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Abstract

Records of the Women's Information Center of Morgantown, West Virginia. Includes correspondence, minutes, reports, newsletters, clippings, and other material.

Creator

Women's Information Center, Morgantown, W. Va.

Creator

Thurmond, Reba

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Extent

0.51 Linear Feet 1 document case, 5 in.; 2 document cases, 2.5 in. each; 1 oversized folder, 0.1 in.

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Biographical / Historical

The Women's Information Service (WIC) was born out of a group of West Virginia University (WVU) campus and community women who organized an abortion referral agency called the "Abortion Referral and Women's Information Center" in 1970. By 1971, the group was brought under the sponsorship of the Bennett House, WVU's ecumenical campus ministry center located in the Walters House at 221 Wiley Street, and shortened its name to the "Women's Information Center." Under the advisory of United Methodist campus minister Reba Thurmond, and with a loose affiliation with the University Christian Council (UCC), who loaned them space in the Walters House, the WIC focused on pregnancy counseling, pregnancy testing, sex education, and the implementation of programs related to women's concerns and women's movements.

One of the earliest projects of the group was the creation of the Rape Information Service (now the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center) in collaboration with other women's groups in the area. In 1976, tensions arose between the UCC and the Trinity Episcopal Church of Morgantown, which owned the Walters House, leading to a non-renewal of the lease to the UCC in 1980. The Bennett House, including the WIC, relocated to the P.E.E.C.H. Building at 305 Willey Street. In 1977, the WIC was officially incorporated as a non-profit. The UCC, Bennett, House, and WIC relocated once again, this time to the Rogers House at 193 Willey Street in 1984. The organization was active until at least 1993 and voluntarily dissolved in 2002.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains the records of the Women's Information Center (WIC), which was in operation from 1970 to 2002. It mostly contains operational records beginning from their time as an incorporated organization in 1977 and extends to 1993. There are also reference materials used by the WIC. Prominent topics include abortion, displaced homemakers, and reproductive rights. Materials include agendas, correspondence, flyers, minutes, newspaper clippings, newsletters, and notes.

Keywords

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Description of Subordinate Components

Abortion

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242937

Unit Date 1973-1984 and undated

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Abortion - Parental Notification

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242938

Unit Date 1981-1985 and undated

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Container 2 (Folder)

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Adoption

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242939

Unit Date 1979-1984 and undated

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Container 3 (Folder)

Development and Planning

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242940

Unit Date 1977-1980 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Displaced Homemakers Project

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242941

Unit Date 1980 March-1980 May

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Finances

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242942

Unit Date 1978-1993 and undated

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Forums and Programs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242943

Unit Date 1978-1986 and undated

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General

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Unit Date 1971-1988 and undated

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General Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242945

Unit Date 1977-1984 and undated

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Meetings and Retreats

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242946

Unit Date 1976-1992 and undated

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Container 10a-10b (Folder)

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Newsletters

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242947

Unit Date 1978-1988

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Container 11 (Folder)

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Pregnancy Testing and Counseling

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242948

Unit Date 1982-1986

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (Folder)

"The Project"

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242949

Unit Date undated

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Container 1 (Folder)

Reba Thurmond Correspondence

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242950

Unit Date 1978-1986 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 2 (Folder)

Rumor Clinic

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242951

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

Simulation Sharing Service

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242952

Unit Date 1972-1973 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 4 (Folder)

Wholistic Health Day

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242953

Unit Date 1979-1980 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 5 (Folder)

Win As Much As You Can Tally Sheet

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242954

Unit Date undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

Preston County Student Papers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242955

Unit Date 1978 March 09

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Container 7 (Folder)

Student Worker Placements

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242956

Unit Date 1980-1981 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 8 (Folder)

Student Workers

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242957

Unit Date 1979-1985 and undated

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

Container 9 (Folder)

Abortion - Parental Notification

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242958

Unit Date 1981-1984

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 1 (Folder)

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Crittenton Services

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242959

Unit Date undated

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Container 2 (Folder)

Forums and Programs

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242960

Unit Date 1981 November and undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 3 (Folder)

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General

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242961

Unit Date 1977 September 14 and undated

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Container 4 (Folder)

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Meetings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242962

Unit Date 1987 October 01

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Container 5 (Folder)

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Newsletters

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242963

Unit Date 1978-1986

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 6 (Folder)

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Newspaper Clippings

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242964

Unit Date 1972-1978 and undated

Mixed Materials 3 (Box)

Container 7 (Folder)

Planning Sheets

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/242965

Unit Date 1978-1980

Mixed Materials 1 (Folder)