

Louise (Sally) Langdon Brown Collection

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(Predominantly, 1960s)**

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The papers of Louise (Sally) Langdon Brown were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs between 1993 and 1995 by Ms. Brown and were opened for research in June of 1999.

Louise (Sally) Langdon Brown was born in Lansing, Michigan on February 3, 1917. She studied psychology and education at Michigan State University and earned a bachelor's degree and teaching certificate in 1938. Brown then came to Detroit where she would begin a long association with the Merrill-Palmer Institute, initially serving as a graduate student assisting with the Institute's longitudinal child development studies program.

Brown's early professional roles included youth counselor and school psychologist. In 1944, she accompanied her husband, Andy, to California where he served in the military while she taught second and third grades in the Fresno Public School system. When Brown returned to Detroit the following year, she resumed work at Merrill-Palmer holding intermittent supervisory and directorial positions. During this time, she continued her education and, in 1954, received a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan. From 1960 to 1964, Brown was Coordinator of Admissions to Services and was a member of the Family Life Faculty at the Merrill-Palmer Institute.

As a dedicated social worker and educator, Sally Brown served in many professional leadership roles throughout her career, among which were Organizing Director of the Detroit/Wayne County Child Care Coordinating Council, 1972-1976; Director of the Michigan Department of Social Services State-Wide Day Care Provider Project in 1980; and Director of the Council on Early Childhood of Wayne State University's College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs, 1977-1988. Among the many honors she received were the National Council of Women's "Woman of Conscience" Award in 1968 and her induction into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 1988.

The Louise (Sally) Langdon Brown Collection consists primarily of correspondence, reports, news clippings, lectures, speeches, teaching and teacher education materials and miscellaneous items relating to nursery and pre-school education in the metropolitan Detroit area and to child care issues in general.

Note: A transcript of an oral interview with Louis (Sally) Langdon Brown is available at the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs as part of the Council on Early Childhood Oral History Project.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Child development--United States
Detroit Public Schools
Early childhood education--Curricula
Education, Preschool--United States

Housing--Michigan--Detroit
Merrill-Palmer Institute
Nursery Schools--Michigan--Detroit
Schoolcraft Gardens Cooperative

Among the important correspondents in the collection are:

Sally Cassidy

Eli Saltz

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1. Bibliographies, 1950s-1960s
 2. "Conference on Early Childhood Education and Public Policy: Legislative Recommendations," Mar 1977
 3. "Day Care as a Social Work Cause: Thirty-nine Million Children--Our Ignored Child Population," by Louise L. Sally Brown and Elizabeth Prescott, May 22, 1978
 4. Detroit Public Schools, 1966-67
 5. Homes by Christmas, 1967-70
 6. Lectures and speeches, 1960, 1968, 1980, n.d.
 7. "Materials for Nursery School Teaching," by Virginia McCaig, c. 1959
 8. Miscellaneous, 1957-69, 1979
 9. Miscellaneous, n.d.
 10. Notes, n.d.
 11. Preschool activities, 1962-67, n.d.
 12. Schoolcraft Gardens Cooperative, Inc., 1949
 13. Welfare Advisory Committee of the Michigan Youth Commission; "Suggestions Regarding Criteria for Costs, Fees and Clientele in Proposed State-Federal Day Care Program," Apr 1963
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