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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract  The Dorothy Bradbury Papers contain a manuscript copy of Bradbury’s unpublished book, The Children’s Advocate, which tells the story of the establishment and operation of the United States Children’s Bureau from 1905-1946.

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Biographical Note  Dorothy Bradbury became Director of the Division of Reports of the Children’s Bureau in the 1940’s under its second chief, Grace Abbott. Prior to that she had worked for the Iowa Child Welfare Research Station and the Extended School Services Division of the U.S. Department of Education. Bradbury published several books and articles in the field of child welfare, the best-known being Learning to Care for Children (1943, 1946), which was co-authored by Edna P. Amidon.

Scope Note  The Children’s Advocate by Dorothy Bradbury is the story of the establishment and operation of the United States Children’s Bureau from 1905-1946. Although the original manuscript was never published, an abstract entitled Four Decades of Action for Children: A History of the Children’s Bureau was published by that agency in 1956. This version, as well as the second edition of 1962, included final chapters entitled "To the Future" written by Bureau Chiefs Martha M. Eliot and Katharine B. Oettinger respectively. Omitted in these brief histories were
the detailed descriptions of Bureau personnel, projects, and problems as related in Bradbury's manuscript.

Related Resources
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Subject Headings
• Abbott, Grace, 1878-1939
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    Correspondence
    • Rejection letter to Dorothy E. Bradbury from the University of Chicago Press, February 27, 1947 with two critical reviews by readers for the Press.
    • Dorothy E. Bradbury, Washington, D.C., to Grace Abbott, March 28, no year.