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Abstract: The core of the collection covers the years 1993-1999 and focuses on two initiatives by different administrations in the California Department of Education, Adult Education Unit, to involve the field in the development of program standards for older adult programs in the state. Other series in the collection are brochures and handouts about California's older adult initiatives, information about six exemplary older adult programs in California, and resources on older adults.
Language of Material: English
Physical Location: The materials are in the California Adult Education Archives maintained by the Outreach and Technical Assistance Network at the Sacramento County Office of Education. For current information on the location of the materials, please consult the OTAN Web site at http://www.otan.us.
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Guide to the California Adult Education Older Adults Collection at the California Adult Education Archives. OTAN FA 009. Outreach and Technical Assistance Network, Sacramento County Office of Education, Sacramento, CA.
Acquisition Information
The items in this collection were donated to the California Adult Education Archives by a Susan Sundell, a consultant in the California Department of Education, Adult Education Unit, later named the Adult Education Office. Ms. Sundell had responsibility for support of California's effort to develop model standards for older adult programs for several years prior to her retirement in 2008.
Administrative History
In the early 1990s, the California Department of Education (CDE), Adult Education Unit, in response to the recommendations in Adult Education for the 21st Century: Strategic Plan to Meet California's Long-Term Adult Education Needs (Adult Education Advisory Committee, 1989) formed a field committee to develop model standards for adult English as a second language programs. Following the publication of that project, in January 1992, five additional task forces were created and charged with developing model standards for other core programs: adult basic education, adult secondary education, parent education, older adults, and adult with disabilities. The model program standards for adult basic education and adult secondary education were published by CDE in 1996. The standards for the other program areas, including older adults, went through several development cycles. The materials in this collection, donated by Susan Sundell, a CDE consultant with responsibilities for an older adults standards development effort in the 2000s, document two of the early development cycles for the older adult standards. The drafts produced in 1994 and 1997 are included, along with working committee data, resources, and correspondence. In the 2000s, an additional development cycle was undertaken to add performance measures to both the published and unpublished program standards. As of 2008, none of the revised model standards documents had been released.
Corporate Names
California. Dept. of Education. Adult Education Unit
Personal Names
Virginia Donnellan
Subject (ERIC Thesaurus)
Adult Programs
Older Adults
Program Design
Program Effectiveness
Standards

**Scope and Content of the Collection**

The primary focus of this collection is the effort by the California Department of Education, Adult Education Unit, to develop model standards for older adults programs during the 1990s. Included in the collection are drafts produced in 1994 and in 1997, along with working committee data, resources, and correspondence. There is also material related to the decision in 1998 to delay publication of the 1997 draft until performance standards could be added. Other series in the collection are brochures and handouts about California's older adult initiatives, information about six exemplary older adult programs in California, and resources on older adults. For further information and a 2001 draft (still unpublished as of 2008), see the Olga Uribe files in the CDE Adult Education Staff Collection, FA 007, i.d.#5880.

**Arrangement of the Collection**

The collection is arranged in seven series: background information on older adult programs in California from 1988-1991; the standards effort from 1993-1995; the standards effort from 1996-1997; the issues related to adding performance standards, 1998-1999; papers related to other California older adult initiatives during the period; materials about six California exemplary programs for older adults; and resources on older adults.

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**Series 1 Older Adult Programs in California 1988-1991**

- **Physical Description:** Two folders
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - Folder 1. Correspondence
  - Folder 2. Enrollment Data

**Box 1 : 2**

**Series 2 Older Adult Program Standards 1993-1995**

- **Physical Description:** Five folders
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - Folder 3. Draft, April 1993
  - Folder 4. Field review, August 1993
  - Folder 5. Drafts with edits and correspondence, 1994
  - Folder 6. Correspondence and program data, 1995
  - Folder 7. Correspondence from seniors, 1995

**Box 1 : 3**

**Series 3 Older Adult Program Standards 1996-1997**

- **Physical Description:** Seven folders
- **Scope and Content Note**
  - Folder 8. Correspondence, January-March 1996
  - Folder 9. Virginia Donnellan contract to revise standards
  - Folder 10. Older Adults Program Standards Committee, 1996
  - Folder 11. Model Program Standards draft, October 1996
  - Folder 12. Model Program Standards draft, December 1996
  - Folder 14. Correspondence and related materials, 1997

**Box 1 : 4**

**Series 4 Older Adult Program 1998-1999**

- **Physical Description:** Three folders
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