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Summary Information

Repository	Chicago Public Library: Harold Washington
Title	Women and Girls Collective Action Network Records
Date [inclusive]	2004-2011
Extent	6.0 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Women and Girls Collective Action Network (WGCAN) was established in Chicago, Illinois in August 2004 as an organization dedicated to ceasing violence and social injustices against women and girls. WGCAN provided training, resources and programs to strengthen connections across communities and promote collective action. The Women and Girls Collective Action Network records span from 2004-2011 and contain documents pertaining to the internal workings of the organization as well as material created for and during their public projects and programs.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

The Women and Girls Collective Action Network (WGCAN) was established in Chicago, Illinois in August 2004 as an organization dedicated to ceasing violence and social injustices against women and girls. Over time, the organization broadened its reach, serving as a community center that combined individual transformation and self care with social activism. WGCAN provided training, resources and programs to strengthen connections across communities and promote collective action. In 2005, WGCAN launched its first initiative, Females United For Action (FUFA), a female-led coalition that focused on healing, consciousness-raising, and transformative social change. WGCAN helped release two analytical reports, *Communities Engaged in Resisting Violence* (2007), and *Status of Girls in Illinois* (2009). From 2004-2010, Melissa Spatz served as WGCAN's founding Executive Director. The organization closed in 2011.

Scope and Contents note

The Women and Girls Collective Action Network records span from 2004-2011 and contain documents pertaining to the internal workings of the organization as well as material created for and during their public projects and programs. Documents include meeting minutes, correspondence, flyers, research, workshop exercises, statistical reports and surveys. The records also include a collection of photographs from "Alternative Windows," a Females United For Action (FUFA) project that exhibited photographs taken by local teenagers depicting positive images of women. The records are arranged into two series, "Administrative" and "Programs."

Administrative Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Spatz, Michele, 1954-

Subject(s)

- Female activism
- Females United For Action
- La Ley – Chicago Radio Station
- Teenage girls Abuse of Prevention
- Women and Girls Collection Action Network

Series I. Administrative

Collection Inventory

Series I. Administrative 2004-2011

Scope and Contents note

This series contains documents related to the formation of the Women and Girls Collective Action Network, board meetings, training workshops and conferences. Most workshops and training sessions were led by WGCAN's executive director, Melissa Spatz. The series is arranged chronologically by type of material.

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Articles of Incorporation 2007 August 7	1	1
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Training – Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health Staff 2004 December	1	13
Training – Mikva’s Young Women’s Leadership Council 2004 December	1	14
Training – Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women’s Network 2005 March	1	15
Training – Women and Girls’ Leadership Project 2005 July	1	16
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Training – Transgender 2008 May 6	1	22
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Conferences – Women, Action and Media 2006 March	1	25
Conferences – Alinsky Centennial 2009	1	26
Flyers and brochures from WGCAN office 2010	1	27

Series II. Programs 2004-2009**Scope and Contents note**

This series contains material related to the various programs and projects spearheaded by the Women and Girls Collection Action Network (WGCAN), including programs coordinated by Females United For Action (FUFA). Programs represented include WGCAN's 2005 summit, Breaking Down Barriers; the Community Accountability Project, which aimed to find innovative approaches to end violence against women; FUFA's 25 Pegaditas campaign, which resulted in the removal of sexist advertisements from Chicago's Latin Music radio station La Ley; and Alternative Windows, a photographic exhibit organized by FUFA. The series also contains documents pertaining to two reports that the organization helped produce, Communities Engaged in Resisting Violence (2007), and Status of Girls in Illinois (2009). The series is arranged chronologically by program.

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Females United For Action – Meeting 2006 July 12	4	10
Females United For Action – Meeting 2006 July 31	4	11
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Females United For Action – Females CORE meeting 2007 December 12	5	7
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Females United For Action Retreat – General 2006 January 21	6	1
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Females United For Action Retreat – Large font petition 2006 January	6	4

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