

Child Guidance Center Records

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Introduction

The records of the Child Guidance Center accessioned into the Wright State University Archives and Special Collections Department by the Montgomery County Historical Society on March 31, 1989. The collection consists of two Hollinger boxes and an oversize scrapbook of newspaper clippings. There are no restrictions on the use of this material. The collection is divided into two broad series: Administrative Records and History. The span dates for the collection are ca. 1929-1977.

Brief History

The Child Guidance Center was organized in 1929, at first serving both adults and children. Funding was originally through the Community Chest. Expansion of service occurred in 1952 with matching funds from the Department of Mental Hygiene and Correction. Since 1969, funding has been channeled through the Montgomery County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board.

In 1950, the Board of the Child Guidance Center raised funds for the renovation of the Canby home to provide a residential facility for children and the house of the Child Guidance Center. The Department of Mental Hygiene provided funds for the operation of the hospital portion which designated as the Dayton Receiving Hospital for Children. Locally the building was known as Variety Manor because of contributions made by the Variety Club of Dayton. The hospital and the Guidance Center were operated as a complete mental health service for children by appointing the same individual (Dr. Simpson) as Superintendent of the Hospital and Director of the Child Guidance Center.

In 1955, funds were obtained in a state bond issue for the present building which houses both the Child Guidance Center and the Dayton Children's Psychiatric Hospital. The Hospital and Guidance Center are approved for psychiatric residencies in child psychiatry and are affiliated with three Ohio psychiatric institutes in the residency training in general psychiatry. The Hospital is affiliated with St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Sinclair Community College.

Scope and Content

The material contained within the Child Guidance Center Records is divided into two series: Administrative Records and History. Arrangement is chronological within the folders. The Administrative Records Series include the Board Meeting Minutes 1930-1969, Annual Financial Reports 1935-1967, and Annual Reports 1932-1970. (The Annual Reports are not a complete run.)

The History Series includes, Histories of the Child Guidance Center (including Variety Manor) 1929-1976, Constitution and By-laws 1959-1977, Operating Procedures n.d., Photographs 1958, and News clippings Scrapbook ca. 1949-1977.

Container Listing

Series I: Administrative Records

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Board Meeting Minutes	July 1930-Dec. 1933
	2	Board Meeting Minutes	Jan. 1934-Dec. 1935
	3	Board Meeting Minutes	Jan. 1936-Dec. 1938
	4	Board Meeting Minutes	Jan. 1939-Dec. 1941
	5	Board Meeting Minutes	Jan. 1943-Dec. 1947
	6	Board Meeting Minutes	Jan. 1948-Dec. 1949
	7	Board Meeting Minutes	Jan. 1950-Dec. 1952
	8	Board Meeting Minutes	Jan. 1953-Dec. 1955
	9	Board Meeting Minutes	Mar. 1956-Nov. 1958
	10	Board Meeting Minutes	Dec. 1958-Dec. 1960
	11	Board Meeting Minutes	Dec. 1960-Dec. 1962
	12	Board Meeting Minutes	Jan. 1963-Dec. 1965
	13	Board Meeting Minutes	Jan. 1966-Jun. 1969
	14	Annual Reports	1932-1944
	15	Annual Reports	1945-1954
	16	Annual Reports	1957-1970
	17	Annual Financial Reports	1935-1945
2	1	Annual Financial Reports	1946-1956
	2	Annual Financial Reports	1957-1967
	3	Annual Financial Reports	1968-1974

Series II: History

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	4	History	1929-1976
	5	Constitution and By-laws	1959-1977
	6	Operating Procedures	n.d.
	7	Photographs	1958
		News clippings Scrapbook (Oversize Loc. 8, Folder 1)	ca. 1944-1977