

THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF VANCOUVER

AN INVENTORY OF THEIR RECORDS

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INTRODUCTION

The Children's Aid Society of Vancouver was established in 1901. The Children's Protection Act was passed and the society incorporated in the year. Children from any part of the province could be and were committed to the care of the society, and no one was under any statutory obligation to pay for their maintenance. A cottage was built in 1903, then a larger home which was destroyed by fire in 1906. In 1907 a new home was built and was used for up to 177 children until 1928.

In 1924 the adoption act was passed in B.C. and a superintendent of neglected children was appointed. The Council of Social Agencies and Welfare Federation was established in 1929. Funding by individual agencies was eliminated. In 1931 Vancouver accepted financial responsibility of caring for wards with Vancouver Residence. After 1944 responsibility gradually shifted from the Children's Aid Society to the Child Welfare Services in the province. Generalized casework with children and their families was adopted in 1954. The unmarried parents department was established in 1962.

Reorganization of the agency occurred after 1966, and a comprehensive organizational manual was produced. The Children's Aid Society has four functions: preventive, rehabilitative or curative, protective, and sustained child care. Case presentation techniques are used to illustrate services.

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