

SUMMARY OF THE INSTITUTE ON AURAL REHABILITATION

In August, 1968 an Institute on Aural Rehabilitation was held in Denver. This Institute was supported by the Social and Rehabilitation Service Administration and sponsored by the University of Denver Program in Communication Disorders with Jerome Alpiner serving as Project Director. Fifty-five professionals concerned with aural rehabilitation attended. The objectives of the Institute were "1) to generate an increased interest among audiologists in the area of aural rehabilitation; 2) to present a wide range of significant areas that are pertinent to those professional engaged in aural rehabilitation of the hearing impaired; 3) to increase the audiologist's competence in aural rehabilitation so that he may engage more meaningfully in the remediation of those with hearing impairment; 4) to provide audiologists engaged in aural rehabilitation the opportunity to meet collectively to discuss common issues and problems which are relevant in this area; and 5) to assess the present status of aural rehabilitation in terms of meeting the future rehabilitation needs of the hearing impaired." Papers were presented and structured group discussions were held within the following framework: Philosophical Aspects of Habilitation and Rehabilitation; Habilitation and Rehabilitation -- Auditory Training, Lipreading and Hearing Aids; Characteristics of the Hard of Hearing -- Language, Sociological and Psychological; Education and Vocational Programs for the Hearing Impaired; and, Future Directions of Habilitation and Rehabilitation.

The presented papers and the discussion summaries were published as the Proceedings of the Institute on Aural Rehabilitation.