

MS-186 Child Guidance Center

Collection Number: MS-186

Title: Child Guidance Center Records

Dates: 1929-1977

Creator: Child Guidance Center (Dayton, Ohio)

Summary/Abstract: Records consist of Board meeting minutes, financial reports, annual reports, clippings, photographs, and historical materials. The Child Guidance Center operated as a mental health facility for children and was affiliated with St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Sinclair College.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1 linear foot

Language(s): English

Repository: Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092.

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Acquisition: 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.

Other Finding Aid: The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms186.pdf. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

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Arrangement: The collection is arranged into 2 series:

- Series I: Administrative Records, 1930-1974
- Series II: History, 1929-1977

Historical Note:

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 covering 1930-1969; Annual Financial Reports spanning 1935-1967; and Annual Reports for 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, undated; Photographs, 1958; and a News clipping Scrapbook, circa 1949-1977.

Subject Terms:

Organizations/Corporate Names

Child Guidance Center (Dayton, Ohio) – Archives

Places

Montgomery County (Ohio) – Mental health

Subjects (General)

Child mental health – Ohio – Montgomery County

Material Types

Scrapbook

Annual reports

Minutes (administrative records)

Collection Inventory

Series I: Administrative Records, 1930-1974			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Board Meeting Minutes	1930 July - 1933 Dec
1	2	Board Meeting Minutes	1934 Jan – 1935 Dec
1	3	Board Meeting Minutes	1936 Jan – 1938 Dec
1	4	Board Meeting Minutes	1939 Jan – 1941 Dec
1	5	Board Meeting Minutes	1943 Jan – 1947 Dec
1	6	Board Meeting Minutes	1948 Jan - 1949 Dec
1	7	Board Meeting Minutes	1950 Jan – 1952 Dec
1	8	Board Meeting Minutes	1953 Jan - 1955 Dec
1	9	Board Meeting Minutes	1956 Mar - 1958 Nov
1	10	Board Meeting Minutes	1958 Dec - 1960 Dec
1	11	Board Meeting Minutes	1960 Dec - 1962 Dec
1	12	Board Meeting Minutes	1963 Jan – 1965 Dec
1	13	Board Meeting Minutes	1966 Jan – 1969 Jun
1	14	Annual Reports	1932-1944
1	15	Annual Reports	1945-1954
1	16	Annual Reports	1957-1970
1	17	Annual Financial Reports	1935-1945
2	1	Annual Financial Reports	1946-1956
2	2	Annual Financial Reports	1957-1967
2	3	Annual Financial Reports	1968-1974
Series II: History, 1929-1977			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	4	History	1929-1976
2	5	Constitution and By-laws	1959-1977
2	6	Operating Procedures	undated
2	7	Photographs	1958
OS 12	1	News clippings Scrapbook	circa 1944-1977