

my son came home from school, the only place was for him on the farm. He was there eight years, and if I would have left him there, my wife wouldn't be living with me today. She would have had a mental breakdown. Region V came because of a request of a daughter of mine and he was put in this program and today he is benefiting the State of Nebraska. He is working. He is earning a paycheck. He is contributing to the state. This would have never happened if he would have stayed on the farm. Now I know that many of you feel that this is the place for them. It is possible but not probable. I know of another case, the individual now is in the David City workshop. The mother has serious difficulties and I warned the family that they were going to have these difficulties because I could see it coming, and they are paying the price, and I don't think that is right. We have got a human element here to deal with. I know that the Governor, and I don't know what the Governor-elect feels about this, but he feels that we should spread the service more so that we reach these people. We are spread to the limit. Directly we will have burned out individuals who are trying to do this and they are going to leave, and you have this constantly. You can just take so much and then you can't and that happens, and that is what we are asking our staff, our people who are working in this field to do, put out a little more effort. I notice in Region V that they have hired 382 people, that was what was on staff in '85, '84-85. They have already put on 100 more people, they are taking care of 100 more people with the same amount of staff. So they are reaching out, and we do have volunteers working and I know that is a fact, not only from myself, but from people from the University who are coming out for advancing their education in this particular field so they learn how to handle these type of individuals, and they are doing this on a voluntary basis. This is all part of the program. So this is being done but we do have those 400 people that we know of, that are identified, but I can tell you that I am just certain that there is double that amount out there that we do not know of. I know that they are there. I have another case in a private school where an individual graduated from the school system. He needed to get into a program, there is two individuals. The private school said they could not support them because they weren't included in the budget a year ago. We asked them that they had better serve them and they did, yet, we are cutting them. Are they going to deny these people those services now? I wonder. Now, these are serious cases but they are working. I saw them work. They are working in the workshop and they are accomplishing something and that is what it is all about. I could talk on and on on this