



**FUNDO SOCIAL
DE SOLIDARIEDADE DO
ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO**

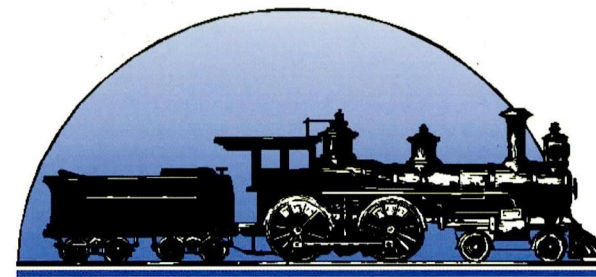


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**LAPA SPECIAL
STATION**

**HUMAN RELATIONS
AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER**



The São Paulo State Social Solidarity Fund is an agency of the state government set up to coordinate actions designed to assist the disadvantaged. Handicapped people are part of this contingent. According to the World Health Organization, the handicapped comprise some 10% of the population in developed countries, while the estimated proportion is 12% for the developing countries. An extrapolation for the city of São Paulo

gives about 950.00 handicapped individuals.

To cater for the handicapped, the Social Solidarity Fund has set up the Lapa Special Station Social and Human Development Center, used by 1.700 people per year on average and potentially usable by 2.500 people per year. Thirty per cent of the existing capacity is set aside for non-handicapped people so as to ensure that the facility also functions as a Social Center in the full sense of the term.



With an area of 5.000 squars meters, the Lapa Special comprises the following amenities:

- cultural center
- lekotek center
- an auditorium with 400 seats (and cinema)
- an exhibition area
- a public library
- a play area with toys
- a communication network for the handicapped

- Physical Conditioning and Adapted Sports Unit (ASU)

Objective is to offer adequate conditions for the development of sports activities with handicapped individuals suffering from physical, sensory and multiple disabilities, as a means for enhancing self-esteem, sociability and social integration through the practice of sport.



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cultural workshops

drawing;
animation;
oil painting;
silk painting;
silkscreen printing;
handicrafts;
dance;
choral singing;
guitar;
percussion;
drama;
movement;
ceramic;
photography.

vocational training workshops

optics;
bookbinding;
home appliance repairs;
handicrafts: woo/and yam;
semi-industrial knitting;
shoe making and repairing;
leather goods;
home electrical installation;



To date, efforts designed to enhance the operation of the Lapa Special Station have focused on providing pre-vocational training, creativity workshops, and cultural and leisure activities.

For this purpose, the Social Solidarity Fund has an agreement with the São Paulo State Federation of Industry, through the National Industrial Apprenticeship Service (SENAI) and wit other state government agencies, under which all parties undertake to work together towards th development of solutions to social problems. SENAI has implemented a programme of courses designed to enable handicapped individuals with impaired sight or hearing, or other disabilities, to improve their occupational skills. On graduating, students receive a certificate from SENAI which is a recognized qualification on the job market.

Employment and Working Relations

Agency of State GovernmentWorking Placement Program for Workers with Disabilities

This is a government Program to support disabled workers in thei access to he job market

furniture upholstery;
bricklaying;
house painter;
administrative services;
offset copying;
photomechanical;
telemarketing;
computing;
bakery.



The following services are available:

1 - Professional Evaluation

- personal interviews and selection
- profile identification

2 - Job orientations

Clarify workers with market needs and working conditions

3 - Employment market conditions

Guarantee placement of candidates through contact wit management companies. This Program also gives support and technical information to campanies hiring workers with disabilities (therefore), providing and effective integration to the job market.

In Brazil, the integration company versus disabled workers in guarantted through law number 8213 of july, 1991, which says that companies exceeding 100 employees are obliged to fulfill their vacancies with an average of two-five percent of disabled workers.

