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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
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Abstract:	<p>The New York StateWide Senior Action Council records document the issues faced by senior citizens in New York State over the course of almost three decades. The bulk of the records consist of subject files in the areas of health care, Medicare, and social security issues. In addition to topical material, these records document the fundraising activities of the organization and its various sub-groups. Notably included are publications issued by the organization, including the Sentinel newsletter (1992-1996) and the Senior Action newspaper (1977-1991). The bulk of the material, found in the subject files, is useful for documenting issues about which NYSSAC was active. NYSSAC's work with New York state legislators, as well as government and private agencies in advocating for seniors and social justice issues, and their outreach efforts in education and advocacy, are well documented throughout the collection. Records of the activities of Executive Directors Michael Burgess and Bonnie Ray are the most prominent in the collection.</p>

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Administrative History

The New York StateWide Senior Action Council (NYSSAC) is a grassroots membership organization made up of individual senior citizens and senior citizen clubs from all parts of New York State. NYSSAC was organized in 1972 from War on Poverty funds with the goal of developing a statewide organization of older New Yorkers who could advocate for their interests and needs regarding services, programs and policies effecting older persons. NYSSAC's unique history and role has been to focus on the needs of low-income and minority seniors. Although there have been some revisions of the organizational by-laws through the years (see Chronology), the mission of NYSSAC has remained constant.

The New York StateWide Senior Action Council Mission statement:

To achieve through united action the dignity, well-being and security of all senior citizens of New York State;

To provide a unified and articulate voice on behalf of older New Yorkers, especially as advocate for the low-income elderly and low-income persons of all generations;

To promote the general well-being of the aging through educational processes outlining the legislative needs of the elderly;

To promote the best interest of children and youth by intergenerational programs of mutual support;

To develop in the community an awareness of the needs and the capabilities of older persons;

To help develop the leadership abilities of the elderly through leadership training and skills utilization;

To monitor programs and services to the elderly of New York State to ensure their full representation and participation in planning, implementation and evaluation. [*New York StateWide Senior Action Council: Older New Yorkers' Grassroots Advocacy Voice Since 1972*. 6/18/03. www.nysenior.org/About_StateWide. 6/19/03].

As of 2001, in addition to the core senior action council, NYSSAC is comprised of several other branches targeting specific issues facing seniors; these include the Patients' Rights Project which sponsors the Patient's Hotline and deals with Peer Review Organizations (PRO) and Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) issues; the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Advocacy Group with 50 groups statewide, and the Rural Senior Health Organizing Project (RSHOP). NYSSAC also consists of satellite Regional Councils that work in association with the statewide council in Albany.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, NYSSAC has worked on a number of issues and provided trainings and educational workshops throughout the state. In its first decade (1972-1982), NYSSAC addressed issues affecting low-income seniors, through outreach and advocacy training in areas that included Food Stamps; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); Energy Assistance Programs, and the Senior Citizen Crime Victim and Prevention Program.

Throughout the 1980s, NYSSAC played a key role in advocating for laws ending mandatory retirement and enacting the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program. In 1986, Rose Kryzak (1900-1999) led senior activists in a march on Governor Cuomo's office, demanding action on EPIC legislation. In 1988, NYSSAC used a New York Foundation grant to fund the Development and Restructuring Project, aimed at making NYSSAC financially self sufficient for basic operations. At the same time, the Rural Senior Health Organizing Project (RSHOP) under the direction of Joan Butcher, expanded operations and conducted research with grants from the Campaign for Human Development (CHD).

During the 1990s NYSSAC continued to be active primarily in promoting health care issues relevant to seniors. The health care reform battles of the early 1990s generated a large body of records pertaining to the Clinton Health Plan, Single-Payer Plans. The Patient's Rights Project became very active on issues pertaining to Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs) and Peer Review Organizations, particularly after the 1995 appointment of Bonnie Ray as Health Care Advocate. Likewise, the RSHOP continued to work with the Campaign for Human Development throughout the 1990s.

The 1995 reappointment of Michael Burgess as Executive Director and the appointment of Bonnie Ray as Health Care Advocate led to new focuses for NYSSAC. The failure of the Clinton Health Plan and entrenchment of the HMO system has made issues such as the Patient's Bills of Rights, DRG reform, and PRO management, important targets of NYSSAC's action.

