

Guide to the Women's Community Center Records, 1977-1984

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Overview of the Collection

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Collection Number: University Historical Collection 357

Creator: Women's Community Center Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Title: Women's Community Center Records, 1977-1984

Dates: 1977-1984

Quantity: 1.2 linear feet (3 archives boxes)

Location of Collection: A9/2d

Languages: Collection materials are in English.

Summary: A compilation of records from the Women's Community Center of Eau Claire, Wisconsin dating from 1977-1984. The collection documents the center's collaboration efforts within the community and UWEC in its attempts to raise funding and awareness for abused women and children within the community. The collection holds documents showing the creation of the center, its bylaws, events, newspaper clippings, surveys, expense books, meeting minutes, and the dissolution of the center. There is a bound book with financial records in it as well as checkbook balance logs.

Biographical/Historical Note

The Women's Community Center officially became incorporated on September 8, 1976. The center was created with the desire of bringing awareness to abused women and children within the

community and allow women to be the best that they could be. Refuge houses were created in an effort to provide a safe haven for women and their children to live while they got resituated and to a place where they could move out on their own. The Women's Community Center had a few permanent positions that dealt with operations of the facility, and many more that were on a voluntary basis. By 1978 there was an estimated 101 women and their children or 68 families that were using the refuge services offered by the center. In an effort to fund the Women's Community Center members sold subscriptions to a monthly newsletter and partnered with the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire for various fundraisers. In 1988 the doors were closed on the Women's Community Center due to lack of funding, but other places in the community such as the Bolton Refuge House continue their work today.

Content Description

The collection holds important information concerning the Eau Claire community in relation to the Women's Community Center during the nineteen seventies and eighties regarding the abuse of women and children. It retains records detailing information on the operations of the Women's Community Center and their relationship with other groups, centers, and individuals such as physician consults. The documents within the collection show the strides made by the center to bring awareness to their efforts within the community. Examples of these documents are: government forms, legal documentation, physician surveys, parent's anonymous information, meeting notes, other organization contacts, etc.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: Donated to the Special Collections Department, William D. McIntyre Library, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire by Marian Ritland, 2014.

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Subjects

Personal Names: Aaker, Joyce; Biebelhausen, Joan; Desprez, Norma; Knopp, Sharon; Rindfleisch, Phyllis; Ritland, Marian

Corporate Names: Women's Community Center

Subject Terms: Services for-abused women-children and families-refuge house- community center-

women's center-Eau Claire-University of Eau Claire-1970s-1980s-domestic abuse-crisis center-rape shelter

Geographical Terms: Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Detailed List of Contents

Series 1: Subject Files

Collection of records, media exposure, financial information, and various forms of communication between other groups or businesses in the region that dealt with the Women's Community Center of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Dates: 1974-1984, bulk 1977-1978

Extent: 1.2 linear feet (3 archives boxes)

Container	Contents	Dates
Box/Folder 1/1	Pledge Project	1978
Box/Folder 1/2	Physician's Survey	1978
Box/Folder 1/3	Physician's Survey—Complete	1978
Box/Folder 1/4	Parents Anonymous	N.D.
Box/Folder 1/5	Trademark	1978
Box/Folder 1/5	Women's Organizations	1978
Box/Folder	The Working Woman—Women in	1973-1977

1/7	the Workforce	
Box/Folder 1/8	Abused Women	1976-1977
Box/Folder 1/9	Media Exposure	1976-1978
Box/Folder 1/10	Intake Evaluations—Sheets Regarding the Refuge	1978
Box/Folder 1/11	Committee Minutes	1978
Box/Folder 1/12	Church Project	1978
Box/Folder 1/13	Food Pantry	1978
Box/Folder 1/14	Fundraising	1977-1978
Box/Folder 1/15	High School Drop-In	1974-1977
Box/Folder 1/16	File Check-out	1976-1983
Box/Folder 1/17	Finance Committee	1978-1979
Box/Folder	Refuge House Inc. Papers &	1977

1/18	Other Correspondence	
Box/Folder 1/19	Meeting Minutes	1978
Box/Folder 2/1	Meetings Attendance—General Membership	1977-1978
Box/Folder 2/2	Advisory Board	1977
Box/Folder 2/3	Correspondence—CETA, Grants, etc.	1976-1977
Box/Folder 2/4	History	1976
Box/Folder 2/5	Interorganization Correspondence	1977-1978
Box/Folder 2/6	Surveys—Complete	N.D.
Box/Folder 2/7	Bylaws (WCC)	1978
Box/Folder 2/8	Battery	N.D.
Box/Folder 2/9	Incorporation Papers	1976-1985
Box/Folder	CETA	N.D.

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Box/Folder 2/11	Correspondence IN	1977-1978
Box/Folder 2/12	Correspondence OUT	1977-1978
Box/Folder 2/13	Daycare	N.D.
Box/Folder 2/14	Financial Records—Billing Statements, Expense Logs	1976-1979
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Box/Folder 2/16	Grant Agencies	1977-1978
Box/Folder 2/17	HOD Information	1974-1978
Box/Folder 2/18	Income Maintenance	1977
Box/Folder 3/1	Insurance Policy	1977-1979
Box/Folder 3/2	Interview Sheets—Question Guide	N.D.
Box/Folder	Judicare Form Letters	N.D.

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Box/Folder 3/4	Lease	1977-1979
Box/Folder 3/5	Letters of Support	1977
Box/Folder 3/6	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1978
Box/Folder 3/7	Personnel	1976-1977
Box/Folder 3/8	Program Participation	N.D.
Box/Folder 3/9	Program Summaries	N.D.
Box/Folder 3/10	Resumes	1977-1978
Box/Folder 3/11	Research Project	N.D.
Box/Folder 3/12	Seeing Myself in Print Attendance Records	1977
Box/Folder 3/13	Tenant Laws	N.D.

Box/Folder 3/14	Volunteers	1978
Box/Folder 3/15	Volunteer Training Packs	N.D.
Box/Folder 3/16	Women's Centers	1974-1977

Series 2: Newsletter

Collection of the monthly newsletter that was created and mailed out by the Women's Community Center to women in the Eau Claire community. It was used to keep members of the center and community updated on the Women's Community Center's efforts and events going on within the area.

Dates: 1977-1981

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Container	Contents	Dates
Box/Folder 3/17	Newsletters	1977-1981