

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Discussion Outline CORE Summer Project Orientation - June, 1965

The semantics of community organization are familiar to many of us. But such terms as "grass roots" and "felt needs" are meaningless and confusing unless we come to a consensus about what they mean to us. We need to stand how and for what purposes we are organizing.

I. What we expect to accomplish

- A. Motivate people in the community
- B. Help the community recognize its potential for solving its own problems
- C. Help people define the problems and their cause
- D. Create a dialogue
 - 1. within the community
 - 2. between communities
- E. Provide technical assistance
- F. Help people organize themselves into effective units for bringing about social change

II. How to accomplish these goals

- A. We must discuss, recognize and define the problems ourselves
- B. Talk with people to find out their feelings and to help them articulate them
- C. Help people organize around issues
- D. Bring programs we have developed which will demonstrate and help solve community needs

Our job is to work our way out of the community - not into it.