Chronology :

1972	New York StateWide Senior Action Council formed with War on Poverty funds.
1982	Michael Burgess becomes executive director.
1986	New York StateWide Senior Action Council campaign results in passage of Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage Program (EPIC) to pay for prescription drugs for low-income seniors.
1987	Michael Burgess resigns as executive director. Bonnie Ray assumes post as Executive Director. Patient Advocacy Project established with funding from a Citizen Action Grant.
1988	NYSSAC undertakes a Development and Restructuring Project to make the organization financially self-sufficient for basic operation. Project funded by a New York Foundation Grant. Revisions

	of original NYSSAC By-laws adopted on September 27, 1988.
1988-1989	The Rural Senior Health Organizing Project conducts a two year study on rural health conditions in 12 counties in New York State, funded by a Campaign for Human Development Grant.
1988-1990	Michael Burgess serves on Peer Review Organization Liaison Committee.
1989	Donna Rudinski named Development Director for NYSSAC.
1990	Rose Kryzak Legacy Fund created in honor of senior activist Rose Kryzak's 90th birthday. Interest from this fund is used to provide support to low-income seniors to participate in training conferences, and advocacy activities. Michael Burgess helps negotiate contract for Island Peer Review Organization.
1995	Michael Burgess resumes post as executive director. Bonnie Ray assumes post as health care advocate.

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Scope and Contents

The New York StateWide Senior Action Council records document the issues faced by senior citizens in New York State throughout the late 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. The bulk of the records consist of topical subject files related to issues about which the activists in NYSSAC were concerned, particularly health care, Medicare, and social security issues. In addition to topical material, these records document the fundraising activities of the organization and its various sub-groups. Also included are publications issued by the organization, including the *Sentinel* newsletter (1992-1996) and the *Senior Action* newspaper (1977-1991).

The collection is particularly strong in documenting issues involving Medicare, Long-Term Care, DRGs, and PRO issues. Series 4: Subject Files; Sub-series 1: Health Care/Medicare, includes source material,

news clippings, articles, and supporting material documenting these issues, with particularly strong material dating from 1985-2000. Sub-series 2: Senior Advocacy, of the same series, includes a strong set of materials relative to SSI (Supplemental Security Income).

The bulk of the material, found in Series 4: Subject Files, is useful for documenting issues about which NYSSAC was active over the course of almost three decades. There is limited material from the first ten years (1972-1982) of the organization and relatively little material from the years immediately prior to the accession of this material in 2001. NYSSAC's work with New York state legislators, both Government and private agencies advocating for Seniors and social justice issues, and their outreach efforts in education and advocacy, are well documented throughout the collection. Records of the activities of Executive Directors Michael Burgess and Bonnie Ray are the most prominent in the collection.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into five series.

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Administrative Information

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Access

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Related Materials

Related Materials

Related material, including material created by NYSSAC is available in the Helen Quirini Papers (APAP-102) in the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Social Activists and Public Advocates
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- Senior power--New York (State)
- Older people--New York (State)--Political activity
- Age discrimination--New York (State)
- Older people-- Abuse of--New York (State)
- Correspondence
- Grant proposals
- Clippings
- Photographs
- Memorabilia
- Press Releases
- Bylaws

- Newsletters
- Newspapers
- Floppy discs
- Burgess, Michael
- Butcher, Joan
- Harenberg, Paul
- Kyrzak, Rose
- Ray, Bonnie
- New York StateWide Senior Action Council

Collection Inventory

Administrative Records, 1975-1997

Physical Description: 1.74 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records, located within the following sub-series, document the administrative functions of the organization. They include extensive information on grants, budgets, and other fiscal information. In addition, they contain some information about personnel within the organization. Folders containing correspondence will be found throughout the series.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically

Fundraising, 1983-1996

Physical Description: 0.50 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records document the general fundraising activities of NYSSAC. Consisting primarily of grant applications and related documents for funding of general expenses, they also include information on projects that were not funded and therefore did not generate any further records. Fiscal statistics, articles on NYSSAC activity and correspondence pertaining to fundraising are also found here. Specific projects' fundraising activities are documented in the sub-series relating to them. Prominent grantors include Chemical Bank, New York Foundation, and the Campaign for Human Development Foundation.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically

Title/Description	Instances
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Applications, 1983-1984	Box 1 (1- Folder 1 Administrative Records)
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Applications, 1985-1988	

