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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was threefold: 1) to implement a three-month pilot study to determine the feasibility of setting up a leisure counseling program at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, 2) to discover if leisure counseling influenced the utilization of the community resources following discharge of patients from Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, and 3) to begin an investigation into the influence of recreation and leisure counseling on the recidivism rate of patients at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute.

By random selection, the population, consisting of sixty-two Knox County patients housed in the Admission Unit at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, was divided into two groups, an experimental group and a control group.

Both groups were evaluated as to their skills and interests by means of an interview and an activity questionnaire. Lists of Knox County recreational facilities and programs were given to subjects in each of the two groups. The experimental group received leisure counseling daily while hospitalized, and the subjects were followed after discharge by home visits and leisure counseling by the
researcher every two weeks for a period of three months. Referral was made to recreation resources in the community.

At the end of the study period, data which were collected indicated that, after discharge and as a result of the counseling, 56 per cent of the experimental group used the community resources. By comparison, only 9 per cent of the control group who were discharged used community recreational resources. It was concluded that a leisure counseling program could successfully be implemented at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. It was determined that leisure counseling did influence the utilization of the community resources. It was concluded that it was too early to determine the effect that leisure counseling had on the recidivism rate.

It was suggested that the study be extended to last one year. In addition, the expansion of the recreation program at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute to include leisure counseling was suggested.

It was recommended that development of recreational/social resources for patients discharged from Lakeshore Mental Health Institute be made. The services of a leisure counselor were felt to be necessary in developing the program.
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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

The rapid advance of technology, together with increased longevity, has given man a large measure of free time. The drastic and sudden nature of this change has caught man psychologically and emotionally unprepared to adapt himself successfully and creatively.

According to Dr. Alexander Reid Martin (1, p.1A), "Where yesterday our concern for mental health led us to those who were underprivileged, exploited, overworked, and poverty-stricken, today we are forced to turn our attention to the problems of the 'leisure-stricken."

A report made by the committee on leisure time and its uses from 1948-1960 ascertained that self-sought or prescribed leisure time activities play a role in preventing mental illness or treating and rehabilitating the mentally ill patient. It was noted that the nature of man's leisure time pattern could be one of the earliest signs of recovery from emotional illness.

Increasing leisure time has forced us to give more thought to the great number of depressions, suicides, and
Psychosomatic phenomena that occur during holidays and vacations.

Psychotherapists are beginning to realize that an incapacity for leisure characterizes a great deal of psycho-therapy. In an observation by Dr. Peter Martin (2), the ambiguity in the use of such terms as leisure, free time, play, and mental health determines the need for the emphasis on play and fun as an absolutely fundamental human need. Leisure contributes to mental health, which is a subjective state of well being with a capacity for enjoyment and happiness.

Edward Lindeman once said, "Recreation is not a set or series of experiences. It is rather an attitude -- a gallant attitude toward life." If every person in the field of recreation attained this attitude in the full sense of its meaning and assisted others to incorporate such an attitude in their personal lives, the contributions to life in our world today would be immeasurable. "Herein lies the challenge of recreation" (2, p. 7).

A. Statement of the Problem

The purpose of the study was threefold: 1) to implement a three-month pilot study to determine the feasibility
of setting up a leisure counseling program at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, 2) to discover if leisure counseling influenced the utilization of the community recreation resources following discharge of patients, and 3) to begin an investigation into the influence of recreation and leisure counseling on the recidivism rate of patients at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute.

B. Need for the Study

There has been little research done in the field of therapeutic recreation dealing with the influence of leisure counseling on the utilization of community recreation resources and on the recidivism rate of mental patients. The research has revealed that mental patients of all types do benefit from recreation, and the need for leisure counseling has been well documented by the literature.

C. Limitations of the Study

The study was limited to a survey of patients from Knox County who were housed in the Admissions Unit, Chota Center, at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute during the week of February 13, 1978, to February 20, 1978. This
limitation was imposed because Knox County was more readily available to the researcher. The rate of recidivism was followed for three months only, since it was a pilot study. Hospital authorities have indicated that an increasing number of readmissions occur within three months of discharge. Comparable data on the readmission rate was not available at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute.

D. Definition of the Terms

Recreation consists of an activity or experience, usually chosen voluntarily by the participant, either because of the immediate satisfaction to be derived from it or because he perceives some personal or social values to be achieved by it. It is carried on in leisure time and has no work connotations, such as study for promotion in a job. It is usually enjoyable and, when it is carried on as part of organized community or agency services, it is designed to meet constructive and socially worthwhile goals of the individual participant, the group, and society at large (Kraus, 1966, p. 7).
Therapeutic recreation is a generic term denoting services in the field of recreation with a special interest in the needs of the ill and disabled. The activities and the clients' participation in them are structured to be therapeutic in addition to providing each individual with an opportunity for the recreation experience (Gunn, 1975, p. 13).

Rehabilitation is the process of restoring a patient to satisfactory physical, mental, vocational, or social status after illness (Gunn, 1975, p. 11).

Catchment area is, in psychiatry, a term borrowed from English to delineate the geographic area for which a mental health facility has responsibility (Gunn, 1975, p. 3).

Recidivism is the readmission rate.

Mental illness is a marked deviation from the norm in an individual's relations to others and severe disturbances in role performance (Gunn, 1975, p. 63).

Depression is a morbid sadness, dejection, or melancholy, to be differentiated from grief, which is realistic and proportionate to what is lost. A depression may be a symptom of any psychiatric disorder
or may constitute its principal manifestation. Neurotic depressions are differentiated from psychotic depressions in that they do not involve loss of capacity for reality testing. The major psychotic depressions include psychotic, depressive reactions and the various major affective disorders (Gunn, 1975, p. 60).

**Schizophrenia** consists of a group of disorders manifested by characteristic disturbances of thinking, mood, and behavior. Disturbances in thinking are marked by alterations of concept formation which may lead to misinterpretation of reality and sometimes to delusions and hallucinations, which frequently appear psychologically self-protective. Corollary mood changes include ambivalent, constricted and inappropriate emotional responsiveness and loss of empathy with others. Behavior may be withdrawn, regressive, and bizarre (American Psychiatric Association, 1968, p. 33).

**Manic depressive illnesses** are disorders marked by severe mood swings and a tendency to remission and recurrence. Patients may be given this diagnosis in the absence of a previous history of affective
psychosis if there is an obvious precipitating event. This disorder is divided into three major types: manic type, depressed type, and circular type (American Psychiatric Association, 1968, p. 36).

**Alcoholism** is a category for those whose alcohol intake is great enough to damage their physical health, or their personal or social functioning, or when it has become a prerequisite to normal functioning (American Psychiatric Association, 1968, p. 45).

**Drug dependence** is a category for those who are addicted to or dependent on drugs other than alcohol, tobacco, and ordinary caffeine-containing beverages. Dependence on medically prescribed drugs is also excluded as long as the drug is medically indicated and the intake is proportionate to the medical need. The diagnosis requires evidence of habitual use or a clear sense of need for the drug (American Psychiatric Association, 1968, p. 46).

**Leisure counseling** is a formal intellectual process designed for those who need to explore life patterns and attitude changes, including those pertaining to recreation and leisure. Leisure, in this case,
is seen as an attitude, not a block of time. Leisure counseling helps clarify values in leisure utilization. Its goal is to motivate people to deal more constructively with their leisure (Eppleson, Witt, & Hitzhusen, 1977, p. 37).
CHAPTER II

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Very little research has been reported in recreation and its influence on the hospital recidivism rate of depressed patients. However, many persons have formed ideas about leisure, recreation, and the value to the mentally ill, especially to the depressed. These ideas, along with the actual research done, have been reported in this chapter.

A. Philosophy

"The cardinal thesis of psychiatry is the conviction that patients are people, not simply instances of pathology," states Dr. Paul Haun (3). "The patient's need for play has only recently been understood as the inescapable counterpart of his need for purpose and for serious activity."

Stevens (4) states that recreators must adapt the program of recreation to accommodate those who are mentally ill, confused, depressed, or discouraged. A person does not lose his capacity for having fun when he becomes mentally ill. Therapeutic recreation is a human service based on
the philosophy that each man is responsible for meeting his own needs, and each man has a need for recreation experience.

Gerald O'Morrow (5) asks us to consider the contribution that leisure, recreation, and play make to the normal daily living experience. While wholesome recreation cannot substitute for the basic necessities of sustaining life, it does have the potential for therapeutic benefits for all people. Recreation contributes to physical, mental, and emotional fitness and to social stability.

O'Morrow (6) notes the concern of the medical recreator for carry-over values inherent in the recreation program. The patients have not learned to develop adequate leisure time pursuits. They are lacking positive attitudes toward the use of leisure time and have not developed skills that will permit them to actively pursue activities of interest to them.

B. Leisure Counseling

"The recreationist is the professional with direct contact to the community by virtue of his having knowledge about and association with the personnel and agencies that provide public recreation service," state Shivers and Fait (7). He will be responsible for initiating contact with
appropriate agencies and setting up diverse programs so that the social and recreational needs of the client can be met.

At the present time, states O'Morrow (8), one problem in the field of mental health is not the person who is institutionalized, but the person who has been discharged -- the former patient. It has been advanced by a variety of authorities that the inability to function efficiently in a community, whether at work or during one's leisure, is one of the major symptomatic factors contributing to reinstitutionalization for an emotional illness. One study reports that discharged psychiatric patients are not able to seek out independently or utilize opportunities for recreation and social experiences, according to O'Morrow.

