

Another long neglected area, educational services for severely handicapped children, receives priority attention in this budget. As a result of the recommendations of the Commission to Study the Educational Needs of Handicapped Children which was energetically supported by my predecessor, the 1967-68 budget includes an increase of \$5.5 million to improve and expand State services to these children.

Finally, 56.8% of the 1967-68 Capital Funds recommended are designated for the planning, construction, and expansion of educational facilities. While I will cite the major projects, a complete descriptive explanation may be found in the Budget in Brief supplement to this message. Development of the University of Maryland's Baltimore County Campus will be continued by the construction of an academic building. On the College Park campus, we are recommending an appropriation of over \$4 million as the State's share of the construction cost of a Zoology-Psychology Building. Major projects are also planned for Morgan, Towson, Coppin and Maryland State Colleges.

Directly related to the expansion and development of our academic facilities is the construction of two vital health and mental hygiene buildings. These will not only promote improved and expanded medical care for Maryland's citizens, but will assure the development of enlarged training and research programs. We are recommending capital funds totaling nearly \$18 million for the State's share of construction costs for Maryland's first Comprehensive Community Mental Health and Retardation Center, and for a thirteen story North Hospital Building at the University of Maryland's School of Medicine.

In accordance with the provisions of the Community Mental Health Services Act of 1966, we are recommending \$400,000 to establish and operate community mental health demonstration projects throughout Maryland. This will be a significant step toward providing modern mental health services to Maryland citizens. I am recommending funds for a diagnostic and intensive treatment building at the Eastern Shore Hospital, and a Psychiatric Institute on the grounds of Spring Grove State Hospital. These projects also will strengthen our community mental health services. In addition, I am recommending funds to support a psychiatric team to work with the Department of Correction and the Department of Parole and Probation to assist in the detection, treatment and prevention of mental illness among the inmates in our penal institutions.

This budget recognizes the needs of Maryland's estimated 103,000 retarded children and adults. Funds are recommended to establish,