JARC Records
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1969-1994

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Accession Number: UR001521

Creator: JARC, formerly Jewish Association for Retarded Citizens

Acquisition: Documents deposited in 1992; videos deposited in 1994

Language: Material entirely in English.

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Related Material: One box of videotapes (Box 4) was transferred to the Reuther A-V Department. Other material in the Jewish Community Archives at the Reuther Library, particularly Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit Records and Jewish Community Center Records.

PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are not necessarily arranged in any particular order. The box folder listing provides an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.
Abstract

This non-sectarian, non-profit organization was incorporated in 1969 by a group of parents of developmentally disabled children and young adults. The group was known as the Parents Association for Jewish Residential Care (PAJRC). It met at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit and shared concerns about the future of these children. The group advocated for residential, vocational and recreational services for their children as well as those people who were being released into the community from state institutions. Its goals included heightened community awareness and acceptance of the disabled.

Services developed slowly. In 1972, the first group home serving Jewish developmentally disabled adults opened in Detroit. In 1975 the group’s name changed to the Association for Jewish Retarded and later to Jewish Association for Retarded Citizens. In 1977, a landmark state decision prohibiting local governments from using zoning laws to exclude group and foster homes allowed the work of this group to flourish. In 1980, the group took the official name of JARC, since the language of the previous names was “no longer considered dignified or accurate to describe the people served.” (jarc.org)

Over the years, a constellation of services developed to serve people with a range of disabilities and their families. Programs include semi-independent apartment living, coordinated intervention services for dually diagnosed, and family assistance programs. By 1997, seventeen group homes existed throughout Oakland County. Annual fundraising programs augment state-federal (Medicaid) income to provide a high level of service to program participants.

Important Subjects:

- Community-based social services
- Developmentally disabled
- Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit
- Social service
- Vocational education
**Arrangement**
The collection is not arranged in series. Folders are simply listed by their location within each box. They are not arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes. Box 4, videotapes, was transferred to the Reuther A-V Department.

**Box 1**
2. Clippings, 1976 April-1978 December
3. Clippings, 1978 February-December
4. Clippings, 1980 January-October
6. Clippings, 1981 August-October
8. Clippings, 1982 May-October
10. Clippings, 1983 August-November
12. Clippings, 1984 July-September
13. Clippings, 1984 October-1985 March
14. Clippings, 1985 March-October
15. Clippings, 1985 October-December
16. Clippings, 1986 April-July
17. Clippings, 1986 August-October
18. Clippings, 1987 January-June
19. Clippings, 1987 June-October
20. Clippings, 1987 October-December
22. Clippings, 1989 April-June
23. Clippings, 1991 March-April
24. Clippings, 1991 May-August

**Box 2**
2. Correspondence, 1969-1972
3. Barbara Yetta film, correspondence, invitation, 1970
5. Fundraising, correspondence, lists, 1983-1984
8. Legislative issues, memos, lists, 1982-83
9. Membership list, 1969
11. Minutes, 1971
12. Minutes, 1972
13. Minutes, 1980
14. Board minutes, 1981
15. Board minutes, 1982
16. Board minutes, 1983
17. Board minutes, 1984
18. DAJRC presentation, 1969
20. Correspondence re Eflal family, 1975
21. Policies and practices, personnel, undated
22. General correspondence, 1978-1979
23. Vocational issues, correspondence, 1969

Box 3
1. Newsletters, 1995
2. Newsletters, 1994
3. Newsletters, 1993
4. Newsletters, 1992
5. Newsletters, 1991
7. Newsletters, 1989
8. Newsletters, 1988
10. Newsletters, 1986
11. Newsletters, 1985
12. Newsletters, 1984
13. Newsletters, 1983
14. Newsletters, 1982
15. Newsletters, 1981
17. Newsletters, 1979
18. Newsletters, 1978
19. Newsletters, 1977
20. Newsletters, 1971

Box 4  videotapes, transferred to Reuther A-V Dept.
   “Barbara and Yetta,” 30:00, 16mm film transfer, 1972
   Apartment program, “Give a Man a Fish,” 1984
   “The Road is Too Wide,” 16mm print transfer, 12:00, 1985
   “Not So Very Different,” marked “incomplete,” 15:00, 1986
   “Celebrating Life for 18 Years,” 10:00, 1987
   “Perspectives,” 1988
   “Media presentation, 7:00, 1989
   “JARC Heart,” media presentation, 8:00, 1990
   “The Story of Lee Schanfarber,” media presentation, 10:00. 1992
   “JARC 1993,” 10:25
   “JARC 1994: 25 Years and the Dream Goes On”