One critical area is how the former patient uses his leisure time after institutionalization. Some patients never make use of their recreational experiences learned while hospitalized. The use of social recreation experiences to develop skills and attitudes for adequate use of leisure should be followed in involving the therapeutic recreation specialists in developing and planning programs which will serve the discharged patient. One approach to serving discharge needs has been in recreation counseling.
It has been indicated that recreation counseling can help discharged patients avoid the solitary ways that set the stage for readmission.

Acuff (9) points out that numerous surveys have shown that the typical discharged patient has an empty leisure life. A counseling program can help that patient to achieve a more fruitful and satisfying leisure life.

With sustained psychiatric treatment in the hospital environment, it has been found that withdrawn, depressed patients participate with enjoyment in social recreational activities. Contact with patients who have refused re-hospitalization indicates that some tend to lapse into solitary ways on discharge and thus set the stage for reactivation of old pathological problems, state Olsen and McCormick (10).

Where the mission of a psychiatric service is to return the patient to his home community within a brief period of time, one must be concerned with whether the environment to which he returns is calculated to foster recuperative processes. This mission is generally acknowledged.

Jackson (11), a recreation therapist with the University of Southern California Medical Center, notes that we treat the patients in the hospital and send them out without
support or follow-up during the critical first month following discharge. It is during this period that the difficult task of facing life outside the hospital setting is taking place. The recreational therapist should be a valuable person to assist the patient to make a satisfying adjustment to life within the community.

This approach will help in making life more enjoyable within the home and community, thus reducing the number of patients returning to the hospital and the number of patients being admitted to the hospital.

Frye and Peters (12) note the recreation counseling program which was instituted by the Veterans Administration Hospital at Kansas City, Missouri -- both group and individual counseling was given to one-hundred-fifty to two-hundred patients. The results showed a strengthening of existing affiliation, formation of new ties, knowledge of recreational facilities and how they can be used, and a mobilizing of community resources.

Meyer (13) observes that recreation programs that provide opportunities to be included, understood, and accepted and to gain self esteem not only contribute to aftercare services for the discharged patient, but also provide an atmosphere that is conducive to basic mental
health. The recreation program with these characteristics is also focused on a primary prevention strategy.

The value of recreation to the ex-patient undergoing the process of rehabilitation and adjustment to life back in the community is that it is a way for him to relax and to be refreshed from a day in the relearning process. It will help to overcome self consciousness and to counteract discouragement processes he will face in the rehabilitation. These are the thoughts of Meyer and Brightbill (14).

Kraus (15) speaks of recreation centers set up for discharged patients to help them adjust to social and recreational life in the community.

Corbin (16) feels that recreation can help the depressed patient overcome his morbid concern over his own welfare.

Carlson, Deppe, and Maclean (17) remark that patients returning to the community are not usually ready to operate at optimum capacity. Recreation helps bridge the gap.

"The patient needs diversion to offset his introversion," states Rathbone (18). "Recreation will take a patient's attention off himself as he is being helped to discover how much he has left, and finally to see himself as an asset to society, not a loss."
Avedon (19) notes that 50 per cent of institutions offering therapeutic recreation report pre-discharge counseling. This is offered with a variety of objectives in mind: to enable patients and clients to strengthen existing social ties and to form new social ties and to enable them to recognize the meaning of recreation in their lives.

"Recreation helps patients to satisfy social needs and to constructively use leisure time following discharge," says Bucher (20).

O'Morrow (21) traces the idea that recreation was once merely to fill free time of patients to the concept that recreation is an important aspect in rehabilitation to community life. Activities function as a diagnostic tool; increase the socialization of patients; increase growth and development; provide outlets for hostility, aggression, and other emotions; alter attitudes toward self, toward others, and toward the future; provide opportunities for creativity, development of new skills and interests, and for utilizing existing skills; provide opportunities to have fun; and prepare the patient for activities of daily living. Those working with former patients in the community can apply the same values.
Bates (22) states that it would seem that one critical area is how the former patient uses his leisure after institutionalization. Some patients, after release or discharge, make full use of their recreational experiences offered to them during their institutionalization. Countless others, however, are unable to make use of their experiences to facilitate their adjustment after institutionalization. Thus, one aspect of rehabilitation is the use of social recreation experiences to develop within the patient skills and attitudes for adequate use of leisure. It would appear that therapeutic recreation specialists must become more involved in planning and implementing programs which serve the post-discharge needs of the patient. With greater awareness of the lack of continuity between activities of the institutionalized patient and his activities in the community, there are emerging ways to combat his breakdown in total treatment.

One approach therapeutic recreation specialists are using to meet post-discharge needs of the patient prior to discharge is recreation counseling. Rust (23) has indicated that recreation counseling can help discharged psychiatric patients avoid the solitary ways that set the stage for re-admission.
Thompson (24) suggests the following recommendations for recreation counseling program development: 1) recognizing the need for recreational counseling services; 2) gleaning the literature on recreational counseling; 3) inquiring about programs in which others are involved; 4) recognizing and evaluating the feasibilities and potentialities of developing or expanding a recreational counseling program; and 5) developing a system of organization.

Dickeson (25) discusses the feasibility of an activity in counseling techniques and the activity continuum (including activity, education, and therapeutic recreation). He lists the four requirements for a counseling program: 1) gather information about the community; 2) give appropriate information to the client; 3) help the client reach the agency; and 4) follow up the client's involvement. Dickeson also discusses the importance of concentrating on the individual's developmental and behavioral processes and social awareness in a recreation program for short-term psychiatric patients. For long-term recreation counseling, elements of community contact should be utilized in existing recreation programs.

Hitzhusen (26) states that recreation and leisure
counseling should commence when the patient initially enters the therapeutic recreation program, especially in short-term psychiatric centers for emotionally disturbed youth.

The scope of Lindley's article (27) is focused on leisure problems associated with the individual, whether in the institution or in the out-patient community clinic. Staff members from the institution, clinic, or public recreation agency may perceive the use of the community as their major leisure resource. Each member needs to be aware of the problems related to his involvement in the joint approach to the use of community recreation programs. Within the various agencies, the therapeutic as well as the community recreation staff have the objective to provide structured and nonstructured leisure experiences for group and individual needs.

Smith (28) notes that therapeutic recreators are using community facilities more regularly and that every effort should be made for communication and cooperation between the therapeutic recreator and the community recreator.

Jolicoeur (29) defines therapeutic recreation, leisure education, and recreation and describes settings in which these services are offered. Planning operational objectives and developing programs for special groups and individual
clients are discussed.

Wilson (30) describes a leisure counseling center. The process includes the client's completing the Miranda Leisure Interest Finder and receiving suggestions for leisure activities which fit his perceived needs.

Pain's article (31) presents some basic philosophical considerations relating to leisure counseling, and some useful techniques in practicing such a philosophy. Bridging the gap between the real and the ideal is the counselor's role. Leisure counseling represents a major step in the sound body of knowledge from which we can direct people toward one of the most neglected needs of our society, the greatest and most meaningful use of our recreation and leisure.

C. Depression

"Depression is a serious and prevalent disorder which yields readily to treatment, but goes untreated most of the time. Its impact on the family can be incalculable in emotional stress, social and economic chaos, and sometimes results in the tragic loss of the depressed person by his own hand," states Cammer (32). He cites two illustrations of recreation benefiting depressed persons. One is the rapid
recovery of a retired president of a large corporation suffering from depression after opening up a summer camp for low-income families. The other is in the case of a young woman suffering from a mild depression caused by the interference of her mother-in-law. Her depression was overcome when she became absorbed in painting, a hobby she developed. It is good therapy for persons to be maneuvered into paths of new accomplishments.

A tactic that can be used in mild depressions caused by excess fatigue or a recent depressing event is a change of scene. This applies particularly to the neurologically depressed individual who needs to regress to carefree vacation patterns. During the convalescent period, a vacation with planned activities, not just rest, may be best. It removes one from the environment in which he became ill and gives him a chance to orient himself to health again, but in a setting that also gives recreation.

Hunt (33) notes the disinterest and depression that many patients experience after changes when they engage in activities that allow them to regress acceptably. Pleasurable emotions that a patient has connected with a childhood activity may be spontaneously awakened in him when he repeats that activity.
Weissman and Paybel (34) report that friendships, participation in social groups, and recreation are normal human activities. These become more important as the psychiatric patient is discharged to the community, since the person outside the cloistered atmosphere of the hospital has many unplanned hours each day. How this time is spent may influence the course of the disorder. The patient who remains withdrawn and isolated from people and who does not have interesting hobbies or supportive friends may have a guarded prognosis.

Beck (35) states that, in recommending activities to a depressed person, the therapist should attempt to gauge both the tolerance for the stress involved and the probabilities for success. The particular tasks should not be too difficult or too time consuming. Successful completion of a task by depressed patients significantly increases optimism, level of aspiration and performance in subsequent tasks. Recreation has been found to reduce the duration of psychiatric depressions. Keeping active is one way of thwarting depression, according to observations of Freeman (36).

Acuff (37) mentions that, as the profession matures, therapeutic recreation will become more concerned with "preventive recreation." Preventive recreation, through
communication of healthful leisure attitudes, concepts, and skills, can, just as does preventive medicine, help forestall disability or, if encountered, ameliorate its effect.

D. Schizophrenia

Review of literature relating to the use of activities in the treatment of chronic schizophrenia cites several programs that combine activities and psychotherapy to produce effective modes of treatment. Also, a program is described which improved interpersonal relationships, reality testing, and self image, as well as helped them express problems and develop feelings of autonomy. Moriarty (38) believes that such combined programs help meet the basic needs of schizophrenic patients and alleviate their tendencies to withdraw from their surroundings.

