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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Arkansas State Board of Health instructions to midwives
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Historical Note

The Arkansas State Board of Health attempted to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates through health education and good health practices. In 1921, money from the federal government became available to the State of Arkansas for child health programs. One of the first federally-funded programs, the Sheppard-Towner Act, provided funds to various state health departments. Maternal and child health programs were designed to provide mother and infant care and reduce high mortality rates in areas where doctors were not available. Beginning in the 1920s, midwives were required to register their names, which would be listed in a directory of midwives from each county, and encouraged to obtain a permit. Midwives were responsible for reporting the number of births and deaths and the causes of deaths of mothers and infants to the Arkansas State Board of Health.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains one pamphlet, "Instructions to Midwives," Arkansas State Board of Health, Bureau of Statistics, circa 1920.

Administrative Information

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