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79.1 Apprenticeship Programs

- a) to provide apprenticeship programs without (or with a minimum of) theory and classroom requirements
- b) with special emphasis on the "see and do" training approach and
- c) on job appraisals by Ministry of Labour Licensing personnel of skilled tradesman designated by the Ministry.

79.2 Apprenticeship Programs

- a) to attract young people into apprenticeship programs early in secondary school, by integrated system of creating career awareness, counselling and stress on the dignity and value of skilled trades
- b) to work with Labour, Industry and Education institutions to prepare adequate numbers to meet present and anticipated needs for skilled workers

79.3 Drug Abuse-Prevention

- a) to curtail the rapid spread of marijuana use, now and in the future. by establishing in all schools, a program for alcohol and drug education
- b) courses in parenting, marriage and family; programs which offer alternatives to boredom, including sports, after-school activities in schools and homework
- c) setting up centres for treatment and follow-up of all drug addicts, including chronic users of so-called soft drugs
- d) embark upon a comprehensive and sustained public health program aimed at preventing drug abuse of all kinds
- e) providing more funding for family counselling and family courts.

79.4 Employment Benefits: from the expenditure of public funds

- a) to urge the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Labour to require publicly funded bodies and publicly funded projects to comply with certain conditions
- b) to increase the participation rate of those in groups disadvantaged as to employment
- c) to recognize women as the largest of such groups and require, among such conditions that employers initiate affirmative action programs to improve the status of women employed
- d) and, where applicable, the number of women employed.
- e) Such programs must meet the standards of the Department of Labour and be implemented in good faith
- f) to establish sanctions against those bodies and projects which may not comply satisfactorily and have intent to implement such sanctions.

79.5 Employment of Deaf People

- a) to give special consideration to the unique needs of deaf people
- b) to make them self-supporting by reducing and simplifying the volume and minutiae of paper work and forms, presently required for vocational rehabilitation

79.6 The Future of Ontario Hydro

- a) to clarify the existing working relationship between Ontario Hydro and the Government
- b) to delineate the precise responsibilities and limitations of Ontario Hydro
- c) to provide for a regular, independent management audit of Ontario Hydro to be presented in the Legislature
- d) to establish an energy policy
- e) to ensure that such policy establishes both responsibility and authority for implementation as well as for the role of Ontario Hydro in relation to it.

79.7 Foster Homes

- a) to make the allowance to foster parents more nearly commensurate with the responsibility and expense involved in this invaluable community service to children

79.8 Immunizations in Ontario: Levels/ Cards/ Immigrants

- a) to increase public awareness
- b) to encourage the use of wallet size immunization cards
- c) to work with the federal and provincial governments to raise immunization levels across Canada
- d) to require immigrants to be immunized within an appropriate period after arrival in Canada.

79.9 Interpretation Systems for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- a) to encourage the establishment and maintenance of certified interpretation services
- b) for the deaf and hard of hearing
- c) to ensure that the availability of these services is understood and used by law-enforcement and employment agencies, hospitals and other public services.

79.10 Senior Citizens as Helpers with Pre-School Children

- a) to encourage such programs, to be run under the supervision of professionals
- b) through the Ministry of Community and Social Services
- c) to ensure the financial resources necessary for the education (i.e. training in early childhood education and development.