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**Abstract**

Records of the Women's Information Center of Morgantown, West Virginia. Includes correspondence, minutes, reports, newsletters, clippings, and other material.

**Creator**

Women's Information Center, Morgantown, W. Va.

**Creator**

Thurmond, Reba

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## Biographical / Historical

The Women's Information Service (WIC) was born out of a group of West Virginia University (WVU) campus and community women who organized an abortion referral agency called the "Abortion Referral and Women's Information Center" in 1970. By 1971, the group was brought under the sponsorship of the Bennett House, WVU's ecumenical campus ministry center located in the Walters House at 221 Wiley Street, and shortened its name to the "Women's Information Center." Under the advisory of United Methodist campus minister Reba Thurmond, and with a loose affiliation with the University Christian Council (UCC), who loaned them space in the Walters House, the WIC focused on pregnancy counseling, pregnancy testing, sex education, and the implementation of programs related to women's concerns and women's movements.

One of the earliest projects of the group was the creation of the Rape Information Service (now the Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center) in collaboration with other women's groups in the area. In 1976, tensions arose between the UCC and the Trinity Episcopal Church of Morgantown, which owned the Walters House, leading to a non-renewal of the lease to the UCC in 1980. The Bennett House, including the WIC, relocated to the P.E.E.C.H. Building at 305 Willey Street. In 1977, the WIC was officially incorporated as a non-profit. The UCC, Bennett, House, and WIC relocated once again, this time to the Rogers House at 193 Willey Street in 1984. The organization was active until at least 1993 and voluntarily dissolved in 2002.

## Scope and Contents

This collection contains the records of the Women's Information Center (WIC), which was in operation from 1970 to 2002. It mostly contains operational records beginning from their time as an incorporated organization in 1977 and extends to 1993. There are also reference materials used by the WIC. Prominent topics include abortion, displaced homemakers, and reproductive rights. Materials include agendas, correspondence, flyers, minutes, newspaper clippings, newsletters, and notes.

# Keywords

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Thurmond, Reba

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Abortion

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242937

**Unit Date** 1973-1984 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### Abortion - Parental Notification

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242938

**Unit Date** 1981-1985 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

### Separated Materials

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### Adoption

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242939

**Unit Date** 1979-1984 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

### Development and Planning

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242940

**Unit Date** 1977-1980 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

### Displaced Homemakers Project

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242941

**Unit Date** 1980 March-1980 May

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

## Finances

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242942

**Unit Date** 1978-1993 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

## Forums and Programs

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242943

**Unit Date** 1978-1986 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

### Separated Materials

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## General

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242944

**Unit Date** 1971-1988 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

### Separated Materials

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## General Correspondence

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242945

**Unit Date** 1977-1984 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

## Meetings and Retreats

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242946

**Unit Date** 1976-1992 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 10a-10b (Folder)

### Separated Materials

Oversized materials moved to A&M 3635, box 3, folder 5

## Newsletters

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242947

**Unit Date** 1978-1988

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

### Separated Materials

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### **Pregnancy Testing and Counseling**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242948

**Unit Date** 1982-1986

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 12 (Folder)

### **"The Project"**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242949

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### **Reba Thurmond Correspondence**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242950

**Unit Date** 1978-1986 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

### **Rumor Clinic**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242951

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

### **Simulation Sharing Service**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242952

**Unit Date** 1972-1973 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

### **Wholistic Health Day**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242953

**Unit Date** 1979-1980 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

### **Win As Much As You Can Tally Sheet**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242954

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

## **Preston County Student Papers**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242955

**Unit Date** 1978 March 09

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

## **Student Worker Placements**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242956

**Unit Date** 1980-1981 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 8 (Folder)

## **Student Workers**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242957

**Unit Date** 1979-1985 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

## **Abortion - Parental Notification**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242958

**Unit Date** 1981-1984

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### **Separated Materials**

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## **Crittenton Services**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242959

**Unit Date** undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

## **Forums and Programs**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242960

**Unit Date** 1981 November and undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

### **Separated Materials**

Removed from A&M 3635, box 1, folder 7

## **General**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242961

**Unit Date** 1977 September 14 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

### **Separated Materials**

Removed from A&M 3635, box 1, folder 8

## **Meetings**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242962

**Unit Date** 1987 October 01

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 5 (Folder)

### **Separated Materials**

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## **Newsletters**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242963

**Unit Date** 1978-1986

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 6 (Folder)

### **Separated Materials**

Removed from A&M 3635, box 1, folder 11

## **Newspaper Clippings**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242964

**Unit Date** 1972-1978 and undated

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 7 (Folder)

## **Planning Sheets**

**Unit ID** [Archival Resource Key](#)

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/242965

**Unit Date** 1978-1980

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Folder)