voluntary workers, by providing family clubs where parents and their children can participate together in the enjoyment of hobbies and leisure-time activities generally.

6. Young men between 14 and 18 years of age should be encouraged to join disciplined bodies such as cadet corps.

7. Experiments should be made in the use of games to give young gang leaders responsibility for running self-governing clubs and in mobilizing delinquents to help to guide and treat their fellow sufferers.

8. Young gang leaders, who are the real delinquents, should be removed from where they can exert harmful influence on other youngsters.

9. The inferiority feeling of the mentally-defective should be counteracted by specific self-governing social clubs under controlled conditions, which could develop later into rehabilitation training centres and colonies.

10. Organizations which run youth clubs and playing fields should be re-organized as part of the comprehensive scheme of prophylaxis, with psychiatrists and social therapists attached.

11. Corrective group psychotherapy by experienced psychiatrists should be established to deal with selected cases in co-operation with experienced social workers.

12. More child guidance clinics and play centres should be provided.

13. The problem of the very young child who is deprived of a normal home life because both parents go out to work should receive special consideration.

14. The present public policy of relieving parents of the care and responsibility for their children should be modified generally.

15. More attention should be given to the need for laying the foundations in the home of good conduct during the early years of a child's life by educating young and prospective parents, and helping them to understand how to undertake parental responsibilities.

16. Mothers with young children should be discouraged from going out to work and ridding themselves of parental responsibility by leaving their children in the care of others during their absence from home.

17. More attention should be paid to the need for teaching children and parents self-discipline and higher moral standards of conduct.

18. Teachers should be given more latitude to inflict corporal punishment on naughty children when the parents fail to chastise them.

19. Teachers should be enabled and encouraged to take practical courses of instruction in how to handle the everyday emotional difficulties of the children they teach.

20. Methods of teaching which aim at developing the child's interests and directed activities outside school hours should be encouraged.

21. The size of classes in schools should be reduced to enable better attention to be given to the really backward child.

22. The arrangements for religious instruction in schools should be improved in co-operation with the churches.

23. The existing practice of allowing school children to pay for their school meals should be changed in order to remove from them the temptation to be dishonest.

24. The press should be discouraged from publishing sensational criminal news likely to affect the moral outlook of young persons.

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