Documenting Disability Rights History

Collaborating and Cooperating
Temple University Libraries, Special Collections Research Center

• Includes Urban Archives which documents the social, economic, political, and physical development of the greater Philadelphia region throughout the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries

• And the University Archives which documents Temple University
Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia, Visions of Equality Oral Histories

https://library.temple.edu/scrc/public-interest-law-center

PILCOP

as part of the production of the 1984 videotape Visions of Equality for the tenth anniversary symposium of the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia. The collection covers the Philadelphia area and deals with educational equality, labor, the handicapped, senior citizens, African Americans and Hispanics, women, the environment, and public housing.
PILCOP and Broderick records

- Received initial transfer of PILCOP records and Judge Broderick’s Pennhurst case files in 2009
- Second transfer in 2017
- PILCOP (now PILC) internal review process
Partnership

- Institute on Disabilities, TU College of Education, one of the sixty-seven University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service funded by the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Contact and introductions
- Shared funding requests
Dennis Haggerty papers

- https://library.temple.edu/scrc/dennis-e-haggerty-papers
Additional Acquisitions

- Eleanor Elkin
- Leona Fialkowski

https://library.temple.edu/scrc/leona-fialkowski-papers
Additional Acquisitions

- Dee Coccia
- Tom Gilhool
Activists

• Papers often aren’t rich/of much research value
IOD Collaborations: Visionary Voices

- IOD: Visionary Voices interviews fill in the gaps
- https://disabilities.temple.edu/voices/interviews.asp
Stories from Selinsgrove Center and KenCrest Services.

And Exhibit

https://disabilities.temple.edu/voices/afkol/lives-interviews.html
Performance: A Fierce Kind of Love

- https://disabilities.temple.edu/voices/afkol/play.html
Another IOD Request

- Pennhurst case files
- Issues of volume and access
  - Sampling
  - HIPAA
  - Medicaid
Pennhurst Files
Description

• Thoughts about language and subject headings
  • Disability rights; Philadelphia Jewish Archives; Archives for Black Lives in Philadelphia
  • SCRC statement on harmful language: https://library.temple.edu/scrc/research/harmful-language
  • Fialkowski example
QUESTIONS?

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