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White House Conference on Children and Youth (WHCCY),  
1950-1971

Collection 278

## Champaign County Historical Archives

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**Inclusive Dates:** 1950-1971

**Physical Description:** 1 box

### **Provenance:**

The White House Conference on Children and Youth records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in 2018 by Margaret Stewart, who was the head of the 1970 Champaign County Committee for the WHCCY.

### **Access:**

The record are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of the Urbana Free Library.

### **Historical Note:**

The White House Conference on Children and Youth (hereafter abbreviated as WHCCY) was a national meeting convened by the President of the United States roughly once a decade from 1909 to 1971 that was dedicated to the discussion of topics related to child development and welfare. One of the resolutions of the 1950 Mid-century meeting was that state and regional organizations needed to be formed in order to research the unique challenges that children faced on a local level and the role that government programs, as well as educational and religious institutions, could play in helping to alleviate them. The Illinois Commission on Children and Youth was formed a year later in order to achieve this goal, while Champaign County's United Community Council was created in 1954 for the same purpose. Both of these organizations were responsible for assembling the Illinois Committee for the WHCCY and the Champaign County Committee for the WHCCY (respectively), two years prior to the start of both the 1960 and 1970 WHCCY. These Committees were devoted specifically to creating reports that would be presented at the WHCCY.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

This collection contains information on the 1950, 1960 and 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth, primarily as it related to Champaign County and the state of Illinois. Preliminary studies, annual reports, and workshop findings of the Champaign County Committee and the Illinois Committee for the WHCCY are included. The bulk of the material is focused on the information gathered regarding children and general family life in Champaign County and the state at large by these committees both in preparation for and in the aftermath of the aforementioned conferences. A few newspaper clippings from the Champaign County area regarding the findings of that county's committee are included, most of these relate directly to the section of the report discussing the excesses of the police department toward minority youth. The collection also includes pamphlets that describe the activities of the White House Conference itself and their intended impact.



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**Name Headings**

White House Conference on Children and Youth -Illinois Committee for WHCCY -Champaign County  
Committee for WHCCY

**Subject Terms:**

Children

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged chronologically at the folder level

**Container listing**

**Box 1**

Folder 1: Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth, 1950

Folder 2: Champaign County Committee for WHCCY Reports, 1959-1960

Folder 3: Illinois Committee for WHCCY Reports, 1960

Folder 4: White House Conference on Children and Youth, 1960

Folder 5: Follow up workshop on WHCCY and Illinois comprehensive plan for child and family care, 1960-  
1963

Folder 6: Champaign County Committee for 1970 WHCCY Reports, 1968-1970

Folder 7: White House Conference on Children and Youth, 1970

Folder 8: Champaign County Committee Commission on Children, 1971