

INSTRUCTION SHEET: Referral for Club and Friendly
Visiting Service

The referral card is intended to replace the schedule of leisure time activity. It is based on experiences since the recreational program has been put into effect. Its purpose is to reduce to a minimum the amount of time necessary to continue and expand the effectiveness of this type of activity for OAA recipients.

Club - Club activity refers to a group of several or more people; its primary aim is to help each member grow to the fullest extent of his capacity and at the same time help the group as a whole to become a significant factor in our society.

Friendly Visiting Service - The main objective is to alleviate loneliness and helplessness for those physically unable to participate in club activity. This is accomplished through the performance of countless services by volunteers such as reading aloud, writing letters, shopping, helping with hobbies.

Name - In order to facilitate filing, write the last name first.

Date - This refers to the date when the card is referred to the group work consultant.

Tract - The tract number is an enormous timesaver in locating the proper referral resource.

Birthdate - Remembrances on birthdays is one means of providing happiness to the recipient.

Living Arrangements - This information is important for the first visit to a recipient by a volunteer for either the club or visiting program. It aids in obtaining sponsors for clubs or visiting. The following is suggestive of this type of information: own home, apartment, rooming house, boarding home, nursing home, hotel, shack, motel, along with the number of rooms (1, 2, etc). Also, whether living with spouse and/or children, relatives, friends or alone.

Health Handicaps - This information is used to make provisions to meet these handicaps by providing transportation or a companion to attend club meetings. It is important for the friendly visitor to prepare for these handicaps at the first visit. Examples of such handicaps are: poor sight or blind, hard of hearing or deaf, crippled hands, legs or other deformities, none.

Special Interests - Information which deals with any expressed talent, ability or desires of the recipient is helpful in planning for a first meeting or visit, providing "take-off" points. Examples are: rides, cards or other table games, movies, dancing, discussion groups, musical instruments, singing or dramatics, other hobbies of many kinds such as collections, needlework, painting, woodwork.

Belongs to Club - examples are: church club, women's club, men's club, social club, lodge. This information will be used to test the belief that constructive use of leisure time decreases medical needs.

Comments: - This space is reserved for pertinent information which the social worker believes is valuable. Illustrations of such material are: Intensity of wish to make friends, degree of the desire to belong to a group or to be visited, apparent loneliness including an approximation of how often the recipient sees relatives or close friends (never, rarely, occasionally, very often).

Other - The social worker may initial the referral card instead of writing out his name if he wishes.

Please do not write on the other side of the card.

HENNEPIN COUNTY WELFARE BOARD
Referral for Club and Friendly Visiting Service

Name_____Date_____Tract_____

Address_____Tel._____Birthdate_____

Living arrangements_____

Health handicap_____

Special interests_____

Desires: (Check) Group activity () Friendly visiting ()

None ()

Comments:_____

_____Social Worker

DO NOT FILL IN

Date referred_____

Referred to: Club_____

Friendly visiting service

Friendly visiting discontinued because_____
