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Summary Information

Repository:	Congregational Library & Archives
Creator:	Chicago Area Project
Title:	Chicago Area Project records, 1932-1937.
ID:	RG5338
Date [inclusive]:	1932-1937
Physical Description:	.53 Cubic Feet (2 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Chicago Area Project (CAP) was founded in the 1930's by Clifford Shaw, a University of Chicago sociologist, who believed every neighborhood could reduce juvenile delinquency by improving community life. This collection contains the records from the first decade of CAP's operation and includes financial records, field reports, and correspondence.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Chicago Area Project (CAP) was founded in the 1930's by Clifford Shaw, a University of Chicago sociologist, who believed every neighborhood could reduce juvenile delinquency by improving community life. Shaw's approach was to rally the parents to establish the Russell Square Community Committee. Shaw's objective was to lessen the attraction of delinquency for gang youth. Besides approaching youth - and encouraging families to take a leadership role in the community committees - Shaw also embarked on an even more controversial path. He began involving some of the "unsavory" elements of the community in neighborhood plans and the decision-making process. Recognizing that the "bad elements" of a community often wielded power and could not be simply avoided, Shaw actually solicited their support and utilized their power and strength to meet the community's needs.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains material related to the first decade that CAP operated. It includes financial and organizational information, field reports from various places across Illinois and correspondences between various members of the organization.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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Acquisition Information

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Controlled Access Headings

- Community organization.
- Corporation reports -- Religious aspects.
- Juvenile delinquency -- Illinois -- Chicago.
- Juvenile delinquency -- Prevention.
- Social surveys -- Congregational churches.
- Chicago Area Project

Bibliography

"Historical Look at Chicago Area Project." *Chicago Area Project*. 2017. <http://www.chicagoareaproject.org/historical-look-chicago-area-project>

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Reports and Letters, 1932-1934	box 1	folder 1
Delinquency, 1933	box 1	folder 2
Delinquency, 1933-1934	box 1	folder 3
Field Reports, 1933-1934	box 2	folder 1
Diary of Ralph Lewis - Dramatics 1&2, 1933-1934	box 2	folder 2

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Finances and Letters, 1933-1937	box 2	folder 3
Northside Breeze, 1933-1937	box 2	folder 4
Northside Breeze, 1934-1935	box 2	folder 5
West and Northside Chicago, 1934-1936	box 2	folder 6
Charles Brown and Annabelle Ward Reports, 1935-1936	box 2	folder 7
Field Reports, 1936	box 2	folder 8