Duncan (39) speaks of the importance of interpersonal contact in rehabilitation of the schizophrenic former patient. Meaningful involvement in activities promotes self confidence. The importance of social rehabilitation cannot be overestimated. Almost all schizophrenics have experienced major failure in social relationships. They have a feeling of isolation. What seems to characterize them is the inability to establish relationships, periodic
relations that alienate their friends, and an overwhelming sense of loneliness and failure. Rehabilitation processes are capable of intervening in the social area of a person's life. Social skills can be taught. This is extremely important.

The use of leisure time is an important ingredient of successful functioning in the community and it relates directly to whether a person requires re-hospitalization. There is nothing that is more debilitating than the overwhelming sense of loneliness that characterizes most former mental patients. No one tolerates this loneliness well. They need human interaction and social activity as a hedge against loneliness. This need is endemic in schizophrenics. Weekend social activities are especially important. Group activities where members feel free to react and chat are important. Such activities which could be included are athletics, cooking, sewing, crafts, newspapers, art, museum-going, concerts, bowling, and camping.

Groups could be formed focusing on the importance of social skills on such topics as the art of conversation, grooming and appropriate dress, role playing in dating, and correcting the mannerisms of mental illness through videotape feedback. Groups should be formed to provide skills former
patients can use to solve their own problems, to provide activities to keep them involved and interested, and to provide the experiences within which they may practice newly found social skills.

Former patients should be encouraged to become involved in community activities; e.g. bridge, bowling, church groups. They often are found to maintain marginal, nonproductive social adjustment.

Volunteers can be utilized to relate as a kind of friend to the patients. The extent and depth of social programs represents an important contribution to patient rehabilitation to the community. Social lives of patients have been inadequately programmed by treatment agencies or left to others.

Social activities, peer relationships -- both intimate and superficial -- are an absolutely crucial support system that can be taught and experienced.

E. Manic Depressive Illness

Bellek (40) describes how, in the process of socialization, the ego and the superego develop and how these are influenced by the life pattern. Socialization consists of a whole hierarchy of learning patterns,
superseding each other as time progresses. The ways of coping with a desire which were accepted at an early age are no longer acceptable at a more adult age. The degree of frustration tolerance and the ability to engage in detour behavior for the long-range achievement of pleasure are some of the aspects of the ego's strength. The outstanding factor in manic depressive psychosis is a weakness of the ego.

F. Alcoholism

Alcoholism is one of the oldest illnesses known to mankind. From time immemorial, alcoholism was looked upon as a voluntary excessive indulgence in drinking various alcoholic beverages. Caton (41) notes that it was not until the later eighteenth century that some in medical circles first began to understand that this condition, known today as alcoholism, is a disease.

Many changes are taking place in community life today, and this includes the increased attention being given to the medical and other needs of the alcoholic and his family. The community planning a comprehensive treatment program for the alcoholic should include attention to his immediate social environment. Halfway houses, sheltered
workshops, day-night recreation centers, as well as other approaches could be more fully developed.

G. Drug Addiction

Nyswander (42) describes drug addiction as a distinct medical entity which ravages the patient, destroys the entire fabric of his life and adversely affects the lives of his family and others close to him.

The most crucial stage in the treatment of a drug addict begins at the moment he is released from the hospital where he has been withdrawn from drugs and has spent from six weeks to four months in a drug-free environment. His return to social and work life depends to a great extent on beginning this part of the treatment at once.

To be successful the treatment planned for a drug addict must take in every area of his life. The drug addict's need to become part of a group immediately upon completing hospitalization cannot be overemphasized.

Addicts are not solitary people and benefit from support of friends. Referrals made to social groups other than to groups of addict friends are beneficial -- especially YMCA and YMHA.
H. Related Studies

Brockbank and Westby (43), in a test group of twelve-thousand aged people, asked several questions relating to mood and satisfaction. Analysis of the answers to these questions indicated three dimensions of morale, which are called depressions, irritability, and the will to live. Of all these dimensions, those who were active socially received higher scores than those who were less active -- the discrepancy being by far the most marked in the depression dimension. At first glance this appeared to be clearly an indication of the activist theory of aging. On the other hand, over a third of those reporting little social interaction were not depressed. About two thirds of them ranked high in the other two dimensions of morale. In the course of two years, those were pinpointed into two groups, those who had manifested some social withdrawal during that time and those who had not.

Findings in regard to level of social interaction and morale were confirmed through comparison of those who reported a decline in social contact with those who did not. Among those who had not withdrawn, 52 per cent ranked high on morale measures. At the same time, as many as 42 per cent of those who had withdrawn ranked equally high. Social
withdrawal, then, is not necessarily conducive to low morale. A further division took place. Involuntary pressure and withdrawal disengaged with voluntary withdrawal -- no pressures and unaffected engaged (no withdrawal, no pressures). The involuntary disengagers ranked lowest on morale clusters. The unafflicted engaged had low morale. The voluntary disengaged had relatively high morale. These findings, suggesting both disengagement theory and activist theory, are applicable. A person can disengage and maintain morale if the disengagement is voluntary, and he has an even higher morale if he has not disengaged at all. If a person experiences stresses of aging, he tends to have low morale, whether socially withdrawn or not. This suggests that it is these stresses themselves rather than isolation which result in low morale. What has been found is that some people have a need to withdraw as they grow older. Those who are forced to withdraw do not maintain a satisfying equilibrium as a rule.

In a study done by Costello (44), it was noted that a symptom of the depressed person is his inactivity, with loss of incentive. The purpose was to determine what activities a person has as an incentive and how many of these activities he participates in.
The assumption from which the research starts is that daily variations in mood are similar to variations in depression. The research entails obtaining from volunteers daily recording of mood and activities. Each day for twenty-eight days each person records mood and indicates on a checklist of three-hundred-twenty activities those in which he engaged. Pleasantness ratings are obtained each day. The volunteers read through the completed list of activities and check those in which they engaged during the day. On a five-point pleasantness scale, they indicate how much pleasure they get from each activity engaged in during the day. Summing of pleasantness ratings associated with activities checked each day is done. The assumption was made that pleasure obtained from an activity might change from day to day.

The incentive a person has for an activity may be as variable as his mood. Emphasis is on the strength of reinforcement. The prediction was that, even when the number of activities engaged in remained low, moods would improve with an increase in the pleasantness of these activities.

Depressed persons were found to engage in fewer activities and to get less pleasure than did nondepressed people. Daily mood shifts were associated with both the number of
activities and pleasantness ratings. In other words, people feel better on days in which they do more things and when they enjoy them more.

Incentives for activities are related to depression. Depression could be the antecedent of a loss of incentive or it could be the reverse. The loss of incentive should be regarded as the most particular characteristic of depressed people.

Czegszentmiholyi (45) made an analysis of the reported experiences of people involved in various play forms. These included rock climbing, chess, dance, basketball and music composition. The suggestion made is that the qualities which make these activities enjoyable are the following: 1) a person is able to concentrate on a limited stimulus field, 2) in which individual skills can be used to meet clear demand, 3) thereby forgetting personal problems, and 4) his or her own separate identity, 5) at the same time obtaining a feeling of control over the environment, 6) which may result in a transcendence of ego boundaries and consequent psychic integration with melapersonal systems. The concept that certain experiences are intrinsically rewarding, and its usefulness in understanding human motivation, are discussed.
Bultene and Wood (46) conducted a study of the recreational activities of retirement community residents. It was found that those who were most involved in leisure activities tended also to be persons with the most favorable outlook on their life situations (zero-order correlation was 20). This finding is consistent with a sizeable body of research which has found a low but positive association for the aged between participation and morale. Morale has also been revealed in previous research to be a function of the age, class standing, and health status of older persons. It was necessary therefore to control these three variables in assessing an independent effect for those respondents of leisure participation on morale. This control did not significantly alter the initial relationship obtained from .20 to .17.

Wood, Wylie, and Sheafer (47) reported on the measure of life satisfaction correlation with rater judgments. Morale was measured by a short form of the life satisfaction index. The proposition that activities of retirement community residents are consistent with their personal orientation toward leisure is explored in this study. The study was carried out in four planned retirement communities in Arizona. Three-hundred-twenty-two men who migrated
there subsequent to their retirement in the midwest were interviewed.

Espensche (48) studied the role of exercise in the well-being of women thirty-five to eighty years of age. She noted that the importance of physical activity for health and well-being at all times in life is widely recognized. This study attempted to assess aspects of physical and psychological well-being of two groups of women who differed from each other in that one was known to have participated in vigorous physical activity in youth, while the other did not.

Recreational interests may give some indication of psychological and social well-being. Listings submitted by participants included a wide range of participation in social clubs, religious and charitable organizations. In answer to specific questions concerning recreational sports or dance activities, subjects' responses far outnumbered those of controls. Forty-eight per cent of the latter listed no such participation, whereas only 3 per cent of subjects indicated none. It is to be expected that the type of sport interest changes with age. Subjects participated more widely in recreation of a physically active type than did controls. A diary record was kept for one week
physical activities. Subjects showed more physical activity interests. The only indication that the greater participation of subjects in physical activity may make a positive contribution to their well-being rests with the Step test (a modified Schneider test). Since the test was self administered and taken by a smaller per cent of control subjects, the result must be interpreted with caution.

