

in the neighborhood concerned with recreation. Often the neighborhood committee has the benefit of youth advisory groups or youth leaders as full-fledged members of the committee.

The neighborhood committee is the base of an organizational pyramid. It is responsible to the Youth Recreation Committee, which is in turn a subcommittee of the War Recreation Committee. Often a county committee coordinates several War Recreation Committees, while the State Recreation Committee plans on a State-wide basis and may also serve as a liaison between Federal services and communities.

Planning the Program

When Committees are organized, their first task is to make a survey which will answer these three questions: What are the needs of young people and how many are neglected by existing programs? What resources are available and where can they be expanded to meet the need? How can projects be financed?

Surveys are made in a variety of ways.* Neighborhood recreation committees sometimes undertake the job. Civilian Defense Block Leaders make house to house canvasses; groups like the PTA divide the town into districts; schools poll their students for information.



Needs

Teen-age members to advise the committee on youth needs and preferences are not only helpful but essential.

*See "Guide For A Community Survey" in the Appendix of this booklet.