

Guide to the Rainbow Families Records

MS 2006



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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Manuscripts and Archives
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CALL NUMBER: MS 2006

CREATOR: Rainbow Families

TITLE: Rainbow Families records

DATES: 1983-2011

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (6 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The collection consists of the records of Rainbow Families, a membership advocacy organization for gay and lesbian parents and their families. The records document the organization's efforts to provide support, organization, advocacy, and public education on behalf of gay and lesbian parents and their families, and consist of Board of Directors records, event records, membership records, strategic plans, and quarterly newsletters.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Family Equality Council, 2014.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Rainbow Families Records (MS 2006). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Related Materials

Related material: Family Equality Council Records (MS 2000).

Biographical / Historical

Rainbow Families was a membership organization founded in 1997 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Its mission was to provide support, organization, advocacy, and public education on behalf of gay and lesbian parents and their families. Rainbow Families organized and sponsored conferences and community-building events, published a quarterly newsletter, and provided its members with resources and referrals around issues such as adoption, legal and legislative policy, and school advocacy. In 2007, Rainbow Families merged with Family Equality Council, becoming that organization's Midwest office.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The materials are arranged according to document type.

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Board of Directors records		
b. 1, f. 1	By-laws	2005 February 14
Meeting agendas and minutes		
b. 1, f. 2-7	1996-2001	1996-2001
b. 2, f. 1-7	2002-2006	2002-2006
b. 3, f. 1-5	2006-2008	2006-2008
b. 3, f. 6-7	Orientation and training materials	1983-2006
b. 3, f. 8	Philanthropic goals	2003-2006
b. 3, f. 9	Press	2005
b. 4, f. 1-3	Recruitment	2000-2007
b. 4, f. 4	Staff and board of directors retreats	1998-2004
b. 5, f. 1-2	Annual conference	2008-2011
b. 5, f. 3-5	Member and donor database	2005
Rainbow Families quarterly newsletter		
b. 5, f. 6	1997-1999	1997-1999
b. 6, f. 1-3	2000-2007	2000-2007
b. 6, f. 4	Songs from the Heart Twin Cities Gay Men's Chorus	2006
b. 6, f. 5-7	Strategic plan	2002-2006

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Adoptive parents
Families -- United States
Gay fathers
Gay men -- Legal status, laws, etc. -- United States
Gay parents
Gay rights -- United States
Lesbian mothers
LGBTQ resource

Corporate Bodies

Family Equality Council
Rainbow Families