



St. Louis Abused Women's Support Project Inc. Records (S0118)

Collection Number: S0118

Collection Title: St. Louis Abused Women's Support Project Inc. Records

Dates: 1977-1987

Creator: Women's Safe House

Abstract: The St. Louis Abused Women's Support Project Inc. Records contains memos, flyers, newsletters, newspaper clippings, a questionnaire, correspondence, bylaws, legal advice, and a legislation notice relating to the organization's mission to providing help and shelter for women subject to domestic violence.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The records were donated to the University of Missouri by the St. Louis Abused Women's Support Project Inc. on November 11, 1977 (Accession No. SA1154).

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Historical Note:

The St. Louis Abused Women's Support Project Inc. was founded in March 1977 with the objective of stopping the pattern of abuse of women. Through donations and volunteer support, they were able to open the first domestic violence shelter in the St. Louis area in 1978. The shelter was rented to the St. Louis Abused Women's Support Project Inc. by the Sisters of Loretto for just one dollar per year and was able to accommodate up to 26 women and children. The location of the original shelter is unknown. Throughout its first few years, the Support Project sponsored events regarding women's rights, including celebrations, dinners, and fundraising events. The organization also sponsored and held peaceful protests, including a march to protest violence against women called "Women Take Back the Night." They also sponsored a large scale walk organized by Off the Beaten Path, which started in Chicago, Illinois, and ended in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1993, the St. Louis Abused Women's Support Project became The Women's Safe House and continues to serve the women and children of the St. Louis area to this day.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into a single folder:

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains correspondence, memos, flyers, newsletters, newspaper clippings, bylaws, legal advice, a questionnaire, and legislative documents relating to the organization's efforts in helping women and children subject to domestic violence and abuse find shelter and provide resources to help them. Included in this collection are issues of the *St. Louis Abused Women's Support Project Newsletter*, which clarified the purpose of the shelter, upcoming events, resources for women suffering from abuse, including financial support.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Correspondence, memos, flyers, newsletters, newspaper clippings, bylaws, legal advice, a questionnaire, and legislation documents, 1977-1987
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