

Title: Milwaukee County. Children's Court

Reference Code: Mss-0184

Inclusive Dates: 1908-1974

Quantity: 000.3 cu. ft.

Location: MV, E03

Abstract: Milwaukee County's Juvenile Court was established in 1901. It reflected the growing interest in childhood as a stage of development and the move to provide distinct institutions for "delinquent, dependent or neglected" children under the age of 16. In addition to its legal function, the court operated as a social service agency. In 1949, it was renamed the Children's Court. The State Legislature revised the Children's Code in 1977 so that the court's disciplinary function became secondary to its role as a social service agency.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of annual reports, 1908-1965 (not inclusive); a "Report of Visit to Juvenile Court of Milwaukee County," 1944, by Genevieve Gabower of the U.S. Children's Bureau; a survey report "The Juvenile Court and Detention Home," 1946; report "A Study of What is Happening to Juvenile Delinquents in Milwaukee County," 1950; and a "Statement of The Rt. Rev. Msgr. E.J. Flanagan of Boys Town Before the United States Senate Sub-Committee on Wartime Health and Education," 1943; a December 1964 report "Milwaukee County Children's Court Center," and "The First Offender in Juvenile Court: A Study of the Milwaukee County children's Court Center" by William E. Berg, 1973-74.

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Language: English