



# DIRECTIONS

## DEEP EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES

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### GENETICS SCREENING AND COUNSELING SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

Sandi VanWinkle, Clinic Coordinator of the newly initiated Genetics Screening and Counseling Service, reports that the first clinic is scheduled for January 13, 1977. An Awareness Seminar was conducted on January 12, 1977, for all potential referral sources. The program is now ready to accept referrals for future clinics. Clients will be seen every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the second week of each month. Referrals can be made by writing to Mrs. VanWinkle at Angelina College, Box 1768, Lufkin, Texas, 75901, or by calling 713-634-7744.

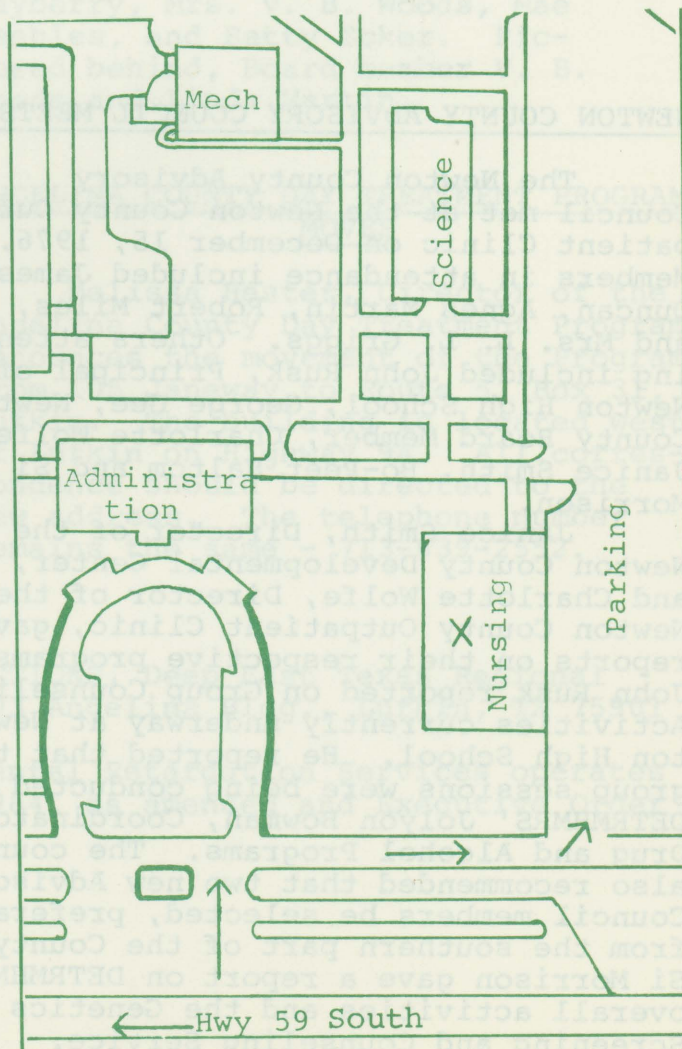
The major emphasis of this project is to provide genetic screening and counseling service for clients in the local community. The team consists of a Geneticist/M.D., social worker, public health nurse and the Clinic Coordinator. The project is jointly sponsored by Angelina College, the Lufkin Service League, Lufkin State School, the Angelina County Medical Society, Planned Parenthood and Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services. Couples or individuals seeking Genetics screening or counseling services will be charged for these services on a sliding fee schedule according to their ability to pay. The clinic will be located in the Nursing Building on the campus of Angelina College, Highway 59, south of Lufkin, Texas.

This project, sponsored by the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation, is directed by E. W. Killian, M.S.S.W. The Medical Coordinator for the project is Joseph W. Sears, M.D., and the Medical Geneticists are Raymond C. Lewandowski, M.D., and Mary K. Kukulich, M.D.

Pictured to the right is a partial map of the Angelina College Campus indicating the location of the Nursing Building.



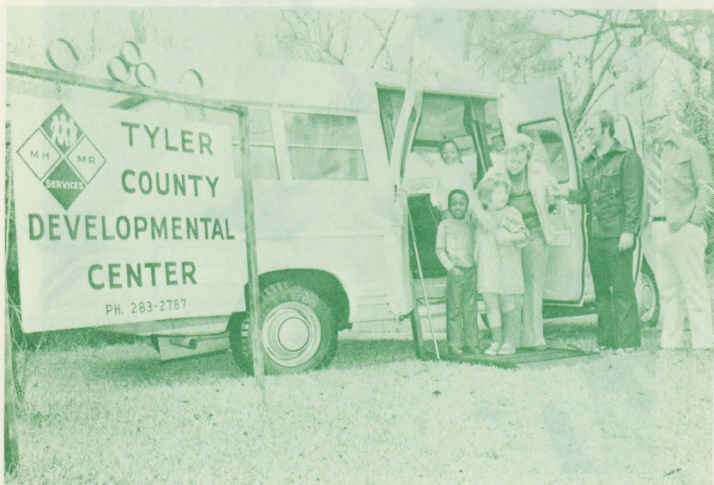
SANDI VANWINKLE, CLINIC COORDINATOR  
GENETICS SCREENING & COUNSELING  
SERVICE



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AFRAID OF THE DARK. THE REAL TRAGEDY  
OF LIFE IS WHEN MEN ARE AFRAID OF THE  
LIGHT.  
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## BUS ASSIGNED TO TYLER COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Russ Burbank, Director, Mental Retardation Programs, recently announced the assignment of a new twelve passenger bus to the Tyler County Developmental Center. The van is a 1976 Ford E-250 Bus especially modified to accomodate mobility impaired people. The vehicle was obtained under the Capital Improvements Program of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, through a grant to the Lufkin Council of Retarded Children, Inc. Funding for this vehicle was on a shared basis with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration providing 80%, and the sponsor providing 20% of the needed funds. The bus will be used for transportation for the clients of the Tyler County Developmental Center.



