

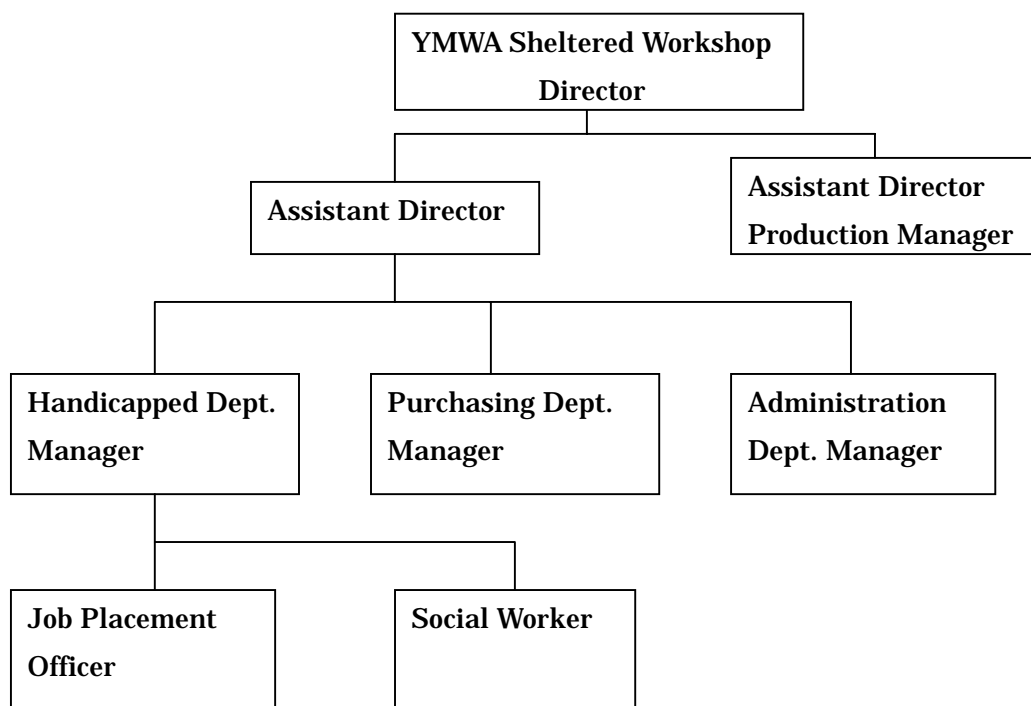
Country Report

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Organization Chart:



The current situation and trends in rehabilitation services.

By the low all the mentally retarded persons are medically insured either in hospitals or clinics, in general the following services are given to MR and other handicapped persons in our country;

- Free education vocational training.
- Free health treatment.
- Low interest loans.
- Grant and financial assistant.

- Sheltered workshops for MR and physical regulations.
- Free public transportation.
- Family income maintenance through grant assistance by the national welfare fund.
- Complete tax exemption on medical aids.
- Voluntary activities national and international.

Education

Education services had started in 1966 in Jordan by private organization called The Swedish Organization which started a small care home for the severely MR children, after one year, a day school started by the same organization.

In 1972, our organization YMWA (Young Moslem Women Association) started the first school for MR. children. Then many private organizations started to open schools for MR. in the country.

Then the government started this service all over the country.

Now we can say that this service is very advanced in Jordan but still a lack for other services such as training, vocational training centers and sheltered workshops for MR. persons and other disabled.

Welfare, social, medical services are covered by the governmental sector, but recently the private sector started to share in this service.

Philosophy on rehabilitation services

Each person has his own believes of how to deal with MR., or the best philosophy he likes to use when he solves the problems with MR. children or adults.

For me, through a long experience in this field, I have my own philosophy;

- I believe that MR. person must know his case exactly if possible.
- I believe that he must be aware of his attitude towards his disability.
- I believe that he must be aware to all the regulations and the procedures that have been taken for him.

--The MR. person has to face – with our help – the results of his action as if he is a normal person with some differences.

--I believe very much in firmness when I deal with MR.

Community Based Rehabilitation programmes provided for people with mental retardation in the country.

--Family guidance:

Some organizations have this program which concentrates on ADL (activities of daily life) they help the mentally retarded person as well as his mother to take care of him teaches the necessary activities he needs, this program is made especially for the severe persons who cannot join schools or special centers.

--Family training sessions:

This program is made especially for parents, teaching them how to deal and treat their child.

--Classes in the ordinary schools;

More than 75 percent of the mentally retarded persons are discovered in the ordinary schools especially in the first class. The teachers discover the cases and inform the family that their children need special schools.

Service delivery system and relevant laws and regulations

--Declaration on the rights of mentally retarded persons.

--Declaration on the rights of disabled persons.

--Low No.12/1993---- The disabled person protection and care law which contents:

- Education services
- Employment promotion
- Health care
- Subsidies, food, clothing etc.
- Building and construction code
- Free public transportation
- Self-discipline education

- Tax exemption of general taxes
- Survey
- Sports and recreation availability
- Fee exemption
- Rehabilitation
- Medical services

