

TYPES OF WORK DONE BY THE DURHAM CITY AND COUNTY
WELFARE DEPARTMENT OTHER THAN THE VARIOUS TYPES
OF RELIEF:

1. All cases of unmarried mothers who are referred to the Welfare Department for investigation, and recommendations on these are made to the parents, the courts, and maternity homes.
2. In most instances illegitimate children are under the continued care and supervision of the Welfare Department.
3. No child can be adopted in the city and county of Durham until the family has been investigated and approved by the local Welfare Department, and a written report is filed with the clerk of Superior Court. After the adoption petition is granted, the child and home must continue under the supervision of the Welfare Department until the final order of adoption is granted. This period varies from one to two years after formal petition has been filed.
4. The Welfare Department has continued supervision over all children in this county who are placed in foster or boarding homes.
5. Domestic relation controversies, referred to the Department—disagreements between husbands and wives, parents and their children, are counceled and supervised by our workers.
6. This Department is instrumental in many cases in securing adequate support for wives and children and also in re-establishing broken homes and thereby providing a normal home life for many children who would not have this otherwise.
7. Investigation of all cases applying for child care at Wright Refuge are made by the Welfare Department.
8. There are about 20 children in Alexander Boarding School who were taken from unsuitable homes and placed there by the Welfare Department. These children remain under the continued supervision of the Department.
9. The Welfare Department has the responsibility of issuing work permits to all children under 18 years of age who have prospects of employment.
10. The Welfare Department has the responsibility of enforcing the "Seat Law" in stores and manufacturing plants employing women, and the enforcement of the maximum hour per week law for women and children and any other inspections and duties prescribed by the Child Labor Department.

11. We aid in the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped and also co-operate with the State Division of Civilian Rehabilitation in their work in this connection.
12. Since all cases sentenced to serve a period of time in the State Penitentiary automatically come up for parole consideration at regular intervals, the Welfare Department is asked in each case to make a long and complete report of the background and home life of the prisoners and also of the events leading up to the committing of the crime for which he is then serving sentence. This report also includes a complete juvenile and police and superior court record of the subject.
13. All prisoners being paroled from the Federal and State Institutions and released to this County are supervised by the local Welfare Department for the duration of their parole and are required to make a personal report to the Department once a month.
14. This Department makes an investigation of all cases from this county applying for charity hospitalization at Duke Hospital.
15. Investigation of all intra and inter-state inquiries are made by this Department. These comprise a large number, and also we investigate all cases referred by local Civic, Fraternity, and Religious Organizations.
16. The local Welfare Department makes an investigation and recommendation in all cases in the county applying for entrance in any orphanage in the state, to Caswell Training School for feeble minded children and those applying for care at the State Orthopedic Hospital or the State Deaf Mute School and the School for the Blind.
17. Since there is not a Traveler's Aid representative in Durham, the Department of Welfare is officially responsible for any service in that connection.
18. Before any person can solicit or canvass in any manner on the city streets or in the county, they must have a permit issued by the Department of Welfare stating that they are eligible and in need of this aid.
19. The Department of Welfare acts as a clearing house and an assignment agency for the Christmas Empty Stocking Club and basket donations for the elderly people at Christmas and Thanksgiving.
20. All inmates dismissed from the State Hospital for white and colored, and patients dismissed from Caswell Training School are supervised by the Welfare Department.

21. All people who work on the Federal W. P. A. or N. Y. A. program must have their need for that work certified by the Department of Public Welfare. Establishing this need requires a careful and full investigation of their present financial situation and resources and also an occupational study in order to determine whether or not private employment might be available to them.
22. Certification of all applicants for C. C. C. Every three months there is an enrollment period for this program and for each enrollment this department handles from 100 to 150 applications.

It has been estimated by authoritative persons that all normal Welfare duties, not including the relief programs, are expected to increase a third or half above the present volume of work during next year due to recent social legislations and raised standards in Welfare Work.

