Center for Urban Studies—Council on Early Childhood Collection

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The Center for Urban Studies' Council on Early Childhood was established in 1971 to provide a multidisciplinary forum for Wayne State University faculty and students and community representatives in the field of early childhood development. Among the Council's missions were the promotion of interdisciplinary research and the establishment of lines of communication between academia and segments of the community involved in child- and family-centered programs. Academic membership came from the fields of anthropology, child development, education, law, medicine, nursing, physical education, psychology, social work and sociology. Community representatives were affiliated with public schools and Headstart programs, the Detroit/Wayne County Child Care Coordinating Council, Michigan Department of Social Services, campus day care services, United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit and the Detroit Association for the Education of Young Children.

The Center for Urban Studies—Council on Early Childhood Collection documents the Council's activities under the directorship of Louise Sally Langdon Brown, including its participation in the Michigan Department of Social Services statewide Day Care Provider Training Project, the Neighborhood Family Resource Centers and the Child Care Coordinating Council. Also included are records relating to Council-sponsored programs such as "The City As a Support to the Functioning of the Family," a 1978 seminar featuring Dr. Margaret Mead, and the "Children of One-Parent Households" conference held in 1979.

Additionally, the collection contains records of the Early Childhood Education Oral History Project, initiated in 1986 to capture the memories and experiences of pioneers in child care and child development in metropolitan Detroit. The project culminated in 1990 under the Council's successor, the Urban Families Program, with the publication of Serving Children Then and Now: An Oral History of Early Childhood Education and Day Care in Metropolitan Detroit.

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Important correspondents in the collection:

Louise Sally Langdon Brown Charlene Firestone David Hollister

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A large number of photographs, audio recordings and video recordings received with the collection have been transferred to the Archives Audiovisual Department.

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