



Mid-Continent Life Services Corporation Records (S0050)

Collection Number: S0050

Collection Title: Mid-Continent Life Services Corporation Records

Dates: 1975-1979

Creator: Mid-Continent Life Services Corporation

Abstract: The Mid-Continent Life Services Corporation Records contain meeting minutes, agendas, bylaws, correspondence, and newsletters documenting the organization's mission to provide community services to the LGBT community in St. Louis.

Collection Size: 3 cubic feet
(82 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Related Collections: Additional materials related to the Mid-Continent Life Services Corporation Records can be found in the following collections:

[Lisa Wagaman Papers](#) (S0542)

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Historical Note:

Mid-Continent Life Services Corporation (MLSC) was founded in 1975 and incorporated as Metropolitan Life Services, Incorporated in 1976. The MLSC provided social services to the St. Louis LGBT community such as a community center, referrals to health facilities and other gay support groups, and a telephone hotline. The community center, located at 4940 McPherson in St. Louis, provided an activity center, counseling, and Sunday evening get-togethers for members of the LGBT community. The MLSC Hotline Committee also became affiliated with the St. Louis Metro Area System of Service Hotlines (MASH). Other activities of the MLSC included a speaker's bureau, life enrichment classes, and media interviews to help the public understand and accept the LGBT community. The MLSC also founded the statewide Missouri Gay Caucus and served as a member of the National Gay Task Force before the MLSC dissolved in 1978.

Arrangement:

The collection has been into the following five series:

Organizational Papers, Correspondence, and Publications
Telephone Hotline Papers
Hotline Phone Log
Other Groups
Newsletters

Please note that this collection has been minimally processed and has not been heavily indexed.

Scope and Content Note:

Organizational Papers, Correspondence, and Publications

This series contains MLSC's incorporation certificates, board of directors meeting minutes, membership meeting minutes, correspondence, directories, speaker's bureau confirmations, donation acknowledgments, and publications. The materials in this series are arranged chronologically from 1975 to 1979.

Telephone Hotline Papers

This series contains the Metropolitan Association of Service Hotlines meeting minutes, the Hotline Board of Advisors meeting minutes, and the hotline training and forwarding manual. The materials in this series are arranged chronologically from 1975 to 1978.

Hotline Phone Log

This series contains listings of all calls received, the nature and time of each call, and the solution or referral offered by the hotline staff worker. The materials in this series are arranged chronologically from 1975 to 1978.

Other Groups

This series contains mailings and publications of other local, state, and national gay groups in contact with MLSC from 1975 to 1981. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically.

Newsletters

This series contains issues of the MLSC newsletters, including *Prime Time* and *Gay St. Louis*. The materials in this series are arranged chronologically from 1975 to 1979.

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