Lewinsohn (49) made a study of the relationship of the engagement in pleasant activities and depression level. He noted that previous studies have shown a low rate of engagement in pleasant activities to be a concomitant of depression. The crucial question addressed by Hammen and Glass (50) was whether an increase in pleasant activities would produce a decrease in depression level. Positive results would constitute strong evidence that low rate of engagement in pleasant activities is an antecedent of depression. The results of the Hammen and Glass study should not be considered conclusive, because neither an initial low pleasant activities level nor a significant association between mood and pleasant activity level was demonstrated for the subjects prior to the introduction of the experimental treatment.
In the study done by Hammen and Glass, mildly depressed subjects were either induced to increase their participation in events they had rated as pleasurable or were assigned to one of several control groups. Contrary to an operant hypothesis of depression, increases in positive activity did not alleviate depressed mood. The results were replicated in a second study, which also demonstrated that the subjects who engaged in more of reinforcing activities actually rated the events less positively than subjects in groups that did not increase their activity levels. The findings are comparative behavior modification perspective or depression, which emphasizes individuals' evaluating of events as a determinant of the complex relation between activity and depression.

Lewinsohn (51) conducted another study with Libet. Three groups of ten subjects (depressed, psychiatric controls, and normal controls) were used. The subjects rated their moods and also indicated the number of "pleasant" activities engaged in each day over a period of thirty days. A significant association between mood and pleasant activities was found. There were large individual differences in regard to the magnitude of the correlation between mood and activity, but differences between groups failed to attain
statistical significance. The results are interpreted as consistent with the major tenet of the behavioral theory of depression, that is that there is association between rate of positive reinforcement and intensity of depression.

Effects of physical training on mood was the subject of a study done by Folkins (52). Thirty-six adult men at high risk of coronary artery disease were assigned to either an exercise or no exercise (control) group. Improvements in physical fitness were accompanied by improvements on two mood measures, anxiety and depression. No change was found on measures of adjustment, self confidence, and body image.

MacPhellamy and Lewinsohn (53) conducted a study on depression as a function of levels of desired and obtained pleasure. One-hundred-twenty paid volunteer subjects equally divided into depressed, nondepressed, and psychiatric control groups were administered the pleasant events schedule. Mean scores of the three groups were computed on scales purporting to measure obtained pleasure, activity level, and potential for being reinforced by a wide variety of events. As predicted, the depressed group scored significantly lower in these scales than the control group, which did not differ significantly from each other. A minor
hypothesis, derived from the nonanalytic theory of Bonime, that depressed subjects would have higher scores on a scale purporting to measure the level of desired gratification, was disconfirmed.

Lewinsohn and Graf (54) made another study on pleasant activities and depression. The relationship between engaging in pleasant activities and mood was examined as a function of age, sex, and diagnostic group. Ninety male and female subjects, evenly divided into three age groups (eighteen to twenty-nine, thirty to forty-nine, and fifty and over) and three diagnostic groups (depressed, non-depressed psychiatric, and normal controls) completed activities schedules and mood ratings for thirty consecutive days. The correlation with mood was obtained for total number of pleasant activities engaged in, as well as for individual activities. Results indicate that 1) a substantial and significant relationship exists between mood level and number of pleasant activities engaged in for all groups; 2) psychiatric controls and subjects aged thirty to forty-nine had a significantly larger number of mood correlated items; and 3) depressed subjects engaged in fewer pleasant activities. Activities and events frequently associated with mood were categorized into three groups:
incompatible effects, ego supportive, and social interaction.

Shearer (55) reports on a study he conducted concerning camping as a therapeutic experience for depressed and schizophrenic patients. Two groups were involved in the experience. One group consisted of four chronically depressed patients, the other of ten chronically disturbed schizophrenics; all were men. The depressed group camped at a state park about sixty miles from the day treatment center at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Atlanta, while the schizophrenic group camped at a mountainous national forest about ninety miles away. Throughout the trip, the schizophrenic group related well to each other, organized and carried out tasks well, and revealed overt pleasure and enjoyment over the camping experience. The depressed patients revealed a far greater degree of anger, apprehension, and resistance than did the schizophrenic group. The experience in living gave staff and patients from each group a view of the total person in a variety of situations and circumstances not usually evident in group sessions and in-house programs at the hospital. The dynamics of personality and behavior take a more realistic perspective when related to an extended experience in living.

Berube (56) conducted a study in survival camping
experience as a means of teaching behaviorally, emotionally, or mentally disturbed persons with low esteem to discover behavioral alternatives and cope with problems by seeing them in a different perspective. Fear-stress exercises were used to help participants realize that the group accepted him/her. Life-stressing experiments were conducted to promote feelings of independence and competence. Skill developments were aimed at strengthening feelings of self worth. Overall success of the camp was dependent upon the ability of leaders and participants to legitimize norms for operation by creating a socially and emotionally safe environment for interaction. Debriefing sessions followed all main camp activities. Outcome assessment was limited, but generally favorable.

Babow and Simkin (57) made a study of the leisure activities and social participation of mental patients prior to hospitalization. The findings of the study indicated that the majority of patients were not being reached in the community by agencies. The availability and accessibility of community resources varied. However, even patients who lived in counties with a variety of programs had not made use of the resources. A major finding of the study was the absence of support and social networks. Many of the
patients were disadvantaged. The data on the patients' ratings on the Onomio Scale and the Depression Scale suggested that a large percentage of them were experiencing a generalized despair and feeling of helplessness. Many patients were marginal in the labor force and had a considerable amount of "empty time." Improved competence in recreation and in leisure activities would appear to be a valid goal of improved functioning of patients in the hospital and when they return to the community. It may well be that deficiencies in community care in this field when patients return to the community are one of the main reasons why patients too often have to be readmitted to a mental hospital. Currently in California, for instance, 52 percent of admissions to state hospitals for the mentally ill are readmissions. It is important to learn about the required network of services and to ensure delivery in the hospital and in various settings in the community.

The purpose of a study on psychiatric patients' use of leisure time, conducted by Mullaney and Sheeley (58), was to describe a sample of patients from St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C. on convalescent leave, in terms of background characteristics, therapies received while hospitalized and patterns of their leisure use, within and outside the
hospital. The focus of the study was on a systematic comparison along the three dimensions specified of those patients who were still in the community at the time of the research interviewing and those who returned to the hospital. Primary emphasis was placed on their use of leisure time. Even though patients were involved in recreational activities while hospitalized, they became isolated and inactive when they returned to the community. Departments of recreation in communities might represent an "untapped" resource for building programs for the returning patient.

Woloshin and Tomura (59) studied the value of an activities therapy program in a community mental health center. They concluded that an activities program can play a meaningful part in helping patients with early return to community living, participation, and productivity. It has a meaningful part to play within the rehabilitative adjustment philosophy of a community mental health center approach and can contribute to reinforcing task oriented appropriate behavior.

Pattison (60) conducted a study of the relationship of therapeutic recreation services to community mental health programs. The results suggest that leisure activities be used to provide activities that will restore humanness,
awareness, individuality, and meaning. The recreational therapist should develop a systematic rationale for using recreational therapy as a method of normal human activity in order to restore humans to their world and themselves.

In a study conducted at Western State Hospital, Fort Steilecoom, Washington, Dunham (61) concluded that individuals in our communities recuperating from acute mental illness and finding their way out of long-term isolation and dependence need help to become part of the community. Recreation programs geared toward the understanding of individual differences, belief in the capacity for growth toward acceptable social behavior, and the commonality of human social needs are vital to the successful treatment and rehabilitation process.

In a study of a large number of former psychiatric patients who were institutionalized, Huran, Rosenberg, and Morris (62) reported a number of unmet needs in recreation and family counseling which had not been resolved in pre-discharge planning and counseling or post-discharge counseling.

Blackman, Horne, and Pinksoe (63) used openest principles to design an activity for thirty handicapped elderly (aged sixty-eight to ninety-six years) women in a home for
the aged; the activity was monitored to study its impact on their levels of participation and social interaction. Results indicate that the residents' presence in the activity area fluctuated systematically with occurrence and non-occurrence of the activity. Social interaction between residents increased on activity days with especially high rates of interaction in the activity area.

Guthrie and Swenson (64) describe a therapeutic recreation program for chronically ill mental patients at a state hospital. The program, which has had a high success rate over its five years of operation, stresses the development of functional skills in all areas of life (social skills, attitudes, and habits). The orientation, philosophy, and goals of this "Social Improvement Program" are discussed. Three case studies and follow-up observations are included.

O'Morrow (65) states that as the emphasis in hospitals and institutions has changed from custodial care to rehabilitative and an increased emphasis has been placed on the importance of leisure to one's existence, consideration must be given to assisting the handicapped individual to make the best possible use of his leisure.
I. Summary

The literature revealed that many professionals, including psychiatrists and educators, recognize the value of recreation to physical, mental, and emotional health. Leisure counseling has become recognized, according to the professional literature, as a means to help discharged patients to make satisfying adjustments to life within the community.

The influence of recreation and leisure counseling in mental illnesses, such as depression, schizophrenia, manic depressive illness, alcoholism, and drug addiction, is recognized by many mental health professionals.

Related studies revealed that recreation and leisure counseling programs have helped in the rehabilitation process of mental patients, both while hospitalized and after discharge to the community. The literature states that as the emphasis in hospitals has changed from custodial care to the rehabilitative process, consideration must be given to assisting individuals to make the best use of leisure time.
CHAPTER III

METHODS AND PROCEDURES

This study, involving the feasibility of a leisure counseling program at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, the utilization of community recreational resources, and the initiation of an investigation into the influence of recreation and leisure counseling on the recidivism rate of patients at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, was conducted in four phases. The first phase was the development of the community recreational/social referral system for Knox County patients who were discharged from the Admission Unit, Chota Center, at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute during the study period from February 20, 1978, to May 20, 1978. The second phase was the implementation of the counseling program. The third phase was the determination of the use of community resources by the discharged patients. The fourth phase was the collection and analysis of the data gained from the first three phases.