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Campaign for Human Development, Grant Applications for "Older New Yorkers' Alternative Media Project", 1985	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 3
Campaign for Human Development, Pre-Application, 1995-1996	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 4
Chemical Bank, Grant Applications, 1992-1993	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 5
Chemical Bank, Grant Applications, 1994-1995	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 6
Community Services Block Grant Advisory Council, 1983-1985	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 7-9
Donations for Rose Kryzak Tribute Publication, 1988	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 10
Families USA, Discretionary Grant, 1991	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 11
Food Stamp Project Proposal, 1984-1985	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 12
Foundation Proposals, Miscellaneous, 1985-1987	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 13
Fundraising Correspondence, 1992	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 14
Fundraising, Miscellaneous Materials, Undated	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 15
Grant Proposal for Development and Reorganization Project, 1989-1990	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 16
Grants, General Information on Sources, 1993-1994	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 17
Grants, "National Guide to Funding in Aging", 2nd edition, 1989	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 18
Hands Across America, Grant Proposal, 1987		

	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 19
Loan Agreement, Key Bank, 1996	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 20
Mohawk-Hudson Community Foundation, Applications, 19871992	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 21
Narratives Provided to Funding Agencies, 1982	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 22
New York City Department for Aging, Contractor Performance Evaluation, 1988	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 23
New York City Department for Aging, Registration and Grant Applications, 1988-1989	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 24
New York Department of Health, Proposal for AIDS Education, 1991	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 25
New York Foundation Grant, Application and Reports, 1987-1988	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 26
New York Foundation Grant, Application and Reports, 1988-1989	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 27
Research Project, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1989	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 28
Telemarketing Proposal, 1995	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 29
United Way Pledge, 1994	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 30
Villers Foundation, Grants, 19881989	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 31

Intergenerational Unity Project, 1992-1995

Physical Description: 0.17 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records document the Intergenerational Unity Project, a project initiated by NYSSAC and funded primarily by a New York Foundation Grant. The aim of the project was to bridge the gaps between youth activists and

senior activists in an attempt to forge a single voice. Records consist of grant applications and proposals, correspondence, and membership campaign material.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically

Title/Description	Instances
Intergenerational Unity Project, Grant Proposals, 1993-1994	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records) Folder 32
New York Foundation, Final Report, 1994-1995	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records) Folder 33
New York Foundation, Grant Application and Reports, 1992-1993	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records) Folder 34
New York Foundation, Grant Correspondence, 1993-1996	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records) Folder 35
New York Foundation, Grant Proposal Materials, 1992	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records) Folder 36
New York Foundation, Grant Reports, 1994	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records) Folder 37
Membership Campaign, Material, 1993-1995	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records) Folder 38

Office Records, 1975-1997

Physical Description: 0.25 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records document administrative work associated with managing and running the organization. They include a variety of materials, including office leases, fiscal records, personnel files and several photographs of Bonnie Ray at public events.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically

Title/Description	Instances
Applicants for Administrative Assistant, 1993	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records) Folder 39
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By-laws, Drafts of Proposed Changes, 1994	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 43
Events Announcements, 1991-1992	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 44
Financial Audit, 1994	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 45
KEX Copysource Lease Agreement, 1988	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 46
Mailing List Addresses, 1993	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 47
Membership Lists, 1993	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 48
New York State Senior Advocates, Certificate of Incorporation Form, Undated	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 49
New York State Unemployment Insurance, 1983-1984	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 50
Office Lease Agreement, 1997	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 51
Pinpoint Communications, Software Co., 1996	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 52
Ray, Bonnie, Application Correspondence and Appointment, 1985	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 53
Ray, Bonnie, Personal File, 1986-1987	Box 1 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 54
Ray, Bonnie, Supervisor's Workshop, 1989		

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Senior Citizens Action Council, 1975-1981	Box 1 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 56
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Patients' Rights Project, 1987-1996

Physical Description: 0.40 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records document the administration of the NYSSAC Patients' Rights Project. This was an ongoing effort to act as a health care advocate for seniors and other patients. The project deals specifically with Medicare and Medicaid claims disputes, DRG discharge disputes, but also deals with other common problems, promoting a patients' rights hotline, an informational hotline, and legal advocacy. Records include grant applications and background materials, correspondence, and a final report on the DRG Monitoring Project/Complaint Line at Community Action for Legal Services (CALs).

