



BHC-MSS 0119

## Guide to the Records of the United Way of Eastern Fairfield County

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** United Way of Eastern Fairfield County

**Title:** Records of the United Way of Eastern Fairfield County

**Dates:** 1972-1981

**Quantity:** 1 record carton

**Abstract:** Individual branches of the United Way work within local communities to meet their needs. Within this collection are examples of allocation work done by the United East of Eastern Fairfield County to meet Bridgeport's needs in the late 1970s.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Bridgeport History Center

### **Administrative History:**

The United Way is a global non-profit organization founded in 1887. The United Way of Eastern Fairfield County, originally the United Fund of Eastern Fairfield County and now the United Way of Coastal Fairfield County, was founded in 1955 in order to provide service to Bridgeport and the surrounding areas.

Individual branches of the United Way work within local communities to meet their needs. This can take the form of running various drives, community events, and fundraisers as well as provide financial and staff support for fellow community organizations as a program partner. Within Bridgeport this has often meant partnering with local organizations such as Action for Bridgeport Community Development (ABCD), the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, Hall Neighborhood House, and other community partners.

A more complete history of the organization is being researched at this time.

### **Scope and Content note:**

This collection's scope is fairly narrow in content, with the bulk of material focused on the allocation of money from the United Way to various Bridgeport and Fairfield County groups. These include Action for Bridgeport Community Development (ABCD), Hall Neighborhood House, and the Sterling Home, along with Good Will and the Girl Scouts among others.

Many of the allocations focus on Youth Services. As the time period is distinctly from the 1970s to 1981, the records provide insight into community needs during a time in Bridgeport's history when manufacturing was beginning to leave the city, along with the departure of many white families to the suburbs.

**Arrangement Note:**

Series I contains general information along with a directory of youth services. Series II focuses on the allocation of funds process, starting with the guide manual, moving to funding requests, and then showing final grants.

The third series contains documents from the organization's reference library, ranging from sample applications to annual reports. The fourth and final series represents additional material that was included in the donation.

**Administrative information:**

**Provenance:** 1981.49

**Preferred Citation:**

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**Names and Subject Tracings***Corporate names*

Action for Bridgeport Community Development (ABCD)  
United Way of Eastern Fairfield County | no2012158852

*Subject tracings*

Nonprofit organizations | sh85032985  
Nonprofit organizations--Management | sh2008108402  
Resource allocation | sh85113168

**Detailed box and folder listing**

## Box 1

## Series I - General information

1. Information kit, 1978
2. Services for Youth [directory], undated

## Series II - Allocation process

3. 1981 Allocations Process [staff manual], 1980-1981
4. Funding requests, 1980-1981
5. Funding requests, 1980-1981
6. Funding requests, 1980-1981
7. Funding requests, 1980-1981
8. Good Will Industries of Western Connecticut, 1989
9. Allocation recommendations for 1980
10. Allocations, 1980
11. Allocations, 1981
12. Report form, 1981

## Series III - Resource library documents

13. Operational grant proposal for comprehensive health planning in the Greater Bridgeport area, 1972
14. Urban youth services, an analysis of utilization, 1976
15. Site visitation review procedures, 1977
16. Annual report, 1979

Series IV – Other material

17. Training services conference on legal and regulatory affairs for human service agencies, 1981
18. Highlights of the public/private task force meeting, 1979
19. Enrollment campaign information, 1981
20. Enrollment campaign information, 1981
21. Additional material, 1980