

Correspondence files relating to social development with “SD” prefix, Northern Territory Social Development Branch and successors

1974 – 1980

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Details

Correspondence files relating to social development with “SD” prefix is a series of files created by the Social Development Branch of the Northern Territory Administration and its successors. These subject files deal with many different welfare matters and include information related to the placement of children in government and non government Homes in the Northern Territory and interstate, including correspondence about receiving homes with the Director of the Department of Social Welfare in Tasmania.

Access Conditions

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Finding Aids

The files in this series were indexed during 2011-2014. The kind of information collected in each index includes: client name (including aliases and nicknames), date of birth, birth parent names, names of foster and/or adoptive parents, sibling names, names and locations of other institutions (Northern Territory or interstate – non government or church organisation, and other state welfare institutions or hospitals), other file numbers or references, and whether there are photographs on file.

Records

The series, Correspondence files relating to social development with “SD” prefix , was first created by the Social Development Branch of the Northern Territory Administration while the Territory was under the control of the Commonwealth Government. It was continued after self government by the Department of Community Development.

These are subject files dealing with many different welfare matters. Some include information related to the placement of children in government and non government Homes in the Northern Territory and interstate. The files also provide information about welfare policies and the staffing of Homes. Correspondence includes the names and details of children and staff members.

The previous Series Number given to these records was F1411. It has been changed to NTRS 3758.

More info

Organisations in these records

Related Organisations

- [Receiving Home, Alice Springs \(1959 - 1966\)](#)
- [Social Welfare Department, State of Tasmania \(1961 - 1983\)](#)
- [Dundas House \(1961 - 1979?\)](#)
- [Essington House \(1963 - 1974\)](#)
- [Palmerston House \(1963 - 1975\)](#)
- [Bradshaw House \(1966 - 1976\)](#)
- [Chinnery Family Home \(1968 - current\)](#)
- [Hamilton Family Home \(1968 - current\)](#)
- [Harney Family Home \(1968 - 1985\)](#)
- [Trower Road Cottage, Somerville Homes Inc \(1969 - 1976\)](#)
- [Heath Cottage, St Mary's \(1971 - 1980s\)](#)
- [Parke Crescent Family Home, Alice Springs \(1972 - current\)](#)
- [Forrest Crescent Family Home, Alice Springs \(1972 - current\)](#)
- [House 67, Batchelor \(1972 - current\)](#)
- [House 76, Batchelor \(1972 - current\)](#)
- [St Mary's Children's Village \(1972 - 1980s\)](#)
- [St Mary's Child and Family Welfare Service \(1972 - 1980s\)](#)
- [Cameron Crescent Family Home, Katherine \(1973 - current\)](#)
- [Tennant Creek Family Home \(1973 - current\)](#)
- [Leslie Cottage, St Mary's \(1973 - 1980s\)](#)
- [Matthews Cottage, St Mary's \(1973? - 1980s\)](#)
- [Ryan House \(1974 - current\)](#)

- [Tambling House Family Home \(1976 - 1978\)](#)
- [Chapman Road Remand Home \(1976? - 1979\)](#)
- [Department of Community Development, Northern Territory Government \(1978 - 1987\)](#)

Includes

- [Foster Homes-Proposed Establishment in the Northern Territory \(1962 - 1963\)](#)

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