memorandum be disseminated and given the widest publicity to all concerned.


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Secretary

Reference:

DECS Memorandum: No. 14, s. 1996

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