A. Selection of the Sample

Subjects consisted of all sixty-two Knox County patients over eighteen years old who were housed in the Admission
Unit, Chota Center, at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute during the week of February 13, 1978, to February 20, 1978. All patients who enter Lakeshore Mental Health Institute are first admitted to Chota Center. They have varied psychiatric disorders, including schizophrenia, alcohol and drug addiction, manic depressive illness, and various personality disorders. The diagnoses are described further in Chapter V.

The sample population, as described above, was originally assigned randomly to two equal groups of thirty-one subjects each, an experimental group and a control group. Twenty-seven subjects in the experimental group agreed to participate in the study, and twenty-three subjects in the control group agreed to participate. This is discussed further in Chapter IV.

B. The Evaluation of Subjects' Interests and Skills

Subjects were asked to sign an informed consent form, after which both groups were evaluated as to their interests and skills by means of an interview and an activity interest questionnaire, a modified version of the Avocational Activities Scale developed by Weertz, Healy, and Overs. Subjects were asked to circle the activities they found most
interesting. There was space included for comments or any activities not included in the checklist. A copy of the questionnaire may be found in Appendix A.

C. Survey of Recreational Facilities of Selected Areas

Letters were written to the recreation directors of Knoxville and Knox County, requesting brochures and information about recreational facilities and programs. Lists of outdoor recreational areas and facilities were also obtained from East Tennessee Development District and East Tennessee Health Improvement Council. This information was combined into a written list and given to both the experimental and the control groups. A copy of the list may be found in Appendix A.

D. Leisure Counseling

The experimental group, in addition to the interview and activity questionnaire, received leisure counseling daily while hospitalized by the researcher who is a trained recreational therapist, followed by home visits and leisure counseling every two weeks after discharge.

The leisure counseling program was designed to help subjects clarify their leisure values and to find out if
they would freely choose and actively seek out enjoyable experiences. The program was designed to assist participants in clarifying their recreation interests. It was basically conducted in six phases. Phase 1, Identifying Recreation Objectives, introduced subjects to the program and clarified with the subjects how the terms *leisure* and *recreation* would be used. It involved listing twenty things they liked to do. Phase 2, Benefits and Alternatives, focused on the benefits of recreation. It involved offering alternative recreation activities. Alternatives were considered individually for personal use. The subjects considered the consequences of the alternatives they used. Strategies used were brainstorming, an alternative search, and a consequences search. Phase 3, Leisure Patterns and Priorities, encouraged subjects to discover how they spent their time. A "pie of life" chart was constructed and unfinished sentences were used to further illustrate this. Phase 4, Focusing on Changes, examined how the subjects actually spent their time and how they would like to spend it. Focus was centered on possible time utilization desired by the subjects and on searching for ways to implement desired changes. "Two ideal days" were planned by the subjects. Phase 5, Overcoming Barriers, continued to focus
on changes the subjects wanted to make and steps they planned to take. Focus was directed toward possible resources available in the community which could help implement changes. Barriers were examined which might prevent the subjects from doing activities they might enjoy.

Phase 6, Planning for the Future, offered opportunities for subjects to plan for leisure after discharge. It incorporated all the alternatives selected, as well as desired changes. Focus was given again to resources which might help in accomplishing these plans. The final segment included an evaluation of the program. Tools used were a discussion about getting ready for the next session, a review, and evaluation questions.

The amount of time spent on each phase and the number of leisure counseling sessions varied according to the length of the attention span and the ability of the subjects. Community recreation leaders were asked to advise the subjects about available recreation resources and, if possible, to aid with transportation to and from the facility.

E. Collection and Organization of the Data

At the end of the study period of February 20, 1978, to May 20, 1978, personal data concerning the distribution
of the experimental and control groups on demographic variables of sex, age, race, marital status, children, religion, and education were compiled. This information was obtained from subjects' hospital charts, personal interviews, and the activity questionnaire.

Additional hospital data, consisting of the diagnosis, the legal status on admission, the number of admissions for each subject, and the per cent of time each subject spent in the hospital since the first admission, were collected.

Recreation data were obtained, including resources used, number of subjects using the resources, and number of post-discharge contacts made by the recreational therapist. Based on readmission data, comparisons describing the current admission status of the experimental and control groups were made.

Simple percentage comparisons were used in the treatment of the data. Other statistical tests were not used because of the small size of the sample.
CHAPTER IV

ANALYSIS OF THE DATA

The total population of patients from Knox County in Chota Center at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute at the time the sample was selected was sixty-two. These subjects were randomly assigned to a control group and an experimental group of thirty-one each. This is indicated by Table I.

Table II shows that of the thirty-one subjects in the experimental group 87 per cent agreed to participate in the study. This compares with 74 per cent of the control group. Ten per cent of the experimental group were unable to participate due to their mental condition, while 19 per cent of the control group were unable because of their mental state. Three per cent of the experimental group refused to participate, and 7 per cent of the control group refused. With the high per cent of subjects willing to participate, it was felt that the sample was adequate.

The distribution of demographic variables according to sex, age, race, marital status, children, religion, and education is indicated by Table III. Although the composition of the groups differed markedly in sex and race, there
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## TABLE III

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUBJECTS ON DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES

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were no marked differences in the other demographic variables. The largest number, 70 per cent, of the experimental group were female, compared with 26 per cent in the control group. Thirty per cent of the experimental group were male, while 74 per cent of the control group were male. Eighty-nine per cent of the experimental group were white, and 61 per cent of the control group were white. Eleven per cent of the experimental group were black, while 39 per cent of the control group were black. The largest number of subjects, 37 per cent of the experimental group and 43 per cent of the control group, were between twenty and thirty years old. In comparing the marital status of the two groups, the largest number, 33 per cent of the experimental group and 48 per cent of the control group, were single. The number of children in each group ranged from zero to seven, with the largest percentage, 52 per cent of the experimental group and 57 per cent of the control group, having no children. The most prominent religion in each group was Baptist, with 56 per cent of the experimental group and 65 per cent of the control group, being of the denomination. A total of 45 per cent of the experimental group and 35 per cent of the control group belonged to other Protestant churches. In comparing the educational level of the two
groups, the largest percentage of the experimental group, 45 per cent, had an eighth to twelfth grade education, while the largest percentage of the control group, 61 per cent, had a twelfth grade or above education.

There were no distinct differences between the two groups in legal status on admission. The largest per cent in each group, 48 per cent of the experimental group and 61 per cent of the control group, were admitted under a regular commitment. This is indicated by Table IV.

The distribution of each group according to diagnosis is displayed in Table V. Categories of mental illness included mental retardation, organic brain syndromes, non-psychotic organic brain syndromes, psychoses, neuroses, personality disorders, and transient situational disturbances. No distinct differences in diagnosis were discovered. It is evident that, in both groups, the largest number of subjects, 63 per cent of the experimental group and 44 per cent of the control group, had a psychosis. Breaking this down into smaller categories, 15 per cent of the experimental group and 39 per cent of the control group were chronic undifferentiated schizophrenics. This was the most common psychosis in both groups.

A comparison of the number of admissions in each group
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<td>Regular</td>
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**DIAGNOSES**

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<td>Habitual excessive drinking</td>
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<td>Alcohol addiction</td>
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<td>Drug dependence</td>
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<td>Passive aggressive personality</td>
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is illustrated by Figure 1 and further shown in Table VI. Admissions ranged from one to thirty-four in the experimental group, with 33 per cent admitted for the first time. The range of admissions for the control group was one to ten, with 31 per cent admitted for the first time.

The total length of time each subject was hospitalized at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute since the first admission to Lakeshore is illustrated by Figure 2. There appeared to be some differences in the two groups. The largest number, 30 per cent of the experimental group and 52 per cent of the control group, spent between 0 and 9 per cent of their time at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute since their first admission. The largest per cent of time spent by a subject in the experimental group was 89 per cent, while the largest for a subject in the control group was 59 per cent. The average per cent of time that the experimental group spent at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute was 29.8 per cent, as compared with 15.7 per cent for the control group. The data were missing for 7 per cent of the experimental group and 4 per cent of the control group. It was their first admission, and they were not discharged at the end of the study.

The criterion by which to judge success of the
Figure 1. Number of Admissions to Lakeshore Mental Health Institute
<table>
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<td>Admissions</td>
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Figure 2. Per cent of Time in Lakeshore Mental Health Institute since First Admission
counseling is the use of community resources by the experimental and the control groups.

In a follow-up telephone call survey by the researcher, it was determined that only 9 per cent of the control group were involved in community recreational activities. One subject joined a bowling league, and one wrote songs for a church musical group. Table VII indicates use of community resources by the control group.

