Finding aid for the Economic and Youth Opportunities Agency of Greater Los Angeles records 0473

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Abstract: The Economic and Youth Opportunities Agency of Greater Los Angeles records contain reports, minutes, and memorandums that document some of the activities of this agency between 1964 and 1970, specifically the administration of Head Start programs and the Teen-Post program. The collection also contains reports produced by the Agency.

creator: Economic and Youth Opportunities Agency of Greater Los Angeles.

Historical note
The Youth Opportunities Board (YOB) was established in Los Angeles County in 1962--as a Joint Powers agency incorporating school, probation, and social services--to address high levels of both juvenile delinquency and unemployment among out-of-school youth. Three volumes of a 1963 YOB proposal, in the collection, to remedy "youth failure" in South Central Los Angeles, reflect a then typical approach to multiple problems in impoverished communities.

One year later, the federal War On Poverty was launched. The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 provided extraordinary funds for poverty programs and called for "maximum participation of the poor themselves", a requirement disqualifying the YOB as an all-professional body with little community representation. Changing its name to the Economic and Youth Opportunity Agency (EYOA), the group nonetheless served as a coordinating agency and prime contractor for many federal anti-poverty programs.

Scope and Content
The Economic and Youth Opportunities Agency of Greater Los Angeles records contain reports, minutes, and memorandums that document some of the activities of this agency between 1964 and 1970, specifically the administration of Head Start programs and the Teen-Post program. Both of these programs were funded by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 through the Agency, but administered by delegate agencies; in the case of Head Start, the records provide information about the Social Work Advisory Committee to Head Start and in the case of Teen Post, the records provide information about the Los Angeles Area Federation of Settlement and Neighborhood Centers, which provided administrative oversight on the project. The Head Start records contain memorandums, financial information, and some reports; the Teen Post records include program proposals, evaluation and progress reports, memorandums, and correspondence. The collection also contains reports produced by the Agency.

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Memorandums
Minutes
Reports
Social work with youth--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources
Youth--Services for--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources
Box 1, Folder 1  "Preliminary Report. Job and Career Development for the Poor in the Los Angeles Area"  1966 March 1
Box 1, Folder 2  Minutes of the N.A.P.P. [Neighborhood Adult Participation Project] Committee 1966 December 7
Box 1, Folder 3  "Head Start Spring-Summer, 1966: A Proposal for Funding under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964"  1965 November
Box 1, Folder 4  Social Work Advisory Committee, Head Start 1967
Scope and Content
Memorandums; John Milner report on Head Start programs; meeting agendas; training information.
Box 1, Folder 5  Social Work Advisory Committee, Head Start 1968-1970
Scope and Content
Salary scales; draft report, "Does the System Serve the Poor?"
Box 1, Folder 6  Teen Post "Crash" program 1965
Box 1, Folder 7  Teen Post proposal to OEO 1966
Box 1, Folder 8  Teen Post evaluation reports, correspondence, minutes 1966-1967
Box 1, Folder 9  Teen Post proposal for continuation 1966 April
Box 1, Folder 10  Teen Post program memorandums and reports 1967
Box 1, Folder 11  Teen Post Leadership Program Evaluation report 1969
Box 1, Folder 12  Summer program proposal for Teen Post Incorporated 1970
Box 2  "Proposal from Youth Opportunities Board of Greater Los Angeles: A Program for Youth, South Central Study Area" 1960s
Scope and Content
Volumes 2, 4, 6.
Box 3  "The War against Poverty in Los Angeles" 1965
Scope and Content
Proposal to federal Office of Economic Opportunity.
Box 3  "The War against Poverty in Los Angeles" 1967
Scope and Content
Description of the programs administered by the EYOA.
Box 3  "Distribution of Poor 4-Year Olds in Los Angeles County by Census Tract and Community Action Agency Area Statistical Report" 1967 September
Box 3  "Preliminary Design of an Information System for the Youth Opportunities Board of Greater Los Angeles" 1964 August 31