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Chicago Area Project Records, 1935-1980

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Organization founded on Chicago's North Side in 1932 to reduce juvenile delinquency through community committees, governed and operated by neighborhood residents rather than out side agencies. Administration, research and field work for the project was conducted by professionals, including Clifford R. Shaw, Anthony Sorrentino, Henry D. McKay, and staff members of the Illinois Institute for Juvenile Research and the Illinois Youth Commission. The file includes annual reports of the project, data books and activity reports of community committees, programs, research reports on juvenile delinquency, drug abuse, and crime, the memoirs of a "petty con man" written about 1935, legislation passed and photocopies of articles concerning juvenile delinquency and the Chicago Area Project. The file also contains correspondence, news articles, and copies of the weekly news publication of the Quincy Area Project. SEE MC70 (Illinois Department of Corrections, Juvenile Division.)

Box 1:

Folders:

1. Community Committees Data Books, Annual Reports, 1949-54
2. Community Committees Data Books, Annual Reports, 1954,1959-61
3. Community Committees Data Books, Annual Reports, 1961-65, 1968
4. Community Committees, Summary of Activities, 1967-70
5. Programs for dinners held at Near Northwest Side, North West Side and Mangini Youth Centers in Chicago, 1975-76
6. "My Life as a Petty Con Man by E.M.," ca. 1935
7. "Criminal Careers of Former Juvenile Delinquents," ca. 1935
8. "The Area Project" (History of Chicago Area Project after 10 Years), Nov. 9, 1943 (photocopy)
9. "Drug Addiction among Young Persons in Chicago," Oct. 1953
10. Reports on the Chicago Area Project from the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, 1960
11. Illinois Youth Commission, Division of Community Services, Cook County Unit--Staff Conference, Oct. 20, 1965
12. McKay, Henry D., ed.: Subsequent Arrests, Convictions, and Commitments among Juvenile Delinquents, 1967
13. Sorrentino, Anthony: "How to Organize the Neighborhood for Delinquency Prevention," 1976
14. Haffron, Dennis: "Early Years of the Chicago Area Project on the Northside," 1976
15. Ostrander, Lee: The Gauntlet for the Little Bastards, 1980
16. Reference Articles (photocopies), 1925-64

17. Reference Articles (photocopies), 1959-70s
18. Juvenile Delinquency Research (photocopies), 1930s-70s
19. Juvenile Delinquency Research (photocopies), 1940s-70s
20. Juvenile Delinquency Research (photocopies), 1960s-70s

Box 2:

Folders:

1. An Overview of the Chicago Area Project
2. Brochures for the Chicago Area Project
3. Brief History of the Chicago Federation of Community Committees
4. Community Committees—Members and Officers 1974, 1975
5. Chicago Area Project Board of Directors—February 1973, January 1980
6. “Relationship of Chicago Area Project and Community Committees”
7. Working Agreement between Illinois Youth Commission and Chicago Area Projects and Community Committees
8. Suggested by-laws for a neighborhood committee
9. Constitution and by-laws of the Chicago Federation of Community Committees
10. Brochures describing different Community Committees
11. Financial Statements for Trumbull Park Community Committee
12. Loscutio, Joseph: “The Mid North Story,” 1961
13. Raymond, Ray: “The Near North Story,” 1948
14. Beatrice Caffrey Youth Services, Inc—programs 1974-75, President’s annual report, 1974
15. Shaw, Clifford R: excerpts from “Methods, Accomplishments, and Problems of the Chicago Area Project,” 1944
16. Short, James F. Jr.: “The Chicago Area Project as a Social Movement,” 1969
17. Articles relating to the Chicago Area Project
18. Korbin, Solomon: “The Chicago Area Project-A 25 Year Assessment,” 1959 (photocopy)
19. “Questions and Answers regarding the Chicago Area Project”
20. Information about Clifford Shaw
21. Morris, Henry: Masters Degree Graduation Project “The Chicago Area Project”
22. Correspondence of Ray Raymond, 1950’s-1980’s
23. Schlossman, Steven and Sedlak, Michael: “The Chicago Area Project Revisited,” January 1983
24. Report of Division of Community Services Cook County Unit Illinois Youth Commission, July 1, 1963-Nov. 30, 1964
25. News clippings-Chicago, 1969, 1974 (original and photocopies)
26. Correspondence and news clippings—merger of Chicago Area Project with the Department of Children and Family Services
27. Agreement for SSU to begin an Oral History of the Chicago Area Project, (handwritten)
28. Finding Aid for Chicago Area Project collection at the Chicago Historical Society
29. “Some Area Project Assumptions Concerning the Causes of Delinquent Behavior in Low Income Areas”
30. Youth in Trouble-Overall Statistics

31. Tunley, Roul: excerpts from Kids, Crime and Chaos, 1962
32. Flyer for the First National Conference on Delinquency Prevention, 1975 (photocopy)
33. Delinquency prevention articles
34. Dinitz, Simon: "Nothing fails like success," 1977
35. Delinquency prevention organizations
36. Correspondence of Mike Townsend—Chicago Area Project and Illinois Commission on Delinquency Prevention, 1970's
37. Illinois Commission on Delinquency Prevention—founding information
38. Slane, Edna H.: Report on Commission on Delinquency Prevention
39. Staff Directory of Illinois Commissions on Delinquency Prevention
40. Commission on Delinquency Prevention Budget—FY 80, 81
41. Illinois Commission on Delinquency Prevention-Grants-in-aid program
42. Illinois Commission on Delinquency Prevention Monthly Narrative Report, Region IV Quincy, December 1976
43. A Survey of Social Problems in Springfield, IL, 1965
44. Legislation regarding delinquency prevention—national and state
45. Short, James F. Jr.: "Life History, Autobiography, and the Life Cycle"
46. Democratic and Republican platforms, 1980
47. Tomaino, Louis: "The Five Face of Probation"
48. Press Releases, 1980's
49. Quincy history and history of the Quincy Area Project
50. Quincy Area Project – Neighborhood News, 1976-1982 (incomplete)
51. Correspondence of the Quincy Area Project, 1970's-1980's
52. News clippings—The Quincy Area Project, 1970's
53. National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise
54. Townsend, Michael: "Community Organization and Delinquency Diversion"
55. Letters, Articles pertaining to drugs and delinquency
56. Bibliography on Narcotics and Drug Abuse Illinois Department of Corrections, 1971