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DESCRIPTION: Papers of Mobilization for Youth, a social service agency operating on the Lower East Side of New York City, conceived in 1957 and formally founded and funded in 1961. Included are correspondence, minutes, memoranda, reports, project proposals, financial records and related printed materials, documenting various social services focused on community development, the elimination of poverty and the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency. Among its programs are manpower and training services such as the Neighborhood Youth Corps, a remedial education and work program, and the New Careers Program, providing both instruction and on the job training; individual, group and family services, such as counseling and supportive services for juvenile delinquents; and mental health services. The correspondence is with city, state and federal agencies as well as private social service organizations. Included among the correspondents is John V. Lindsay. There are also files for Bertram M. Beck, Executive Director, the Board of Directors, the various committees, and project funding activities.

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Mobilization for Youth Papers: A List of Cataloged Correspondence

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WHAT IS IT? Mobilization for Youth, Inc. is a non-profit corporation consisting of representatives of institutions in the project area, persons recommended by the N.Y. School of Social Work of Columbia University and certain officials of New York City.

WHAT IS ITS PROGRAM? A demonstration project in the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency, it offers an action program integrated with research and evaluation. Basically, it is a social experiment, using as its laboratory an urban residential area with a high delinquency rate, large and diverse enough to be representative of problem areas in many communities throughout the nation.

WHERE IS IT LOCATED? The project area, located in Manhattan, extends from E. 14th St., south to the Brooklyn Bridge. It spans 67 blocks, exclusive of public, cooperative and private housing developments. Tenements (18,903 units) comprise 55.7 per cent of its housing, with public projects accounting for 31.6 per cent. Over a third of the area's housing units are substandard.

HOW DID MOBILIZATION BEGIN? It grew out of the concern of agencies and institutions on New York's Lower East Side over increasing juvenile delinquency. The idea originated at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Henry Street Settlement in June of 1957.

Together, the agencies of the area and Columbia's N.Y. School of Social Work developed an action-research program which was subsequently reviewed by a committee of experts brought together by the National Institute of Mental Health.

As a result of this review, a two-year planning period (Dec. 1959 to Dec. 1961) was approved and financed by the NIMH. The hypothesis developed by Drs. Richard A. Cloward and Lloyd E. Ohlin in their book, Delinquency and Opportunity: A Theory of Delinquent Gangs (1960) was used as a theoretical base.

WHAT IS MFY'S THEORETICAL BASE? The Cloward-Ohlin view of the sources and causes of delinquency is that poverty imposes handicaps upon the potential of young people for achievement, as does discrimination based on race and religion. That young people, unless they are offered a stake in conformity, become alienated from their society and its values and traditions. And that much delinquency can be understood as representing illegitimate ways of achieving success goals.

Thus, according to the theory, efforts to prevent delinquency will succeed only if they provide young people with genuine opportunities to behave differently--especially through creative educational and exciting work programs--and if they involve residents directly in improving the social and economic opportunities which their community affords.

THE PROGRAM'S HIGHLIGHTS. The two major aspects of Mobilization's program are (1) Action (work, education, the community, special services to individuals and families and special services to groups), and (2) an integrated program of research and evaluation.

Action programs and the project's budget are outlined on separate sheets.

MOBILIZATION FOR YOUTH, INC.

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Beck, Bertram M. - Correspondence (Congratulatory letters on MFY appointment)
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Applications for Demonstration or Training Grants

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Committee on Community Development: General
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 Contract between New York City Economic Opportunity Committee and Mobilization
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 Cultural Arts Center
 Cultural Arts Program
 Cultural Arts and Education
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 Curriculum Center - Proposal and Progress Report
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 Division of Educational Opportunities - General
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 Dolci, Danilo - Correspondence with Bertram Beck 1965
 Dolci, Danilo - Committee: Educational Materials (two folders)

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Dolci, Danilo - Committee: Fund Raising
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 HEP News
 Higher Education of Socially and Educationally Restricted Youth
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Individual, Family and Group Services
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 Legal Services Unit - YA Corporation
 Letter from Howard G. Janover to Board of Directors - 29 October 1964
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 Letter to Anne M. Roberts, Anti-poverty Operations Board
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- Mobilization for Youth Staff Newsletter
- Mobilization for Youth Synopsis: Full Description of Division of Educational Opportunities
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- Occupational Shortages and Surpluses - October 1969
- Office of Economic Opportunity - Bureau / Office of Economic Opportunity - Economic Development
- Operational Studies
- Panel Discussion on Functional Systems
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 Remedial Education Program
 Repertory Theatre
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"They Want to Make Good" - Job Center of Division of Employment Opportunities
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