TYPES OF RELIEF ADMINISTERED BY THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT:

1. Social Security Benefits
 - (a) Old Age Assistance.
 - (b) Aid to Dependent Children.
2. Joint State and County Aid
 - (a) Boarding Home Fund for children placed in foster homes.
3. County Relief
 - (a) Aid to unemployables who are under 65 years of age and are, therefore, ineligible for Old Age Assistance.
 - (b) Emergency Relief
 - (1) For families in need because of temporary loss of employment.
 - (2) For those who are deprived of their earnings because of temporary illness.
 - (3) For those who must have aid pending their acceptance for Social Security benefits.
 - (4) For aid to needy children who are ineligible for Aid to Dependent Children or the Boarding Home Fund.
 - (5) For transients who must have aid for transportation, or temporary aid pending the working out of a plan for returning them to their legal resident.

OTHER SERVICES NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE:

1. All persons applying for charity rate at the State T. B. Sanatorium are referred to the Welfare Department for an investigation of their financial circumstances. A written recommendation from this department must be made to the State Sanatorium before they are admitted there at a charity rate of 50¢ per day.

2. The case of all paupers who die outside of the County Home, unless it is an old soldier or the widow of a soldier, is referred to the Welfare Department for an investigation. Recommendation must be filed with the County Manager before a casket or free burial plot may be furnished.
3. All cases applying for entrance to the County Home and County Infirmary must be investigated by the Welfare Department before they can be admitted there.

There are many additional miscellaneous things that the Welfare Department is called upon to do, in fact, it seems that every problem which does not fit into any other department, is referred to the Welfare Department.

FREE SERVICES RENDERED BY THE DURHAM WELFARE DEPARTMENT

1. Investigations for Draft Boards - both Local and State.
2. Social Histories for Juvenile Court in cases recommended for Training Schools and Institutions.
3. Investigations for Clerk of Superior Court regarding decisions in disbursement of money for minors. (acting as next-of-friend in some situations)
4. Cooperation with Sheriff's office and Clerk of Superior Court's office in commitment of insane persons (oftentimes necessary to arrange for examination at hospital, as well as filling out application forms, etc.).
5. Investigations necessary for admission to Caswell Training School for the Feeble Minded.
6. Investigations for the Crippled Children's Division of the State Board of Health.
7. Cooperation and investigations for Vocational Rehabilitation Department in the training of adults.
8. Investigations for admission to the State Tuberculosis Sanatoriums - then completing arrangements for admission and transportation.
9. Investigations for admission to the County Home, County Infirmary, and County Insane Ward.
10. Investigations of Out-of-Town Inquiries for other Counties and States (28 last month, not including Selective Service Letters).
11. Referral of indigent persons needing medical attention to local clinics, plus transportation to and from clinics.
12. Completion of Sterilization forms, making arrangements for admission to the hospital.
13. Verification of legal residence for hospitals and Department of Hospitalization.
14. Child Welfare Services: including work with unmarried mothers, placement of children, finding foster homes, working out adoptions, behavior problems, etc.
15. Issuance of work permits for minors (158 last month)
16. Enforcement of working hours for women and children.
17. Work with parolees, both Federal and State (4 Federal and 25 State)
18. Arrangements for admission to State Schools for Deaf, Dumb, and Blind.
19. Investigation and recommendation for admission of all children to Wright Refuge and returning them home when dismissed.
20. Work with transients, especially verification of settlement for individuals, Salvation Army, and other agencies.
21. Assistance to relatives desiring admission of children to orphanages.
22. Follow-up work with probated persons from State Hospital.
23. Cooperation with courts in Non-Support cases. Collection of money and disbursement of same to proper persons.
24. Determining eligibility for permits to solicit.
25. Returning prisoners to place of legal settlement at the request of the County and prison officials.
26. Investigation of children seeking admission to the Orthopedic Hospital.
27. Investigations for the Association of the Blind and recommendations for Children needing glasses.
28. Investigations and admission to State Penal and Correctional Institutions - especially for girls and women.

**The only cost for these services to Durham County is the cost in Administration.