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically

Title/Description	Instances
Chase Manhattan Bank, Grant Application, 1996	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records) Folder 1
Chemical Bank, Grant Application, 1995	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records) Folder 2
Citizen Action Grant, 1987-1988	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records) Folder 3
Citizen Action, Regional Advocacy Projects, 1997	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records) Folder 4
Clark Foundation, Funding Correspondence, 1991	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records) Folder 5
Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) Education Project Funding, 1989	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records) Folder 6

DRG Education Project Funding, Proposal and Reports,
1990-1991

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DRG Monitoring Project, 1988	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 8
Legislative Budget Proposal, 1988-1989	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 9
Legislative Budget Proposal, 1989-1990	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 10
Legislative Budget Proposal, 1990-1991	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 11
Legislative Budget Request, 1988	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 12
Legislative Budget Request, 1993	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 13
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Patient Advocacy Project, Materials, 1987-1989	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 19
"Your Rights as a Hospital Patient" Booklet, 1994	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 20

Regional Councils, 1991-1994

Physical Description: 0.05 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records document some of the work of the NYSSAC regional councils; local grassroots groups working in tandem with NYSSAC on issues pertinent to particular regions of the state.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically

Title/Description	Instances	
Region Six, Lewis County Staff, Undated	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 21
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Stevens, James, President of Region Five, 1993-1994	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 24

Rural Senior Health Organizing Project, 1988-1991

Physical Description: 0.37 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records document the administration of the Rural Senior Health Organizing Project, a collaborative effort involving NYSSAC and representatives from the rural regions of New York State. The project was funded primarily by the Campaign for Human Development (CHD) Grant. The records include information on the grant and the requisite Quarterly Reports submitted to the funder as well as the correspondence and files of Rural Health Project Director, Joan Butcher.

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically

Title/Description	Instances	
Butcher, Joan, Correspondence and Reports, 1989-1990	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 25
Butcher, Joan, Correspondence and Reports, 1989-1990	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 26
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Agreements, 1989-1990	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 27
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Application, 1988		

	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 28
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Application, 1989	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 29
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Application, 1990	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 30
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Information, 1988	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 31
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Proposal, 1988	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 32
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Proposal, 1990	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 33
Campaign for Human Development, Grant Proposal, Drafts, 1988-1989	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 34
Correspondence With Campaign for Human Development, 1990	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 35
Miscellaneous, 1988-1989	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 36
Rural Senior Health Organizing Project, Administrative Records, 1986-1988	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 37
Rural Senior Health Organizing Project, Correspondence, 1990-1991	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 38
Quarterly Report, Campaign for Human Development, Quarter 1, 1988 September 15-1988 December 14	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 39
Quarterly Report, CHD, Quarter 2, 1988 December 16-1989 March 15	Box 2 (1- Administrative Records)	Folder 40
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Quarterly Report, CHD, Quarter 2, 1989 December 15-1990 March 14	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 44
Quarterly Report, CHD, Quarter 3, 1990 March 15-1990 June 14	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 45
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Year End Summary, CHD, 1990	Box 2 (1-Administrative Records)	Folder 47

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Correspondence, 1982-1984

Physical Description: 0.17 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records include the correspondence sent and received by Michael Burgess, Executive Director of NYSSAC during this period. Documents include personal letters, intra-organization correspondence, and correspondence with notables such as State Senator Hugh Farley; Director of State Executive Services, Tonio Burgos; Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink; Assemblyman Paul Harenberg; Executive Deputy Secretary of State, James N. Baldwin; and cartoons and letters by local newspaper cartoonist, Charles Ferraro. The series also holds responses to the Public Services Commission's Energy Conservation Survey and correspondence on the grassroots promotional campaign, *Savingpower*, supporting the Home Insulation and Energy Conservation Act (HIECA).

Arrangement

Arranged alphabetically and then chronologically

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Correspondence, Outgoing, 1982-1983	Box 2 (2-Correspondence) Folder 48
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Publications, 1977-19811983-2000

Physical Description: 1.5 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records contain informational material published by the New York StateWide Senior Action Council in the form of guides, booklets and ephemera. Topics such as community services for senior citizens, Medicare, and consumer issues are addressed. The series includes, NYSSAC's Annual Report for 2000, a position paper against HEAP transfer and, notably, both the *Sentinel* newsletter (1992-1996) and the *Senior Action* newspaper (1977-1981, 1983-1994, 1996-2000).

