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## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### An Inventory of Its Minnesota Children's Initiative Files

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

**Agency:** Minnesota. Dept. of Human Services.  
**Series Title:** Minnesota Children's Initiative files.  
**Dates:** 1990-1998.  
**Quantity:** 2.0 cu. ft. (2 boxes).  
**Location:** 126.F.19.7B – 126.F.19.8F

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

In August 1992, Minnesota submitted an application to the Pew Charitable Trusts (The Trusts) to be part of their Children's Initiatives Program, which called for states and communities to adopt a new way of working with families, reshape service delivery systems, and shift from a crisis-oriented, fragmented, and inadequate approach to one of inclusion and effective supports for all children. The state was selected as one of five states to participate in Stage 2. Participants in Stage 2 received a \$100,000 grant to prepare detailed plans for implementing comprehensive reform based on their initial application.

The state received a \$1.5 million dollar implementation grant from The Trusts in April 1994 for the four partners of the Minnesota Children's Initiative: Becker, Cass, and St. Paul/Ramsey counties and the State of Minnesota. The Initiative's health component goals were development of a standard set of benefits under Minnesota's health-care reform program that would meet the needs of all families and children; development of improved health-care access strategies for families and children, with emphasis on high-risk, special-needs and low-income populations; and development of cost and outcomes data for services associated with the second listed goal.

These files appear to be those kept by the Human Services Department in its role as a member of the Minnesota Children's Initiative. Included are the 1992 application, 1993 agreement, minutes and agenda packets, annual reports to The Trusts, materials documenting the individual partner's activities, correspondence, work plans and proposals, and related materials regarding governance, planning, finance, and organization.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### Topics:

Children—Services for—Minnesota.  
Family services—Minnesota.  
Health care reform—Minnesota.  
Health services accessibility—Minnesota.

### Organizations:

Becker County Children's Initiative (Minn.).  
Cass County/Leech Lake Reservation Children's Initiative (Minn.).  
Minnesota Children's Initiative.  
Pew Charitable Trusts.  
St. Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative (Saint Paul, Minn.).

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

Location	Box	
126.F.19.7B	1	Application and agreement, 1992-1993. Becker County Children's Initiative, 1993. 2 folders. Benchmarks, 1993. Children's Cabinet: Mission, goals and principles, undated. Children's Subcabinet: Joint application design session, December 1992. Children's Team: Work plans and budgets, 1994-1996.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
126.F.19.7B	1	<p>Collaborative directory, August 1996. Collaborative meetings, quarterly, 1996-1997. 6 folders. Collaborative projects, 1995-1996. "Common Plan of Care," 1995. Communication plan information, 1994. Community assessment, 1993. Conference call summaries, 1995. Communications proposals, 1992-1993. <i>Descriptive Scan of the Starting Points Sites</i>, May 1997. Development Planning Guide, 1993. Directory, 1993. Family Development Practice, Center for Assessment and Policy Development [CAPD], 1993. Family Preservation, Family Support, 1994-1995. Federal funding, 1993. Governance team meetings, 1993, 1995. Governance research and reports, 1990-1996. Home Visiting Network Group meeting, 1995. Interagency collaborative activities chart, undated. Joint powers agreements, 1993. Letters of commitment, 1993. Minnesota Children's Initiative:     Agenda packets, 1993, 1995-1996. 9 folders.     Attendees lists, 1993.</p>
126.F.19.8F	2	<p>Correspondence, 1994-1997. Notes, 1995-1996. Meetings and reports, 1993-1997. Memos, 1994-1995. Organization charts, 1993. Partners meetings and work plan, 1993, 1996. 5 folders. Reports to the Pew Charitable Trusts, 1996-1998. Summaries, 1993. Technical assistance plans, undated. Timelines, 1993. Minnesota Planning, Reports to the Pew Charitable Trusts, 1994. Model Governance Agreement, August 1997. Organizational background, 1992, 1995. Participants, undated.</p>

<b>Location</b>	<b>Box</b>	
126.F.19.8F	2	PEW: Coordinating Committee, 1993. Correspondence, 1992-1993. Critical Questions draft, 1993. Cultural inclusiveness, 1993. Glossary: <i>Pewspeak</i> , undated. Goals, 1993. Governance guidelines, 1995. Presentation to the Pew Charitable Trusts, 1993. Presentation overheads, undated. Press coverage, 1992. Proposal and work plans, drafts, 1992. Reports, program overview, and introduction to Medicaid Managed Care, 1992-1993. Site visits: Center for Assessment and Policy Development [CAPD], 1992-1993. Site visit: Harriet Dichter, 1994. St. Paul Children's Initiative Governance, 1993. St. Paul/Ramsey County Children's Initiative: The Children's Project-Family Services Collaboration, 1994. The Wilder Foundation, 1994-1997. Work plans and drafts, 1993. Workshops and conferences, 1993. 4 folders.