Finding Aid to the AIDS Community-Based Organizations Records, 1989-1993

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Abstract: This collection consists of information from 26 different Community based AIDS Organizations, collected by Willie Walker as part of the University of California San Francisco’s AIDS History Project.

Languages Represented: Collection materials are in English

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There are no alternate forms of this collection.

Separated Material
None

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
AIDS (Disease)
AIDS (Disease) in children
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AIDS Religious response
AIDS Health Project
Adolescent HIV Coalition
African-American Men’s Caucus
AIDS Educators Network
AIDS Health Project
Communidad Unida en Respuesta AL SIDA (CURAS)
HIV Educators Group
HIV Housing Network
HIV Treatment Advocate
Interfaith Conference on AIDS and ARC (1987 : San Francisco, Calif.)
Interreligious Coalition on AIDS
Instituto Familiar de la Raza
KAIROS House
Latino Coalition on AIDS/SIDA
Most Holy Redeemer Parish (San Francisco, Calif.)
Latino Coalition on AIDS/SIDA
National Minority AIDS Council
Needle Exchange Community Task Force
San Francisco Medical Society
STOP AIDS Project
Urban Indian Health Board (San Francisco)
Visiting Nurses and Hospice of San Francisco
AIDS Intervention Training Center

Acquisition Information
The University of California, San Francisco acquired these files as a part of the AIDS History Project, an NHPRC sponsored project that took place between 1987 and 1995.

System of Arrangement
Folders are arranged alphabetically by name of organization.

Processing Information
Processed by Julia Bazar, March 2005

Organizational Histories
UCSF AIDS History Project was started in 1987 to promote the preservation of historically significant resources relating to the beginning of the AIDS Epidemic, focusing on the responses by community-based organizations (CBOs) within San Francisco. Nancy Zinn, Head of Archives and Special Collections at the UCSF Library, was the Principal Investigator for the project until her retirement. She was subsequently replaced by Robin Chandler, who became the Principal Investigator for the project in April 1995. Bill (aka Willie) Walker was the Archivist for the project. In 1991 a National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant was received to fund the AIDS History Project Records Survey. More than 50 agencies were surveyed to identify the records that should be permanently preserved. A second two-year NHPRC grant funded an extended survey of collections and development of an acquisition plan. A major part of the project was providing instruction in records management practices to the CBOs. A third NHPRC grant was received in 1993 for another two years for the Records Acquisition and Processing Project (RAPP) phase; this grant lasted until July 1995, later extended to December 1995.

The organizations represented in this collection cover a range of starting dates and structures, from the AIDS HIV Nightline, a project of the San Francisco Suicide Prevention, which was started around 1986, to the HIV Educators Support Group, which was organized in 1991 by David Baker. The HIV AIDS Housing Network was a coalition of other AIDS and social service organizations, such as: Catholic Charities, Homeless Advocacy Project, AIDS Foundation, BCA, Hope House, Harvey Milk Club, Red Cross Homeless Prevention, DSS, Mayor’s Office, Larkin Street, and Shanti.

Some of the organizations targeted ethnic or special-needs communities. The Adolescent HIV Coalition, the Children's AIDS Network, and the Youth Environment Study focused on children and teenagers. Latino issues were addressed by CURAS
(Communidad Unida en Respuesta Al SIDA or Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA), the Latino Coalition on AIDS/SIDA, the Latino Commission on AIDS, the Latino Service Needs within the SF AIDS Service System report and, Instituto Familiar de la Raza. Native American AIDS issues are addressed by the Urban Indian Health Board. African American organizations are represented by the African-American Men's Caucus and the Black Coalition on AIDS. The National Minority AIDS Council draws on several different minority-based organizations.

There are two broad religious coalitions, the Interfaith Conference on AIDS and the Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, and one congregationally based organization, the Most Holy Redeemer Support Group, in the collection. Medical and treatment issues are represented by the AIDS Educators Network, the AIDS Health Project, the San Francisco Medical Society AIDS Task Force, the VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) of San Francisco, and the HIV Treatment Advocate. The other organizations in the collection are KAIROS House, the Needle Exchange Community Task Force, and the Stop AIDS Project.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection was created as part of the University of California San Francisco's AIDS History Project (1987 to 1995). Willie Walker, the archivist for the project, acquired one folder of institutional records from each of 26 Community-Based Organizations. Some of these folders have since been separated into two to four folders primarily due to size, but the Stop AIDS Project was also divided thematically.

The organizations represented within this collection cover a wide variety of subject matters from race, religious groups, and AIDS educators, to crisis lines, medical responses, and treatment issues, to adolescents and children, housing, and intravenous drug users. These folders contain minutes, newsletters, grant proposals, procedural manuals, teaching manuals, training manuals, fundraising documents, budgets, flyers, and other organizational materials.

Series 1 AIDS Community-Based Organization Records 1989-1993

Arrangement

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Scope and Content Note

The HIV Educators Support Group folder includes an announcement of the founding meeting of the organization and a network resource list, as well as newsletters. The AIDS Educators Network also includes a members list, along with announcements and minutes. The Children's AIDS Network folder contains information on the first two meetings of the network (1989), while the Youth Environment Survey (YES) folder contains information on Project Menu (Methods of Estimating Needle Users at Risk for AIDS). The Black Coalition on AIDS (BCA) folder(s) contains a wide range of information from minutes to handwritten notes, including programs from their first two annual awards dinners, newsletters, position papers and proposals. The African-American Men's Caucus folder consists of four issues of the Chain Links newsletter. The Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA (CURAS) folder includes information on disputes and controversies within the organization. The Latino Coalition on AIDS/SIDA, contains a wide range of materials including handwritten notes on some of their meetings. The Latino Commission on AIDS and the Latino Service Needs within the SF AIDS Services System folders each contain a major report. The National Minority AIDS Council folder contains correspondence with a local Asian American group and copies of the NMAC Update and the T.A.-Technical Assistance Newsletter, as well as the Public Policy Primer. The Urban Indian Health Board folder primarily concerns the need for emergency funds. A directory of religious-based AIDS counselors can be found in the Interreligious Coalition on AIDS Folder, while the Interfaith Conference on AIDS contains the proceedings of their conference held March 21-22, 1987. The Most Holy Redeemer Support Group folder includes a training manual Care for Persons with AIDS/ARC. The Stop AIDS Project has been subdivided into the largest number of individual folders. The Proposal for a National Stop AIDS Resource Center, and the Core Volunteer Training materials were given their own folders because of their discrete nature. The three separate folders containing a Progress Report, Program Statistics, and Project Reports have been combined into a single folder and the final folder holds the remaining items from this organization. The VNA Visiting Nurses Association) San Francisco folder contains only a single flyer about their services.
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