By comparison, 56 per cent of the experimental group became involved in community recreational resources. Church activities were the most popular choice of recreation for four subjects. Two subjects became involved in each of the following: community centers, hospital volunteer work, senior citizen centers, bowling leagues, and hobby groups. YWCA swimming, rescue squad volunteer work, university non-credit classes, and Sunshine Center recreation attracted one subject each. This is indicated by Table VIII. After a certain reluctance in the beginning to become involved, most of the group participated well in community activities. The Easter Seal bus was helpful in providing a way for subjects to attend senior citizen centers and a church social group. Several of the group lived within walking distance of the community centers, so transportation was no
### TABLE VII

**USE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES -- CONTROL GROUP**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Community Resource</th>
<th>Number of Subjects</th>
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<td>Church Musical Group</td>
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### TABLE VIII

**USE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES -- EXPERIMENTAL GROUP**

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<td>Community Centers</td>
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<td>Hospital Volunteer Work</td>
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<td>Senior Citizens' Centers</td>
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<td>Bowling Leagues</td>
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<td>Hobby Groups</td>
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<td>YWCA Swimming</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rescue Squad Volunteer</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University Non-credit Courses</td>
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<td>Sunshine Center Recreation</td>
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problem. The hospital volunteer work was one of the most successful activities, and provided a way for two former teachers to use their particular skills in working with young people. Rescue squad volunteer work was very beneficial in helping an extremely depressed subject to regain his self esteem. The group, as a whole, became more self sufficient, renewed old interests, and socialized more than before. Families were cooperative and helped in planning future recreational involvements. Church groups were more helpful in coordinating activities than public recreation agencies.

Six of the activities and community resources used by the subjects in the experimental group were listed on the survey and handout given earlier to the two groups. These included the community centers, senior citizen centers, bowling leagues, YWCA swimming, Sunshine Center recreation, and church recreation activities. The hospital volunteer work, the rescue squad volunteer work, university non-credit classes, and hobby groups were undertaken as a result of exploring former interests of the subjects. Both resources used by the control group were listed on the handout given to them at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute.

The number of hours spent in leisure counseling while
the experimental group was hospitalized at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute is demonstrated by Table IX. The average number of hours was 19.7. The range was from three to thirty-two.

The number of post-discharge contacts between the researcher and the subjects is indicated by Table X. The average number of visits was 4.5. The range was from three to seven.

Although 70 per cent of the experimental group were discharged, only 56 per cent were followed with further counseling and home visits by the researcher. Fourteen per cent of the discharged subjects in the experimental group were not followed with further counseling and home visits. One subject committed suicide, one was discharged to another hospital, one was discharged to jail, and one returned to Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. Table XI indicates this.

It is apparent that the leisure counseling given the experimental group did indeed have an influence on the use of community resources. Fifty-six per cent of the experimental group became involved in community activities, while only 9 per cent of the control group participated in community recreational activities. Table XII
### TABLE IX

**HOURS SPENT IN LEISURE COUNSELING**

*(HOSPITAL CONTACTS)*

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Average Number of Hours - **19.7**  
Range - from **3** to **32**
TABLE X

NUMBER OF POST-DISCHARGE CONTACTS
EXPERIMENTAL GROUP

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Average Number of Contacts - 4.5
Range - from 3 to 7
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<td>Discharged to Prison</td>
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<td>(4%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Discharged to another Hospital</td>
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<td>(4%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Returned to Hospital</td>
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<td>(4%)</td>
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### TABLE XII

**PER CENT USING COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

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shows that the difference was marked.

The current status of subjects tested, as indicated by Table XIII, shows that 70 per cent of the experimental group had been discharged at the end of the experimental period, while 30 per cent remained at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. This compares with 87 per cent of the control group who had been discharged and 13 per cent who were still at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. There was no valid reason for the difference in the two groups in the per cent of those discharged. It was by chance that a larger per cent of the control group were discharged.

Another criterion by which to evaluate the effect of the counseling is the readmission rate. At present 16 per cent of the experimental group and 15 per cent of the control group have returned to Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. Eleven per cent of the experimental group and 10 per cent of the control group have again been discharged. This is indicated by Table XIV. At this point, it is too early to determine the effect that the leisure counseling had on the recidivism rate.
### TABLE XIII
CURRENT STATUS OF SUBJECTS TESTED

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TABLE XIV
READMISSION STATUS

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<td>Readmitted and</td>
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<tr>
<td>Discharged Again</td>
<td>2 (11%)</td>
<td>2 (10%)</td>
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CHAPTER V

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Summary

In analyzing the data collected for this study, the following summarizations may be made. Of the thirty-one subjects in the experimental group, 87 per cent (27 subjects) agreed to participate in the study. Seventy-four per cent (23 subjects) of the thirty-one subjects in the control group agreed to participate.

Relatively equal distribution of the two groups was seen in terms of demographic variables, legal status on admission, diagnoses, number of admissions, and per cent of time spent at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute since the first admission there.

Fifty-six per cent of the experimental group used community resources, while only 9 per cent of the control group did. The average number of hours spent in leisure counseling for the experimental group was 19.7. The average number of post-discharge contacts between the subjects and the researcher was 4.5. Community resources used by the experimental group were church activities,
community centers, hospital volunteer work, senior citizen centers, bowling leagues, hobby groups, YWCA swimming, rescue squad volunteer work, university non-credit courses, and Sunshine Center recreation. Resources used by subjects in the control group were a bowling league and a church musical group. Participation was good in the experimental group. The difference was marked between the two groups.

Seventy per cent of the experimental group were discharged, while 87 per cent of the control group were discharged. Sixteen per cent of the experimental group and 15 per cent of the control group were readmitted to Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. Eleven per cent of the experimental group and 10 per cent of the control group were discharged again. It is too early to determine the effect that the leisure counseling had on the recidivism rate.

The analysis of the data did reveal that a leisure counseling program at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute is feasible. It also showed that leisure counseling did influence the utilization of the community resources following discharge of patients. Although readmission data was limited to a three-month period, an investigation was begun into the influence of recreation and leisure
counseling on the recidivism rate of patients at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute.

B. Recommendations

The study was designed as a pilot study to determine the feasibility of a leisure counseling program at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. It was concluded that such a program can successfully be implemented. It is suggested, however, that the study would be more conclusive if the duration of the study period were extended to last one year.

Attendance at leisure counseling sessions was good. The average number of hours spent in counseling was 19.7. The expansion of the recreation program for patients at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute to include leisure counseling is suggested. Attendance at leisure counseling sessions was voluntary. Eighty-seven per cent of the experimental group attended, seemed to enjoy the sessions, and felt they benefited from learning to use leisure time wisely.

As a result of the counseling, 56 per cent of the experimental group used community resources. It is therefore recommended that development of recreational/social resources for patients discharged from Lakeshore Mental Health Institute be made, in order to ease the transition
from the hospital environment to community life, and to
replace lost institutional programs. It would appear that
the services of a trained leisure counselor would be
necessary in the development of the community recreational/
social referral, in the evaluation of the improvement of
patients adhering to individually prescribed post-discharge
programs of social/recreational activities, and in the
comparison of readmission rates of those individuals who
participate in the post-discharge programs with those who
do not.
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APPENDICES
APPENDIX A

A. Informed Consent (Experimental Group)

You will be asked to answer questions about your interest in recreational activities. The written questions will take about ten minutes.

With your written permission, after discharge, I will refer you to a recreation agency appropriate for your particular activity interests. The referral will include some information about your interests and past leisure experiences and any medical problems you have that would keep you from doing certain things.

Regular visits will be made to your home every two weeks for a period of two months after you are discharged to help you take advantage of recreation activities in the community.

Community recreation leaders will help you also to learn new skills and to tell you what is available to you concerning your recreation interests.

At the end of the two month study period, a follow-up visit will be made to you by the recreation counselor to see how you feel about your participation.
There are no discomforts or risks to you. If you wish to discontinue your participation, you are free to withdraw your consent at any time.

Any questions that you might have will be answered by the recreational counselor.

Benefits to you will be counseling on the wise use of your leisure time, evaluating your special interests and getting you involved in community recreational activities. All information in the study will be confidential. Your name will be available only to the recreational counselor.

Results of the study will perhaps help to improve recreational programs at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute.

I, ____________________________, agree to participate in the preceding recreational study of my own free will. I understand that I am free to withdraw this consent at any time and to discontinue my participation.

Date: ________________

(Signature of Patient)

(Signature of Witness)
B. Informed Consent (Control Group)

You will be asked to answer questions about your interest in recreational activities. The written questions will take about fifteen minutes to complete, and the oral questions will take about ten minutes.

You will then be given a list of recreational resources available to you after you are discharged. It is hoped that you will participate in them.

There are no discomforts or risks to you. You will be doing this of your own free will.

Any questions that you might have will be answered by the recreational counselor.

All information in the study will be confidential. Your name will be available only to the recreational counselor.

Results of the study will perhaps help to improve recreational programs at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute.

I, ___________________________, agree to participate in the preceding recreational study of my own free will. I understand that I am free to withdraw this consent at any time and to discontinue my participation.

