

## Materials from Shirley Dean

Emphasis on GOARC, ENCOR, Nebraska Community Based Services, 1968-1980 and Beyond

### Videos/CD

- ✓ 1. "Out of the Darkness" was filmed in the Spring of 1968 at the Beatrice State Home, Nebraska's only institution for people with cognitive disabilities. The Governor's Study Committee on Beatrice State Home was to provide its report to the Governor of Nebraska in July 1968 after a one year study on how to resolve the problems of the conditions of Beatrice. On the same day, GOARC was to provide a report to the Douglas County Commissions of what would be required for Douglas County to provide community-based services in Douglas County to every person at Beatrice State Home from Douglas County.

Channel 7 was interested in scooping the story of the reports concerning services for people with cognitive disabilities. So they took film footage at Beatrice and showed film clips on the news each night in June of 1968. The public was shocked by the conditions there. Later, Channel 7 put the film clips together into a film "Out of the Darkness" and gave it to the committees. Beatrice called this film an expose; the community advocates called it a documentary.

The plans were the first state-wide plan and the first county plan for community based services for the mentally retarded in the United States.

Ten years later, a panel discussion was added to the video, discussing progress that was made and challenges that remained.

- ✓ 2. Jefferson Award as presented to Ray Loomis in 1979. Ray was the founder of Project II, which was formed in 1974. The group was composed of people who had previously lived in Beatrice State Home. Ray's idea was to help people adjust to living in the community. Under Ray's leadership, this group planned and conducted their own meetings and it was affiliated with GOARC. Later the group learned about People First and decided that was what they wanted to be. They planned the first state-wide People First convention in Nebraska in 1978. Later, they helped started many People First groups throughout Nebraska, as well as, the state People First of Nebraska organization.
- ✓ 3. The Ollie Webb Story is the story of Ollie Webb's life. Ollie had lived at Beatrice State Home and was placed in Omaha. She was a founding member of Project II and a leader in the People First organization in Omaha, Nebraska, and at the national and international level. GOARC changed its name to the Ollie Webb Center in the 1990's.
- ✓ 4. Tape about Ollie and the level of services and supports she received as filmed by AAMR in the late 1990's.