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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract  Contains records of Americans for Indian Opportunity, primarily compiled by LaDonna Harris. The collection forms part of the archives of Native American Educational Services (NAES.)

Information on Use

Access  The collection is open for research.

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Historical Note  Established in Chicago in 1974, NAES College (Native American Educational Service) aimed to improve the leadership of Native communities and to ensure that tribal knowledge, traditions and values play a major role in the higher education of Native students. Before closing its doors in 2007, NAES College offered a single degree, a Bachelor's of Arts in General Studies with an emphasis in Public Policy, and tribal knowledge, community service, community development and leadership.

Americans for Indian Opportunity is a non-profit organization founded and led by LaDonna Harris (b. 1931) and other Native American activists in 1970, as a network to develop initiatives and opportunities to enrich the cultural, political and economic lives of Indigenous peoples.

Scope Note
The documents in this collection are from the offices of Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO), and were compiled primarily by LaDonna Harris, AIO President. The records include conference materials, economic development reports, and reports to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

**Related Resources**

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

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- Harris, LaDonna
- Americans for Indian Opportunity
- NAES College
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