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Guide to Senior Programs, 2000-2001	Box 1 (3- Publications)	Folder 4
Home Energy Audit Request Slip, 1984	Box 1 (3- Publications)	Folder 5
Informational Brochures, Undated	Box 1 (3- Publications)	Folder 6
Lifetime Legislative Award Honoring Paul Harenberg, 1997	Box 1 (3- Publications)	Folder 7
NYSSAC, Brochure and Priorities, 1985-1986		

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Position Paper Against HEAP Transfer, 1984	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 10
Proposed Patients' Bill of Rights, Media Release, Undated	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 11
Public Service Commission Utility Rates Mailings, 1984	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 12

Originals

Title/Description	Instances	
<i>StateWide Sentinel</i> , Monthly Newsletter, 1992 September-1992 December	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 13
<i>StateWide Sentinel</i> , Monthly Newsletter, 1993 Scope and Contents Lacking issues for March, July, September.	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 14
<i>StateWide Sentinel</i> , Monthly Newsletter, 1994 Scope and Contents Lacking issue November-December.	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 15
<i>StateWide Sentinel</i> , Monthly Newsletter, 1995 Scope and Contents Lacking issue January-February.	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 16
<i>StateWide Sentinel</i> , Monthly Newsletter, 1996 Scope and Contents Lacking issues for February, July, December.	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 17

Preservation Photocopies

Title/Description	Instances	
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<i>Senior Action</i> , January/March, September-December, 1978	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 19
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<i>Senior Action</i> , January-August, 1981	Box 1 (3-Publications)	Folder 22
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<i>Senior Action</i> , January/February, July/August, 1992	Box 2 (3-Publications)	Folder 7

Originals in New Format

Title/Description	Instances	
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<i>Senior Action</i> , May/June, September, 1998	Box 2 (3-Publications)	Folder 11
<i>Senior Action</i> , April/May, August, "Special Edition", 1999	Box 2 (3-Publications)	Folder 12
<i>Senior Action</i> , March, July/August, 2000		

Senior Action Originals

Title/Description	Instances
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1978 January-March1978 September-December	Oversize 3
1979	Oversize 3
1980 January1980 April-June1980 October	Oversize 3
1981 January-August	Oversize 3
1983	Oversize 3
1984	Oversize 3
1985	Oversize 4
1986	Oversize 4
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Subject Files, 1974-19791983-1999

Physical Description: 9.58 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records, located within the following sub-series, comprise the base of information used by NYSSAC on issues important to senior citizens and NYSSAC's role as senior advocates.

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Scope and Contents

These records, which constitute the bulk of the collection, consist of informational and issue files relating to health care topics affecting seniors in New York State. Significant topics addressed include Medicare, Medicaid, Medigap, Long-Term Care, Nursing Homes, DRG (Diagnosis-Related Groups), PROs (Peer-Review Organizations), HMO (Health Maintenance Organizations), the IPRO (Island Peer Review Organization), and others. Files hold information on state and federal health care legislation, the campaign for a national health care system in 1992-1993, the fight for prescription drug coverage for seniors in the state (EPIC) in 1986, and other issues. They include testimonies given before legislative bodies, reports, articles, booklets, legislative bulletins, memorandums, manuals, training material, and correspondence on various topics.

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Files include material on a variety of issues important to New York seniors in the areas of law, taxes, independent living and in-home care, elder abuse, the Right to Die Campaign, age discrimination and continuing education. NYSSAC's work with other groups such as the Capital Area Consortium on Aging and Disability, the Citizens' Utility Board and the State Office of the Aging's Hunger Action Network are documented in files on conferences, workshops and meetings. Included are testimonies given on major issues before legislative bodies, a memorial booklet for activist Rose Kryzak containing a tribute from Governor Mario Cuomo, and various correspondence.

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Consumer Fraud, 1988-1994

Physical Description: 0.25 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records document the work of NYSSAC in supporting legislation that would help senior citizens avoid becoming victims of consumer fraud. They include legislative memorandums, manuals, reports and correspondence on topics such as item pricing for electronically scanned items, funeral home legislation, and utility pricing.

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Rural Senior Health Organizing Project, 1988-1990

Physical Description: 0.15 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

These records contain subject files directly related to the work of the Rural Senior Health Organizing Project (RSHOP), a project involving members from various regional councils of NYSSAC. They include informational material used specifically by RSHOP on topics relating to health care access and health quality issues for seniors living in rural areas of New York State. Included are reports, correspondence and Board meeting packets.

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Memorabilia, 19852000

Physical Description: 1.06 cubic ft.

Scope and Contents

This series contains memorabilia of the New York State Senior Action Council; T-shirts from the NYSSAC Convention of 2000, baseball-style caps, tote bags and assorted pins and buttons. They are decorated with the NYSSAC logo and various slogans in support of the Prescription Drug Bill, to protest Medicare cuts, advocate Senior Power and commemorate 50 years of Social Security. Included is a ceramic coffee mug commemorating NYSSAC's 25th Anniversary.

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