

Metropolitan Coalition of Women Records

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Abstract

Mrs. Jeannette Cleary, Vice-President of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, organized the Metropolitan Coalition of Women in early 1968. Over forty women's organizations from metropolitan Detroit responded to a call from Mrs. Cleary in the aftermath of the 1967 riot and voted in February to organize a coalition, which would meet monthly to "establish better communications in the community among all peoples in order to reduce tension and create greater understanding towards solutions to problems." The coalition's programs concerned consumer affairs, health care, drug addiction, welfare rights, school integration, ADC grants, discrimination by public utilities, and quality nursing care. They were particularly interested in the Prescription Food Program for medically indigent mothers and children. Programs and conferences relating to these interests were presented by the coalition and they promoted these efforts on television and with mailings and letters to public officials and legislators. In November of 1973 it was concluded that the "winds of change had brought about a decline in membership and attendance" and the group decided to disband.

This collection reflects the programs and activities of the Metropolitan Coalition of Women in their effort to create better relations among the people in the Detroit area.

Important Subjects:

Aid to families with dependent children programs
Consumer protection.
Drug addiction.
Education.
Medical care.
Discrimination in housing.
Police-community relations.
Prescription Food Program

Important Names:

Beamer, Katherine
Cleary, Jeannette
Devlin, Alice
Haener, Dorothy

Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

Box 1

- 1 Authority Forms, 1969-73
- 2 Clippings, 1970-73
- 3 Conference on Health Care, 4 Oct 1971
- 4 Correspondence, 1968-71
- 5 Food Prescription Program (Supplemental Food Program), 1970-72
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