Guide to the S.O.S. Program Collection ARS.0053

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Descriptive Summary
Title: S.O.S. Program Collection
Dates: 1963-2004
Collection number: ARS.0053
Creator: Moltzen, Sally
Collection size: 1 box
Contributing Institution: Archive of Recorded Sound
Abstract: Lecture recordings and transcripts from the S.O.S. Program, a pioneering divorce therapy group founded in Palo Alto, California in 1963 by Sally Spray (now Sally Moltzen).
Language of Material: English
Access
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Scope And Contents
The S.O.S. Program Collection consists of recordings, transcripts and supporting material documenting the S.O.S. Program, a series of public service lectures and discussion groups for people undergoing divorce, founded by Sally Spray (presently Sally Moltzen) in Palo Alto, California in 1963. The S.O.S. Program, which according to Moltzen was "the first organized professionally-led discussion group in the country," provided some of the first access to mental health professionals by persons with marital problems outside of private practice. Their successful model for divorce group therapy inspired many similar groups around country. A more detailed list of collection contents, including the names of speakers, is available.
Arrangement
Both the tape recordings and their transcripts reside in a single container. A list is enclosed which describes the contents of the tapes.
Sponsor
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Indexing Terms
Moltzen, Sally
Parents without Partners, inc..
Divorce therapy

Box 1  Series 1. Lecture recordings 1963-1969
      Physical Description: 32 open reel tapes (one 5" and thirty-one 10" reels) ; 3 audiocassettes

Box 1  Series 2. Documentation 1963-2004
      Physical Description: 3 folders

1. Publicity files: contents list ; programs ; fliers (some photocopies) ; list of board members ; list of publicity 1966-1969 ; article reprints
2. Lecture transcripts
3. Parents Without Partners Kit