Date: ________________________

(Signature of Witness) (Signature of Patient)
C. Activity Interest Questionnaire

Name ____________________________ Age __________
Home Address ______________________ Phone __________
Ward ____________________________ Educational Level __________
Sex: Male ___________ Religious Preference __________
    Female ____________
Marital Status: Single _____________ Married __________

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Circle the activities you find most interesting

Activity

Arts and Crafts
Auto Mechanics       Basketry       Beadcraft
Block Printing       Book Binding    Cabinet Making
Cake Decorating      Carving Soap   Carving Wood
Ceramics             Cookery        Decoupage
Drawing              Dyeing & Coloring Embossing
Embroidery           Etching         Fabric Decorating
Finger Painting      Furniture Refinishing Glass Blowing
Home Decoration      Jewelry Making Knitting
Lapidary             Leathercraft   Macrame
Map Making           Metalcraft     Millinery
Model Aircraft Construction Modeling Model Rocketry
Mosaic Crafts
Paper Folding & Cutting
Pottery
Rugmaking
Sewing
Stagecraft
Weaving

Music
Vocal
A Cappella Chorus
Barbershop Groups
Choruses
Community Singing
Glee Clubs
Informal Singing Groups
Opera Groups
Quartets
Singing Games
Whistling Groups

Instrumental
Accordion
Bands
Bell Choirs

Needlework
Photography
Printing
Scrapbook Making
Ship Model Building
Taxidermy
Woodworking

Performances
Band Concerts
Cantatas
Glee Club Concerts
Jazz Concerts
Music Competitions
Music Festivals
Old Fiddlers' Contests
Operas
Orchestral Concerts
Organ Recitals
Recitals
Record Concerts
Rock Festivals
Talent Shows or Contests

Painting
Plastic Crafts
Quilting
Sculpture
Sketching
Toy Making
Chamber Music Groups  
Harmonica Bands  
Instrumental Choruses  
Guitar Groups  
Marching Bands  
Rhythm Bands  
String Quartets  
Wind Ensembles  

**Drama**

Attending the Theater  
Community Theaters  
Dramatic Stunts  
Festivals  
Masquerades  
Motion Pictures  
Pageants  
Play Production  
Puppetry  
Stage Lighting  
Vaudeville Acts  

**Miscellaneous**

Composing Music  
Listening Groups  
Music Appreciation  
Music Camps  

Carnivals  
Creative Dramatics  
Fairs  
Impersonations  
Minstrel Shows  
Musical Comedies  
Pantomime  
Play Readings  
Scenery Making  
Storytelling  
Workshop  

Charades  
Doll Fashion Shows  
Fashion Shows  
Marionettes  
Monologues  
Musical Dramas  
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Nature Games  Nature Hikes  Nature Study Collection Identification
Outdoor Cooking  Pet Shows  Travel
Picnicking  Terrariums  Zoos
Weather Study  Zoos

**Literary, Language, and Related Activities**

Book Clubs  Charm School  Creative Writing
Debates  Discussion Clubs  Foreign Language Study Groups
Guessing Games  Lectures  Magic
Mathematics  Mental Games  Poetry Groups
Public Speaking  Puzzles  Reading
Reciting  Riddles  Spelling Bees
Storytelling  Study Groups  Television Shows
Tricks  Writing Letters

**Social Activities**

Banquets  Barbecues  Barn Dances
Basket Suppers  Candy Pulls  Card Games
Clambakes  Conversation  Corn Roasts
Dating  Entertainment  Family or Club Reunions
Fun Nights  Get-acquainted Stunts  Marshmallow Roasts
Parties  Pencil & Paper Games  Pot-luck Suppers
Progressive Games  Puzzles  Quilting
Scavenger Hunts  Social Dancing  Square Dancing
Table Games  Treasure Hunts  Visiting
Weiner Roasts

Collecting

Antiques  Armor  Autographs
Books  Bottles  Butterflies
Buttons  China  Clocks
Coins  Dolls  Etchings
Firearms  Furniture  Glassware
Indian Arrowheads  Lamps  Match Covers
Medals  Miniatures  Musical Instruments
Paintings  Pictures  Postcards
Poetry  Seashells  Ship Models
Silver  Stamps  Tapestries
Toys  Weapons  Woodcuts

Service Activities

Group leadership in settlements, boys' or girls' clubs, recreation building, playground, or youth center

Service as scoutleader

Coaching or managing junior teams in baseball or basketball

Directing glee club, orchestra, or dramatic group

Helping conduct a hobby, craft, or nature project

Service as assistant at playground or recreation center

Assistance in organizing a holiday celebration or a campaign for civic improvement
Assistance with publicity, money raising, or public relations program of a recreation or other agency

Teaching a Sunday school class

Transporting aged or handicapped to recreation centers

Assisting with the recreation program at a hospital, correctional institution, or home for the aged

Serving as a teacher's aide by helping individual children

Showing slides and taking drama, music, or dance groups to hospitals, nursing homes, and other institutions

List any other activities:

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Comments:
### D. Recreation Facilities Inventory

**Bowling Alleys**

- **Brunswick Starlite Lanes**
  - 5700 Oak Ridge Highway
  - 588-1312

- **Fountain Bowling Lanes**
  - 3315 Broadway NE
  - 687-4611

- **Palace Bowling Lanes**
  - 4901 Chapman Highway
  - 577-5573

- **Western Plaza Bowling Lanes**
  - 122 Western Plaza
  - 584-9867

- **Family Bowl**
  - Hayfield Road
  - 637-1705

**University of Tennessee**

- **University Center**

**Campgrounds**

- **Camp-tour Do Do**
  - Beemor Street
  - 523-2400

- **Hickory Star Resort**
  - Hickory Star Road, Maynardville
  - 992-5241

- **Knoxville Camp Ground**
  - Campbell Station Road, Concord
  - 966-1559

- **Knoxville North KOA**
  - Raccoon Valley Road, Heiskell
  - 947-9776

- **Sequoyah Marina and Campgrounds**
  - Sequoyah Landing Road, Norris
  - 494-9920

- **United Safari International Inc.**
  - 1111 Northshore Drive
  - 584-8536

- **Venture Out at Gatlinburg**
  - Highway 73, Newport
  - 623-2507
WA-NI's Village Resort
Route 3, Rutledge

Health Clubs

Body Builders of America
2407 Broadway NE

Continental Health Spa
Western Plaza

Golden Door Health and Beauty Retreat
6703 Kingston Pike SW

Halls Health Spa
Grant Plaza, Halls Crossroads

Paschal International Spa, Inc.
8025 Kingston Pike NW

Vic Tanny Health and Racquet Club
1501 Kirby Road

Universal Health Spa
9725 Kingston Pike NW

Museums - Art Galleries

Armstrong Lockett House
2728 Kingston Pike SW

Dulin Gallery of Art
3100 Kingston Pike

Students Museum
516 Beemor, Chilhowee Park

Skating Rinks

Ice-Chalet
1001 Lebanon Street, NW

Lakemont Skating Rink
Alcoa Highway

828-5547
522-4622
588-8563
588-1367
922-7506
693-9323
588-6461
690-0681
637-3163
525-6101
637-1121
588-1858
573-4151
Skatetown
115 Sherlake Road NW

Skatetown #2
5713 Broadway NE

Tennessee Valley Skating Center
Chapman Highway

Skiing Centers and Resorts

Gatlinburg Ski Resort
Ski Mountain Road, Gatlinburg

Riding Academies

Davy Crockett Riding Stables
Highway 73, Maryville

Red Gate Stables
Highway 33, Maynardville

Harold Sherrill Stables and Saddlery
Sherrill Lane

Rifle and Pistol Ranges

Volunteer Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.
Rifle Range Road NE

Clubs

Alamo Club
Flatiron Building

American Legion Post No. 80
2111 McCalla Avenue

American Legion Post No. 138
Alcoa Highway

American Legion West Knoxville Post No. 223
Kingston Pike NW

Beaverbrook Golf and Country Club, Inc.
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Knights of Columbus Council 5207  693-9798
550 Idlewood Lane NW

Knoxville Civitan  588-6178

Knoxville Gun Club  577-9386
Chris Haven Drive

Knoxville Racquet Club  588-1323
5535 Lonas Drive

Knoxville Women's Club  584-5021
3930 Kingston Pike

Ossoli Circle  523-6698
2511 Kingston Pike SW

Rotary Club  523-8252
Burwell

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America  522-5101
501 20th Street

The Sportmans Club  522-9284
2247 McCalla Avenue SW

Dance

Academy of Dance  687-8500
5324 Broadway Street NE

Arthur Murray School of Dancing  524-7423
708 Gay SW

Charlotte Ann's School of Dancing  577-0385
6604 Candy Lane

Dancers Studio  588-8842
5107 Kingston Pike SW

Fred Astaire Dance Studio  947-2361
6302 Clinton Highway, Powell
Karen's School of Dance  
5722 Oak Ridge Highway  
584-8821

Odell School of Dance  
7517 Northshore Drive SW  
584-9621

Rolling School of Dance  
4607 Bruhin Road  
688-2633

School of Ballet Arts  
1183 Keowee Avenue SW  
588-0720

Karate, Judo, Jiu-Jitsu, and Kung Fu

Academy of Sins Tae Kwon Do  
5320 North Broadway  
688-6881

Academy of Sins Tae Kwon Do  
6504 Kingston Pike  
584-1312

Chang's Academy of Taekwon-Do  
5710 Kingston Pike SW  
588-0266

Harold Long School of Karate  
315 Main Avenue SW  
546-2691

Music

Knoxville Symphony  
523-1178

Appalachian Academy of Music  
5802 Kingston Pike SW  
588-6701

Godwin Piano Studio  
5528½ Kingston Pike  
584-3301

Lynn's Guitars  
2830 Broadway NE  
637-1644

Lynn's Guitars  
5410 Kingston Pike  
584-3501

Music House Piano and Organ Centers  
3000 Broadway NE  
688-4691
Music House Piano and Organ Centers
West Town Mall

Music World Center
5802 Kingston Pike SW

Pete and Jerry's Music
9115 Executive Park Drive

Pick 'n Grin
5802 Kingston Pike SW

Golf Courses - Miniature

Broadway Country Club
3428 Broadway NE

Putt Putt Golf
Chilhowee Park

Golf Courses - Private

Bays Mountain Country Club, Inc.
Chris Haven Drive

Beaver Brook Golf and Country Club, Inc.
Cunningham Drive

Cherokee Country Club
5138 Lyons View Drive

Deane Hill Country Club
430 Morrell Road SW

Golf Courses - Public

Cedar Hills Golf Club
Martel Road, Lenoir City

Chilhowee Golf Range
Presser Road and I-40

Colonial Golf Course and Driving Range
Chapman Road
Dead Horse Lake Golf Course 693-5270
Off I-40 at Mabry Hood Road
Sherrill Lane

