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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract                  Established in 1908, the Hyde Park Center was an independent welfare
                          organization providing services to children and youth in the neighborhood,
                          such as a free kindergarten and playground, clubs and activities, and job
                          training for youth. The organization was established in response to the
                          problem of homeless and wayward young boys in the neighborhood. It
                          was affiliated with the Hyde Park Juvenile Protective League, a branch
                          of the Juvenile Protective League founded by Jane Addams in 1901, and
                          relied heavily on mostly female volunteers from the neighborhood and local
                          churches. This collection consists of six bulletins published by the Hyde Park
                          Center.

Information on Use

Access                     The collection is open for research.

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**Historical Note**

The Hyde Park Center was an independent welfare organization that provided a free kindergarten for toddlers, built a playground, and organized athletic and educational activities for children and teenagers in the neighborhood. The organization was formed in 1908 after the discovery of gangs of homeless and neglected boys in the Hyde Park area. In 1909, the Hyde Park Center became affiliated with the Hyde Park Juvenile Protective League, a branch of the Chicago-wide Juvenile Protective League, which was founded by Jane Addams and her colleagues at Hull House and was devoted to preventing juvenile delinquency. The center was not formally affiliated with a church, but many representatives from local churches were involved in its administration. Activities and clubs were divided along gender lines, with sporting, debate and manual skills emphasized for boys, while homemaking skills, such as cooking and sewing, were emphasized for girls. The center also hosted a library and conducted vocational training and job placement for youth. Most of those who worked at the Center were volunteers, usually women from the Hyde Park neighborhood. The center was supported by membership dues and charitable contributions.

**Scope Note**

The collection contains six bulletins published by the Hyde Park Center over the period 1910-1917. The bulletins contain reports of the activities, accomplishments and plans of the organization, lists of its members, annual and project budgets, and advertising for local Hyde Park businesses.

**Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

**Subject Headings**

- Hyde Park Center
- Hyde Park Juvenile Protective League
- Juvenile delinquency -- Prevention
- Juvenile Protective League
• Hyde Park (Chicago, Ill.)

INVENTORY

Box 1
Folder 1
  Bulletin No. 3, 1910

Box 1
Folder 2
  Bulletin No. 4, 1912

Box 1
Folder 3
  Bulletin No. 5, 1912
  View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/hpcenter-0001-003

Box 1
Folder 4
  Bulletin No. 6, 1914

Box 1
Folder 5
  Bulletin No. 7, 1915
  View digitized documents. http://pi.lib.uchicago.edu/1001/scrc/md/hpcenter-0001-005

Box 1
Folder 6
  Bulletin No. 7, 1915 (copy 2)

Box 1
Folder 7
  Bulletin No. 8, 1917