Descriptive Summary
Title: Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits records
Dates: Circa 1990s-2000s
Collection Number: 2019-81
Creator/Collector:  
Extent: 1.25 linear feet (one carton)
Repository: GLBT Historical Society
San Francisco, California 94103
Abstract: Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (BAAITS) is a volunteer organization whose self-described mission it is “to restore and recover the role of Two-Spirit people within the American Indian/First Nations community by creating a forum for the spiritual, cultural, and artistic expression of Two-Spirit people.” The collection consists of bylaws, administrative and financial records, meeting minutes, grant applications, materials relating to the organization’s yearly Two-Spirit Gatherings and similar events, newsletters, fliers, early website printouts, and related materials.
Language of Material: English
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Acquisition Information
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Biography/Administrative History
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Scope and Content of Collection
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Indexing Terms
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