Gatlinburg Municipal Golf and Country Club 453-3912
Pigeon Forge, Sevierville

Lambert Acres Golf Club 982-9838
Old Walland Highway, Maryville

Laurel Valley Golf Club 448-9309
Laurel Lake Road, Townsend

Lost Creek Golf Club 457-9661
Knoxville Highway, Jefferson City

Oneida Golf Works and Repair Services 689-5941
2828 Rennoc Road NE

The Orange Tee 693-0562
8919 Kingston Pike

Pine Lakes Golf Course 577-9156
Singleton Station Road, Maryville

Whittle Springs Golf Club 525-1022
Valley View Road NE

Tennis Courts

Indoor Racquet Club 588-9525
5535 Lonas Drive NW

Knoxville Racquet Club 588-1323
5535 Lonas Drive

The Court House Indoor Tennis 584-4522
1540 Amherst Road NW

Knoxville City Tennis Program
City Parks

Theatres

ABC Southeastern Theatres 584-0281
318 Erwin Drive
Capri Cinema
5304 Kingston Pike NW
588-2813

Capri-70-Cinerama
5308 Kingston Pike NW
584-6146

Capri Terrace Theatre
315 Mohican Street
584-6148

Chapman Highway Drive-In Theatre
Chapman Highway
577-9467

Dixie Lee Drive-In Theatre
Kingston Pike, Concord
966-1801

Family Drive-In Theatre
4300 North Broadway
687-1910

Fox Theatre
7900 Kingston Pike NW
693-1551

Kingston Cinema Four
8315 Kingston Pike SW
690-6480

Knoxville Drive-In Theatre
123 Forest Park Blvd, NW
522-6796

River Breeze Drive-In Theatre
Asheville Highway
588-3613

Simpson Theatres Inc.
5308 Kingston Pike NW
584-6146

Studio One
2301 Magnolia Avenue NE
522-0622

Tennessee Theatre
604 Gay SW
523-8144

Westown Theatre
7600 Kingston Pike SW
693-9262

Drama

Play Group Theatre
1538 Laurel Avenue SW
523-7641
Morris Walter Lee  
5308 Kingston Pike NW

Hunter Hills Theatre  
Gatlinburg

Clarence Brown Theatre  
University of Tennessee  
974-5161

Carousel Theatre  
University of Tennessee  
974-5161

Billiards Parlors

Greenway Sport Center  
4664 Walker Blvd, NW  
687-9815

McDonald's Billiard Supply Company  
6014 Chapman Highway  
573-8202

Play and Play Sports Center  
3603 Chapman Highway  
577-9276

Varsity Recreation Center  
1501 White Avenue SW  
523-1689

Western Plaza Bowling Lanes  
122 Western Plaza  
584-9867

Amusement Places

Chilhowee Park

Goldrush Junction  
Pigeon Forge  
573-0640

Hilltop Amusement Company  
3015 Chapman Highway  
577-1021

Play Palace - Family Amusement Center  
Westown Mall  
690-5341

Porpoise Island  
Highway 441, Pigeon Forge  
546-6218
**Baseball Clubs**

Knoxville Baseball Club  
Bill Myers Baseball Stadium

**Boats - Rental and Charter**

Anchorage Yacht Basin Inc.  
Alcoa Highway

Hickory Star Resort  
Hickory Star Road, Maryville

Thirty-Three Bridge Marina  
Highway 33, Maynardville

**Senior Citizen Programs**

Winona Senior Citizens Center

Cagle Terrace

Walter P. Taylor Homes  
2234 Vine Avenue

KCDC Daily Living Center  
546-1560

**Nonprofit Agencies**

Kiwanis Club - Fresh Air Camps  
Lions Club - Swimming  
Optimist Club - Handicapped  
YMCA - Varied activities  
YWCA - Varied activities  
Red Cross - Swimming, Sailing  
Knoxville Boys Club  
Knoxville Girls Club

**Church Recreation Programs**

Central Baptist of Bearden  
Fountain City Central Baptist  
Meridian Baptist Church  
First Baptist Church  
Jewish Community Center  
Second Methodist Church  

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church 688-7270

**Municipal Recreation Centers**

- Western Heights Recreation Center
- Fairview Recreation Center
- College Homes Recreation Center
- Croft Recreation Center
- New Hope Recreation Center
- Lamar Street Recreation Center
- Cal Johnson Recreation Center
- Austin Homes Recreation Complex
- Walter P. Taylor Recreation Center
- Jessamine Street Recreation Center
- Dandridge Avenue Community Building
- South Knoxville Recreation Center
- New Prospect Recreation Center
- South Knoxville Neighborhood Center
- West Haven Community Center
- Lonsdale Recreation Center
- North Knoxville Recreation Center
- Christenberry Recreation Center
- Alice Bell Recreation Center
- Holston-Chilhowee Recreation Center
- Deane Hill Recreation Center
- Happy Homes Recreation Center
- Inskip-Norwood Recreation Center
- Cumberland Recreation Center
- Legion Recreation Center
- Crestwood Hills Recreation Center

**Municipal Parks and Recreation Areas**

- Bearden Park
- Logan Park
- Sequoyah Park
- Forest Glen Park
- Lyonsview Park
- Sequoya Hills Park
- Talahi Park
- Third Creek Bike Trail
- Karns Community Park
- West Powell Park
- Powell Community Park
- Corryton Park
- Mesest Park
Betts Community Park
Skaggston Community Park
Gibbs Community Park
American Zinc Park
City Hall Park
James White Park
Bicentennial Park
Grand Avenue Park
Terrace Avenue Park
White Circle Park
Tyson Park
Montcastle Park
Douglass Street Park
Dameron Avenue Park
Beaumont Park
Leslie Street Park
Malcolm Martin Community Park
4th & Gill Park
Gill Street Park
Folsom and Bluff Park
Bethel Park
5th Avenue Park
6th Avenue Park
Nichols Avenue Park
Preston Street Park
Linden Avenue Park
Cal Johnson Park
Winona Park Complex
Morningside Park
Island Home Park
Glen Park
Rock City Park
Mary James Park
South Knoxville Optimist Park
Riverside Pool
Ijams Park
Hawthorne Street Park
Scottish Pike Park
Spring Drive Park
Montgomery Village Park
Mary Vestal Park
Fort Dickerson Park
West View Park
Ohio Street Playgrounds
Buck Toms Park
Sycamore Park
Badgett Park
West Haven Park
Lonsdale Park
Chevannes Park
Sharps Ridge Park
North Knoxville Park
North Hills Park
Alice Bell Park
Sandland Street Park
Union Square Park
Sarah Moore Green School Park
Castle-Wilson Park
Skyline Park
Chilhowee Park
Volunteer Park
Deane Hill Park
Rocky Hill Park
West Hills Park
West Central Park
Ridgedale Park
Meade Field
Cumberland Park
Fenwood Park
Fountain City Park
Legion Park
Inskip Park
Adair Park
Lions Club Park
Power Park
Marine Park
Looney Island Area
Thorngrove Park and Playground
Carter Community Park
I. C. King Park
Kimberlin Heights Park
Admiral Farragut Park
Carl Cowan Park
Cedar Hills Park
Bluegrass Park
Hickory Creek Park
Melton Hill Park
Concord Park
Ball Camp Park
Sources:


3. City of Knoxville Quarterly Report 1974-75-76.

A. Letter to Directors of Recreation

615 Hemlock Road
Knoxville, Tennessee

April 24, 1977

Director of Recreation
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

I am a recreational therapist at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute and a graduate student at The University of Tennessee. As part of my requirements for a Master of Science Degree in Recreation, I am conducting a study. The subject I have chosen involves a study to determine the value of recreation in reducing the recidivism rate of severely depressed patients at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute. Since I plan to refer these patients, upon discharge, to recreational activities in their home communities, I need to know what is available (both indoor and outdoor) in the way of recreational facilities in certain selected counties.

Please send me any brochures or information available concerning recreation in Knoxville and Knox County.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

Patsy M. Harris
B. Approval Letter from Human Subjects Committee of The University of Tennessee

Dear Dr. Roth:

Ms. Patsy Harris, Department of Health, Physical Education & Recreation, has submitted a project entitled "The Effect of Recreation and Leisure Counseling on the Recidivism Rate of Patients at Lakeshore Mental Health Institute," CRF 8596. The departmental human subjects committee has reviewed and approved this project. In their judgment, this project comes within that section of their approved guidelines which permits the Chairperson of the Committee on Research Participation to give approval to the project on behalf of the Committee.

After reviewing this project, I certify that it does conform to Committee and Departmental guidelines. Therefore, acting on behalf of the Committee, I have approved this project.

The responsibility of the project director includes the following:

1. Prior approval from the Committee must be obtained before any changes in protocol are instituted.

2. Signed consent statements from each experimental subject must be kept for the duration of the project and for at least three years thereafter.

3. The Committee must be informed of any physical or psychological effects on subjects for re-evaluation of the protocol approval.

4. A statement must be submitted (Form D) at 12-month intervals attesting to the current status of the project (protocol is still in effect, project is terminated, etc.)

The Committee wishes the project director success in her research endeavors.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William Kennett, Chairperson
Committee on Research Participation

cc: Ms. Patsy Harris
    Hugh Welch
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