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Agency History
In 1954 the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Commission was created to investigate and study all phases of the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics and other factors necessary to the reduction and prevention of chronic alcoholism and other excessive uses of alcohol. The commission periodically reported to the Governor and the Legislature with recommendations. The Division of Alcoholic Rehabilitation was established in the State Department of Public Health on September 11, 1957, with the passage by the Legislature of Assembly Bill 3117. This measure transferred to the department the activities of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Commission, which was abolished.

The Office of Alcohol Program Management was established within the Health and Welfare Agency by legislation in 1970 with the responsibility and authority for planning, establishing and conducting programs for the prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of alcoholics in California. In the same year the State Office of Narcotics and Drug Abuse Coordination was established by the Governor. Responsibilities included coordinating narcotics and drug prevention and treatment programs, acting as a central information resource, and assisting community organizations in initiating effective programs to prevent and treat narcotics addiction and drug abuse.

In 1979-80 the two programs emerged, becoming the Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The name changed again in 1981, becoming the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. The name and the functions have remained the same to
the present. The Department directs and coordinates the State's effort to prevent and minimize the adverse effects of alcohol misuse, narcotic addiction, and drug abuse. Through a partnership with California's 58 counties, the Department provides services in the areas of alcohol and drug prevention, identification, early intervention, treatment, care, and rehabilitation. More than 90 percent of the Department's current budget is used to fund programs at the county level.

   Physical Description: 24 file folders.
   Scope and Content Note
   Arrangement
   Arranged alphabetically by county.
   Plans submitted to the state from county government for the purpose of receiving funds for mental health services. These services included programs for alcohol and drug abuse, social rehabilitation, mental retardation, and the mentally disordered. The following counties are represented in the files: Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, King, Lassen, Mono, Orange, Plumas, Sacramento, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, and Siskiyou. Plans include evaluations, budgets, reports, and correspondence.

   Physical Description: 31 file folders.
   Scope and Content Note
   Arrangement
   Arranged alphabetically by subject.
   Subject files created for general administrative purposes. The files reflect the diversity of information required for departmental needs and include specific record types. Headings include organization, budgets, reports, transition, PCP, proposition 13 impact, and women.

   Physical Description: 16 file folders.
   Scope and Content Note
   Arrangement
   Arranged chronologically by legislative session and thereafter numerically by bill number within Senate and Assembly divisions.
   Legislative bill files relating to legislation of interest to the department. Files include enrolled bill reports, analyses from departmental staff and other sources, correspondence, memoranda, background studies and reports, publicity concerning the legislation, and statements on fiscal impact. Major subjects include criminal penalties for treatment of alcoholism, drug abuse, and medical use of marijuana.