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CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT: An Inventory of Its Restitution Unit Records

OVERVIEW

Agency: Minnesota. Department of Corrections.
Series Title: Restitution Unit records.
Dates: 1972-1980.
Quantity: 0.9 cubic feet (1 box).
Location: 118.H.18.3B

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

In 1973, the Minnesota Corrections Department began experimenting with an alternative to incarceration for selected property offenders through the opening of the Minnesota Restitution Center, a limited residential program with 22 beds in Minneapolis. This program provided offenders with an opportunity to make restitution to their victims without any jail service. The Center was closed in 1976 and the staff reallocated to the Restitution Unit, created to enhance and encourage more diverse use of restitution throughout the state. It served as an information bank and clearinghouse for programs, screened and provided broker services for all adult state offenders eligible for restitution programming and early release from state institutions, assisted local communities in developing restitution programs, and identified issues and problems related to restitution in an effort to find solutions to enhance and expand the use of restitution to victims of crime. In July 1979, the program was transferred to the Minnesota Corrections Board.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The records consist mainly of correspondence kept by Unit Director John McLagan and Victim Services Director Joseph Hudson, and studies and analysis conducted by Alternative Behaviors Associates, Inc. The correspondence documents the operation and funding of the department's restitution programs; the studies document a series of grants received by the Unit to develop innovative programs regarding restitution as a form of correction.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Corrections--Minnesota.
Criminals--Rehabilitation--Minnesota.
Probation--Minnesota.
Reparation--Minnesota.
Restitution--Minnesota.

Persons:

Hudson, Joseph.
McLagan, John.

Organizations:

Alternative Behaviors Associates, Inc.
Minnesota Corrections Board.
Minnesota Restitution Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**Preferred Citation:**

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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Location

- 118.H.18.3B Correspondence and miscellaneous papers, 1976-June 1979. 7 folders.
Correspondence, principally of John McLagan, director of the Restitution Unit, and Joseph Hudson, Director of Victims Services, regarding the operation and funding of the restitution programs of the Corrections Department. The department received a series of grants for innovative programs regarding restitution as a form of correction. Materials are filed in reverse chronological order.
- Alternative Behaviors Associates, Inc. Restitution Study Summary Reports for Arrowhead Community Corrections and the Dodge, Fillmore and Olmsted Community Corrections, circa 1977.
- Alternative Behaviors Associates, Inc. Training Design and Systems Analysis, March 1, 1978. 2 folders.
- Alternative Behaviors Associates, Inc. An Analysis of the Functioning of Restitution Programs, Judicial District 1, [1979?].
- Alternative Behaviors Associates, Inc. An Analysis of the Functioning of Restitution Programs, Judicial District 4, [1979?].
- Alternative Behaviors Associates, Inc. An Analysis of the Functioning of Restitution Programs, Judicial District 10, [1979?].
- Alternative Behaviors Associates, Inc. Present and Future Use of Restitution in Nicollet County, October 1979, and in Blue Earth County, March 1980.
- Reports, 1972, circa 1975, 1976. 3 items in 1 folder.
Parole – No Parole Supervision Study, October 23, 1972.
Written by Joe Hudson.
- Minnesota Restitution Center [overview of operations], circa 1975.
Interim Evaluation Results: Minnesota Restitution Center, May 1976.