

## ASTD PLANS NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

In a move to meet the growing needs of specialized personnel in today's training and development field, plans are being made to establish a new division of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) on January 1, 1970.

The Community Development Division is being designed to serve the special needs of trainers, developers and educators who are involved in the development and reconstruction of community life.

The new division will serve as a forum for sharing resources, expertise and experience in community development training. High on the list of priorities for the division will be attention to activities which focus on all areas of life in low income communities.

At present, a steering committee, headed by Robert Moore, executive director of the Camden County Community Action Program, Camden, New Jersey, is engaged in setting up guidelines for the division. Other members of the steering committee are:

Tilman C. Cothran, Office of Economic Opportunity, Atlanta, Georgia

Robert Gell, Area Training and Technical Assistance Center, Detroit, Michigan

Glenn M. Parker, New Jersey Community Action Training Institute, Trenton, New Jersey

Earnest P. Preacely, ASTD Community Affairs Program, Inglewood, California

Adrienne S. Wilson, Action for Boston Community Development, Inc., Newton, Massachusetts

Mr. Parker was one of the originators of the plan for a Community Development Division.

Objectives for the Division, as developed by the Steering Committee, are:

1. To provide for the needs of the Society's members with specialized interest in the area of community development
2. To provide guidance and assistance to the National Conference and Institute Committees and chapters in de-

veloping programs in the area of community development training

3. To share knowledge, skills and experiences in community development training through the Society's and other related publications
4. To provide a forum at the National Conference and on other occasions to explore the full implications and potential of community development
5. To provide a mechanism for the identification, collection and exchange of training materials in community development
6. To plan, design and conduct programs for the training of trainers
7. To sensitize the local chapters to the needs and programs of community development and encourage the chapters to recruit actively from local community development programs

Activities planned for the new division include the designing and conducting of programs for the training of community development trainers, the establishment of a newsletter for the sharing of information among members, and the development of a program for the ASTD National Conference in 1970.

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not a handicap?  
When a deaf Beethoven  
composes a symphony.  
When an average guy  
with a disability does  
his job well.**

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