FEMINIST ACTION ALLIANCE (ATLANTA, GA.)
Feminist Action Alliance (Atlanta, Ga.) records, 1973-1984

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**Biographical Note**

The Feminist Action Alliance, Inc. (ACTION) was formed in November 1973. Governed by a board of directors and led by an elected president, vice president, and treasurer, FAA accomplishes its administrative goals through the work of four committees: Business Support, Publications, Membership, and Public Relations. The purposes of the organization were pursued by task forces in each of three areas of primary concern as described below. In 1977 the Feminist Action Alliance established the FAA Educational Foundation which was classed as a private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to promoting educational, non-political projects related to the status of women. This organization operated with a structure similar to but independent of the parent group.

Aimed at working toward the full participation of women in social, political, and economic institutions, the Feminist Action Alliance focused its efforts in three areas: political action, employment, and rape. Having accomplished many of their objectives in the area of rape, the organization chose in 1980 to substitute concern for the family as one of their priorities.

To accomplish the group's political action goal of securing full and equal female participation and representation in the political process, FAA encouraged women to develop political skills, advocated political candidacy and the appointment of women to public office, lobbied for laws of special interest to women, and assisted candidates who supported feminist issues. To work toward equal access to all employment and economic opportunities, FAA supported affirmative action programs in the public and private sectors, developed educational and career counseling programs for young women, and provided a job referral service. During the years 1974-1980, when rape constituted one of FAA's areas of primary concern, the group worked to ensure fair and humane treatment of rape victims by developing public education programs, advocating the revision of rape laws, working toward the fair treatment of rape victims by law enforcement, judicial, and medical institutions, and supporting the development of rehabilitation programs for rapists. In 1980 FAA shifted part of its efforts toward family goals that would permit the existence of families in which each family member would have opportunities to develop to his or her full potential. To accomplish this goal, FAA advocated the establishment of a network of child care options, the restructuring of the workplace to allow alternative work patterns such as flextime and job sharing, the availability of low-cost family planning services, and the reform of marital laws to recognize marriage as a true partnership.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the organizational records of the Feminist Action Alliance, Inc., for the period 1974-1983. The records include membership material, correspondence, minutes, publications, committee working files, funding proposals, public relations materials, newsletters, and program materials documenting the Alliance’s administrative and programmatic efforts. Within each series or group of related records, the most recent papers are filed first followed
by earlier materials. The records document the administrative and programmatic efforts of the Feminist Action Alliance for the years 1974-1983.

There are also records relating to the 1982 conference, "Working Together: Companies and Two Career Families," jointly sponsored by the Feminist Action Alliance and the Women’s Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor. Included among these papers is a copy of a Research Atlanta report, "Child Care: An Issue for Parents, Employers and the Community," distributed in 1983.

**Arrangement Note**
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