Men of All Colors Together San Francisco Bay Area (MACT SFBA) records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Men of All Colors Together San Francisco Bay Area (MACT SFBA) records

Dates: 1980-2002

Collection Number: 2000-64

Creator/Collector: MACT-SFBA

Extent: 7.7 linear feet (1 carton, 5 boxes, 2 oversize boxes)

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Abstract: This collection consists of records compiled by Men of All Colors Together San Francisco Bay Area (MACT SFBA). The bulk of the collection is comprised of records from the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention. These include correspondence and memos; board meeting minutes; financial records; organizational records; press releases; and materials from HIV/AIDS programs that served queer men of color, including the Gay Men of Color AIDS Institute, Native American AIDS Project and the Brothers Network.

Language of Material: English

Access

Collection is open for research with the exception of mailings lists, which are restricted until 2015 and 2016. Funding for processing this collection was provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Gary, Co-Chair of MACT-SFBA, on October 21, 2000.

Biography/Administrative History

Formed in San Francisco in 1980 by Mike Smith, Black and White Men Together (BWMT) originated as a consciousness-raising and support group for gay men involved in or interested in multiracial relationships. A national organization grew from the San Francisco chapter, as groups were soon established across the United States. In 1996, BWMT San Francisco Bay Area changed its name to Men of All Colors Together; the change was retroactive to November 1995. The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention (NTFAP) was a San-Francisco based advocacy, educational and outreach group that specifically targeted queer men of color. Officially founded in July of 1988, it originated as a program of the National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) and was preceded by AIDS education and support work carried out by BWMT chapters across the country. The San Francisco Chapter of BWMT formed its AIDS Task Force in 1985. This evolved into a non-profit AIDS service provider, Bay Area HIV Support and Education Services (BAHSES) by the late 1980s. NTFAP originally organized under BAHSES and contracts were secured under its non-profit status. In 1992 NTFAP received its own non-profit status and direct ties between it and BAHSES began to unravel. BAHSES eventually closed in early 1994. In the late 1990s NTFAP had a financial crisis that unexpectedly destroyed the organization. It closed in 1998.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms
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African-Americans

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