Scott Wirth Operation Concern Collection, 1974-1980

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Abstract: Founded in 1974, Operation Concern was the first counseling service established by gay and lesbian individuals to serve the San Francisco Bay area's underserved gay and lesbian people and their families. Scott Wirth was a staff member with Operation Concern from 1975-1980. The collection contains correspondence, subject files, ephemera, publications, reports, grant proposals, fliers, brochures, notes, correspondence, and minutes.

Physical Location: The collection is stored onsite.

Language of Materials: Collection materials are in English.

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Conservation Note
During processing, the entire collection was re-foldered and re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes. All metal staples and paper clips were removed. Some brittle and items have been photocopied for preservation. Some addresses, phone numbers, and names have been redacted for reasons of privacy.

Biographical Note
Dr. Scott Wirth is a practicing psychologist who received a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Union Graduate School in 1976 and licensure from the State of California in 1978. During 1975 Wirth applied to and was accepted for a graduate internship with Operation Concern where he remained on staff until 1980.

Founded in 1974, Operation Concern was the first counseling service established by gay and lesbian individuals to serve the San Francisco Bay area's underserved gay and lesbian people and their families. Operation Concern later merged with 18th Street Services to form New Leaf, which ceased operation on October 15, 2010.

Scope and Contents
The Scott Wirth Operation Concern collection contains correspondence, subject files, ephemera, publications, reports, grant proposals, fliers, brochures, notes, correspondence, and minutes. These documents provide insight into how Operation Concern sought funding, how it was viewed by peers in counseling circles and the community it served, and how the staff approached issues pertaining to delivery of adequate service to a previously underserved clientele. The collection helps to construct a timeline of LGBT individuals recognizing a community need and organizing a grassroots response that would eventually come to serve as a model for counseling centers around the country.

Arrangement
Folders 1-21 of the collection are arranged chronologically. Folders 22-29 include undated materials arranged alphabetically according to subject.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Operation Concern. -- Archives
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Community mental health services--California--San Francisco
Gay men--Counseling of--California--San Francisco
Gays--Counseling of--California--San Francisco
Lesbians--Counseling of--California--San Francisco
Social work with gays--California--San Francisco

Folder 1
James L. Stoll speech prepared for presentation to California Legislature, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, Subcommittee on Medical Education and Health Needs. "Hearing re Suicide" University of California, Los Angeles, April 6, 1974

Folder 2
Scott Wirth notes, correspondence, and drafts pertaining to internship with Operation Concern, April-June 1975

Folder 3
July-August 1975
Operation Concern Program Research Component Statement of Purpose
"Operation Concern Gets $90,000 Grant" Sentinel, August 28, 1975

Folder 4
October 1975
"10/3/75" Diagram
"Gay Health Problems" seminar form with notes attached
"Research Program Progress Report"

Folder 5
James D. Coleman "A Program for Research Development... Social Science and Operation Concern," November 1975

Folder 6
December 1975-March 1976
"12/75 talk with Bill"
"12/11 STAFF MTG" questionnaire
"Core Areas: Operation Concern," January 26, 1976
"Gay Health Workers Conference," March [1976]
"Re: Emancipated Minors," March 24, 1976

Folder 7
April 17-22, 1976
"Student Training Program" application form, April 1976
James L. Vaughan to Operation Concern staff regarding suggestions for a book for the Operation Concern training program, April 17, 1976
Operation Concern Staff Meeting, April 22, 1976

Folder 8
April 26-29, 1976
Proposed Clinical Supervision and Didactic Training Program: Psychotherapy with Lesbians and Gay Men [draft], April 26, 1976
Operation Concern Meeting, April 29, 1976

Folder 9
May-June 29, 1976
Jim Vaughn, "Gay Therapy" Vector May 1976
Joel H. Kreisman, completed application to "Student Training Program"
Dr. Bob Brown to Dr. Jim Vaughn, "Re: Supervisory Evaluation of Scott Wirth," May 18, 1976
"Resident In Psychiatry Evaluation Report" (form), June 7, 1976

Folder 10
Application for Mental Health 314(d) Contract Funds for Services for Homosexuals and Their Families, June 30-July 1, 1976

Folder 11
Untitled Questionnaire and Training Agenda, July 1-12, 1976

Folder 12
James L. Vaughan, to Operation Concern staff regarding "Conference on Coming Out," July 25, 1976

Folder 13
August 1976
Jim Stoll to Operation Concern Staff "Re: Attached Reporting Form," August 6, 1976

Folder 14
John De Cecco, "Personal Position Paper" Prepared for the meeting of the Board of Directors Operation Concern, April 20, 1977

Folder 15
Application for renewal of Mental Health 314(d) Contract Funds for Services for Homosexuals and Their Families May 27, 1977 "Sexual Assault: Not Only Women" workshop schedule September 24, 1977 May-September 1977
Application for renewal of Mental Health 314(d) Contract Funds for Services for Homosexuals and Their Families, May 27, 1977
"Sexual Assault: Not Only Women" workshop schedule, September 24, 1977

Folder 16
January 30-September 18, 1978
"Scott Wirth: I" Time log March 15-July 1, 1978
Scott Wirth to Paul Dague regarding employment related concerns and program funding, September 14, 1978
Paul [Dague] to "Friends," "Thank you for your letter writing support," September 18, 1978

Folder 17
September 30–November, 1978
End of Year Report, September 30, 1978
"Scott Wirth II" Time log, July 1-October 1, 1978
Scott Wirth to Paul Dague "A follow up note to my letter of September 14," October 1, 1978
"Issues And Opinions: Proposition 6" *Inner Spirit*, November 1978

Folder 18
November 12, 1978
Scott Wirth to Operation Concern Staff "People handle being upset in different ways," November 12, 1978
General note
Names redacted per donor's request.

"Keep the Struggle Going! Our Survival Is At Stake!" November 1978

Folder 19
November 29-December 31, 1978
Note and Letters to Scott Wirth, November 29-December 26, 1978
"Scott Wirth III" Time log, October 1-December 31, 1978
Proposed Operation Concern Budget July 1, 1978-June 30, 1978 [sic], 1978

Folder 20
1979
"Grand Rounds Month of February," February 1979

Folder 21
Scott Wirth Correspondence, August-October 1980
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Brochure Information/Brochures, undated
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Contracting with Pacific Medical Center [notes], undated
Folder 24
Operation Concern Staff and Board Member Lists, 1975-1976
Folder 25
Pamphlets, 1977-1978
General note
"No on 6 / Protect Your Rights / Stop Briggs," "Vote No on 6 & 7," "Prop. 6: A Tool of Fear / Vote No," "Save Our Children from Homosexuality!" and "Vote Against Repeal of Human Rights June 7."

Folder 26
Adria Blum and Nancy Feinstein: "Researching the Women's Community," undated
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Saralie Pennington Article, undated
Folder 28
Saralie Pennington Article (second draft), undated
Folder 29
Uncategorized Material, undated
Suggested research priorities
Donation card
Organizational chart
Board of Supervisors Coordinations
Proposed Operation Concern Fact Sheet for Student Applications
Operation Concern Fact Sheet
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