## TYLER COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

The Tyler County Advisory Council met on December 9, 1976, at the Tyler County Outpatient Clinic. Members in attendance included Reverend Shannon Arrington, John Morrison, Marge Esler, Janie Boykin, Joyce Crowson, Bob Boykin, Brad Smith and Ruth Stanford. Others present included Judge Allen Sturrock, Tyler County Board Member, Mrs. Vernon Gallier, and DETRMHMRs' staff members Eileen Mason, JoAnn Fries, Sandra Smith, Lyn Wilson, and Si Morrison.

Items of business included the election of new officers: Bob Boykin was elected as Chairman and also will continue as Treasurer; Marge Esler, Vice-Chairman; and Ruth Stanford, Secretary and Public Relations Chairman. During the meeting, Judge Sturrock presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gallier for the contributions made to DETRMHMRs' clients.



## NEWTON COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

The Newton County Advisory Council met at the Newton County Outpatient Clinic on December 15, 1976. Members in attendance included James Duncan, Agnes Martin, Robert Miles, and Mrs. L. L. Griggs. Others attending included John Rusk, Principal of Newton High School, George Gee, Newton County Board Member, Charlotte Wolfe, Janice Smith, Bo-Peet Haltom and Si Morrison.

Janice Smith, Director of the Newton County Developmental Center, and Charlotte Wolfe, Director of the Newton County Outpatient Clinic, gave reports on their respective programs. John Rusk reported on Group Counseling Activities currently underway at Newton High School. He reported that two group sessions were being conducted by DETRMHMRs' Jolyon Bowman, Coordinator, Drug and Alcohol Programs. The council also recommended that two new Advisory Council members be selected, preferably from the southern part of the County. Si Morrison gave a report on DETRMHMRs' overall activities and the Genetics Screening and Counseling Service.

## BOARD MEMBER PRESENTS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO BRAD SMITH

Pictured on the left above is Brad Smith, Tyler County Volunteer, who was recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Judge Allen Sturrock at a recent session of the Tyler County Commissioners Court.

Mr. Smith has been a longtime supporter of DETRMHMRs' Tyler County programs. Among other things, Mr. Smith has been responsible for providing hot lunches for clients at the Tyler County Developmental Center most days each week.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Mr. Smith for his many outstanding volunteer services. Keep up the good work, Brad!

## BOARD TO MEET IN LUFKIN

The regular monthly meeting of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services' Board of Trustees will be held on January 25, 1977, at 5:30 p.m. in the Harvest Room of the Lufkin Federal Savings and Loan Building in Lufkin. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

## DECEMBER BOARD MEETING HELD IN LUFKIN

The Board of Trustees of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services held its regular monthly meeting in the Harvest Room of the Lufkin Federal Savings and Loan Building in Lufkin on December 21, 1976, at 5:30 p.m.

Items for consideration included a review of the Day Treatment/Administration facility construction project, consideration of proposed equipment purchases and consideration of bids for four automobile leases. The bid for the lease of these vehicles was awarded to Morrow Buick-Pontiac, Inc. of Lufkin. Other agenda items included the consideration of a proposed lease agreement for the Day Treatment/Administration facility, consideration of proposed revisions in Board policy concerning the personnel evaluation process and physical examinations, and the consideration of personnel matters.

## NEWTON HIGH GROUP COUNSELING UNDERWAY

John Rusk, Newton High School Principal, recently reported that two group counseling sessions currently underway at Newton High School are proving to be highly beneficial to the students involved.

Counseling is being provided for students with adolescent adjustment problems. Participants for the groups were selected by James Singletary, Vocational Counselor, with the assistance of James Duncan, Special Education Director. These sessions, established on October 28, 1976, are being conducted by Jolyon Bowman, Coordinator, Drug and Alcohol Programs and will continue through January, 1977. Superintendent "Smokey" Davis and the administration are to be congratulated for initiating these programs.

## PROTECTIVE SERVICES GROWING

Dr. Fred Portele, Clinical Psychologist for the Protective Services Unit, reports a current caseload of 37 clients and states that the program, funded by a grant from the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), provides evaluation and counseling for parents and foster parents of neglected and abused children. Dr. Portele also provides expert witness and testimony in the various courts-at-law. He reports that he is serving clients from the entire region.

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The Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services operates in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and Executive Order 11246, as amended.

## SCENES FROM THE BOARD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Pictured above left to right are Board members Rev. Jerry Self, George Gee, Ward Burke and Allen Sturrock.



Pictured above, front, are Lee Mayberry, Mrs. V. B. Woods, Mae Peebles, and Betty Ecker. Pictured behind, Board member V. B. Woods and Linda Martin.

## ANGELINA COUNTY DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM MOVES

Melissa Hester, Director of the Angelina County Day Treatment Program, announces the movement of the Program from 105 Janeway to Route 5, Box 31, Lufkin. The building is located west of Lufkin on Highway 94. All correspondence should be directed to the new address. The telephone number remains the same - 713-639-2552.