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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

An Inventory of Its Children's Trust Fund Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency:	Minnesota. Dept. of Human Services.
Series Title:	Children's Trust Fund files.
Dates:	1987-2001.
Quantity:	0.5 cu. ft. (2 partial boxes).
Location:	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

The Minnesota Children's Trust Fund was created by the Legislature in 1986 [Laws 1986 c423] to financially support community programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect. The law authorizes child abuse prevention councils in any county or group of counties that meets the criteria set forth in *Minnesota Statute 119A.13*. It also authorizes the Commissioner of Human Services, with the advice and consent of the advisory council, to disburse funds to private nonprofit and/or public agencies for programs and services addressing primary and secondary prevention of child abuse and neglect; monitor the spending of trust fund money by prevention programs; provide technical assistance to local councils and agencies working in the area of child abuse prevention; provide for the coordination and exchange of information on the establishment and maintenance of prevention programs; provide statewide educational and public information seminars to develop public awareness on preventing child abuse; encourage professional persons and groups to recognize instances of child abuse and work to prevent them, make information on child abuse prevention available to the public and to organizations and agencies, and encourage the development of prevention programs; and finally, to recommend to the Governor and the Legislature changes in state programs, statutes, policies, budgets, and standards that will reduce the problems of child abuse, improve coordination among state agencies that provide prevention services, and improve the condition of children, parents, or guardians in need of prevention program services.

The law also created an advisory council to advise and assist the Commissioner in carrying out *Minnesota Statutes 119A.10-119A.17*. It includes members appointed by the Governor who have a demonstrated knowledge in the area of child abuse and represent the demographic and geographic composition of the state, local government, parents, racial and ethnic minority

communities, religious community, and professionals and volunteers; members appointed by the commissioners of Human Services and Health; and one senator and one representative.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Appear to be the files of the Children's Trust Fund Executive Director, whose office was housed in the Human Services Department. Included are advisory council agenda packets, correspondence pertaining to appointments and lists of members, reports to the Legislature and Governor, and fund newsletter.

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:

Abused children—Services for—Minnesota.
Child abuse—Law and legislation—Minnesota.
Child abuse—Minnesota—Prevention.

Organizations:

Children's Trust Fund (Minn.).
Children's Trust Fund (Minn.). Advisory Council.
Minnesota. Dept. of Health.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location	Box	
126.F.19.5B	1	Advisory Council agenda packets, February 18, 1997 - April 17, 2001. 24 folders. Members: Legislators, 1987-1999. Members: Open appointments, 1996-2000. Members: State department representatives, 1987-1990, 1993-1998, 2001. Report to the Legislature and to the Governor, 1991.
133.B.10.5B	2	Biennial Report to the Legislature and to the Governor, 1993, 1995. 2 items in 1 folder. The Children's Fire, 1990-1999. 2 folders. Newsletter; appears to be complete.