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Abstract: Papers of a faculty member of the University of Missouri School of Social Work and Director of Undergraduate Studies include correspondence, publications, committees, and reports, with the bulk of material dealing with the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, which was held in Washington, D.C. in 1977, and also material from the Mid-Missouri Regional Conferences.

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**Historical Note:**

Elizabeth Ann “Bettyann” Dubansky was born June 25, 1931, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Israel and Lillian Lambe Dubansky. She received her BA from the University of Iowa and her MSW from Washington University in St. Louis. After working with rehabilitation and chronic disease services at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, she left to help develop a graduate program in social work at the University of Missouri. She was a faculty member at the school from 1966-1991.

Dubansky was an advocate for the Independent Living movement, and served on the Board of Directors for Services for Independent Living in Columbia. She took a twelve-month sabbatical in 1980-1981 to work with Paraquad, Inc., an independent living agency in St. Louis for the severely disabled. There, she developed and promoted independent living programs. She also spent a five-month sabbatical in 1988 working at Ellis Fischel Cancer Center and served as the interim executive director of Services for Independent Living after her retirement. She served on the Governor's Commission on the Handicapped in the mid-1980s. She was a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the Missouri Association for Social Welfare.

Dubansky was President of the Hillel Board of Directors and she was an advocate for the Jewish Shalom, the synagogue for the Columbia congregation. She was active in Hadassah and served as president of the local chapter. She died in Columbia, Missouri, on April 11, 2006, and is buried at the Glendale Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following five series:

- Committees
- Correspondence
- Programs
- Publications
- Reports

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Committees**

This series contains materials related to both the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals to be held in Washington, D.C. in 1977, and material in preparation for the regional conferences on Handicapped Individuals which were held across Missouri from 1976 to 1979. Issues such as admissions to the conferences, reports to the committees on issues of importance to the handicapped, and university adherence to 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Recommendations to the University of Missouri Chancellor, and other issues for handicapped students attending or wishing to attend the University of Missouri. There are also several pieces of legislation or suggested legislation. Legislation topics include transportation and employment for the handicapped, 1971-1983.
Correspondence

This series consists of letters to members of the Council of Persons with Disabilities from Bettyann Dubansky and Max Starkloff discussing the draft of a position paper of the Missouri Council of Persons with Disabilities to be used by Missouri State Treasurer, James Spainhower, in his campaign for Governor. Also included are memorandums with a list of members of the Advisory Council; various House Bills related to the handicapped; thank you letters to Dubansky for presentations given on behalf of the disabled community in Columbia, and letters to the University from Dubansky regarding handicapped parking on campus, 1973-1984.

Programs

This series contains correspondence, newsletters, reports, memorandums, and meeting minutes which focus on the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals which was held in Washington, D.C., and the Mid-Missouri Regional Conferences on Handicapped Individuals which were held across the state. Among the issues discussed at the conferences were employment of the handicapped, and programs for the handicapped. There is some material on early discussions (1961-1969) of handicapped student programs, 1961-1979.

Publications

This series contains material regarding rehabilitation and developmental disabilities legislation, as well as various studies and evaluations dealing with issues of importance to persons with disabilities, 1969-1983.

Reports

This series contains the findings of numerous reports dealing with issues facing persons with disabilities. Contributors were the University of Missouri School of Social and Community Services, and the School of Social Work. Included in the reports is a series of awareness papers covering multiple topics related to the disabled created by the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals and a Handicapped Availability Survey of the Metropolitan area of Columbia, Missouri, 1966-1978.

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