HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
An Inventory of Its Family Services Collaboratives Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The Children's Mental Health Integrated Fund legislation [Laws 1993 c224] created children's mental health collaboratives as entities in which counties, school districts, local mental health entities, and juvenile corrections are mandatory partners that come to an agreement with parents, public health, and other community-based organizations to pool resources and provide integrated and coordinated services. The collaboratives recognize that children with severe emotional disturbances or who are at risk of such disturbances often require services from multiple service systems and, in order for the services provided to be effective, non-duplicative and non-fragmented, a network of child-serving agencies in which the family is a full partner are needed.

To ensure funding, the Department of Human Services combines a variety of grants to counties and collaboratives to create a flexible fund at the local level. The flexible fund reduces barriers, improves access to services, funds non-traditional, individualized options, and supports a least restrictive placement option (e.g., not in psychiatric hospitals or residential schools). One or more collaboratives enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Human Services to obtain such funding. The Commissioner may also contract with the Department of Education for purposes of distribution. The collaboratives agree to supply the Human Services Department with expenditures information and an annual report.

The files mainly document the work of the University of Minnesota’s Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement [CAREI] in compiling the data received from the collaboratives into reports for the Human Services Department, the Education Department (and its predecessor, the Department of Children, Families & Learning), and other interested agencies. There are also CAREI handouts and select meeting materials and correspondence.
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:
- Child mental health services—Minnesota.
- Children—Services for—Minnesota.
- Community-based family services—Minnesota.
- Family services—Minnesota.

Organizations:
- Children's Mental Health Integrated Fund (Minn.).
- Minnesota. Dept. of Education.
- University of Minnesota. Center for Applied Research and Education Improvement.

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Meetings and correspondence, 1997.
Arranged in chronological order.
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Barriers to Collaboration and Service Integration, July 1996.
The Report on a Consultation with the Children’s Mental Team, Minnesota Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health, October 1996.
Evaluation reports, 1997-1998. 3 folders.
Summary of Two-Year Outcome Reports, September 1997.