

Thresholds to Life Records

1972-1990

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Thresholds to Life is a program developed by psychiatrist Milton Burglass for training prison inmates and offenders on probation about decision making, problem solving, and life planning. It is operated by volunteers in 30 locations in the United States.

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Background on Thresholds to Life (Organization)

Thresholds to Life is a training program for decision making, problem solving, and life planning taught by volunteers to prison inmates and offenders on probation in 30 locations in the United States. Developed and coordinated by the non-profit organization Decisions, Inc., the curriculum was initially developed in 1965 by Milton Burglass, a psychiatrist who had served time in a New Orleans prison for stock fraud.

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Administrative records

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Articles: on drug abuse

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Articles: McAuliffe, Garrett, "Measuring the Outcomes of a Community College Career Decision-making Course"

1984

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Board members and staff

1982-1990

Box 2: 4

Board of directors minutes (partial)

1979-1989

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Board of directors minutes

1983-1986

Box 1: 1

Brochures and publicity

Box 1: 3

Brochures and flyers

1983-1987

Box 2: 14

By-laws

1977

Box 2: 1

Correspondence and memoranda

1978-1982

Box 2: 5

Lists of volunteers

Box 2: 7

Mailings to members and volunteers

1979-1986

Box 2: 8

Mailings to members

Box 1: 2

Publications: Decisions coursebook

1978

Box 3: 19

Publications: Decisions manual, third revision

Box 2: 17

Publications: Manuals, etc. from related projects

Box 3: 21

Publications: Newsletter

1983 Sept.

Box 1: 4

Publications: Newsletters

1987-1989

Box 2: 12

Publications: Thresholds manual

1972

Box 3: 18

Publications: Thresholds operating manual

ca.1978?

Box 3: 20

Publications: Training calendars, info.

Box 2: 9

News clippings, press releases

1979-1990

Box 2: 13

Project P.R.I.D.E.

1981-1983

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Treasurer's reports

1989

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Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Processing Information

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