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## Overview of the Records

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<b>Repository:</b>	New York State Archives
<b>Summary:</b>	This series includes correspondence between the Community Services Department director and county commissioners from various social service departments regarding funding of programs and facility progress reports. Administration files include memorandums, policy and procedure updates, and interoffice correspondence. Reports and student evaluations from foster care facilities are also included in this series.
<b>Creator:</b>	Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth
<b>Title:</b>	Community services files
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## Administrative History

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The Berkshire Farm Center Community Services Department, established in 1964 as the After-Care program, oversaw cottage placements, foster care programs, group homes, and prevention services throughout New York State. These programs incorporated the quality of treatment and care students received at the institution to other facilities across the state managed by the institution. Programs continued to expand throughout New York in an effort to reach more youth and provide more educational and occupational services.

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## Scope and Content Note

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## Use of Records

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### Access Restrictions

Access administered according to the Freedom of Information Law. State Archives staff will confer with Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth regarding disclosure of student specific information.

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## Access Terms

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- Evaluating
- Correspondence
- Minutes (administrative records)
- Foster home care
- Burnham Industrial Farm
- Berkshire Industrial Farm
- Berkshire Farm for Boys