

History of Community Organizing

1865 to 1914

Ideologies Developed

- Response to the Social conditions
 - Industrialization
 - Urbanization
 - Immigration
 - Minorities after the civil war
 - Blacks
 - Latinos
 - Asian American

Ideologies Devleoped

- Social Darwinism
- Radical Ideology
- Pragmatism
- Liberalism

Community Organization Institutions

- The Charity Organization Society
 - England 1869
 - USA 1873 (147 years ago)
 - Coordinated the work of private agencies into “Case conferences” about an individual or family
 - Also sought reforms of tenement housing codes, obtaining legislation in support of Juvenile court, establishing agencies for the care of dependent children

Social Settlements

- 1884
 - Saw environmental factors as responsible for social conditions
 - Well educated and middle class
 - Services were the major themes
 - Kindergartens
 - Clubs for children
- Social reforms

Organization of Ethnic Minorities and Women p.74-76

- Black Americans
- Mexican American
- Native American
- Chinese immigrants
- Women – 1918 19th amendment (92 Years ago)

Development of the Profession and Professional Education

- 1898 – NY Charity Organizations Society started a training course
- 1900- 1 Year program
- 1918 17 Schools of Social Work
 - The Association of Training Schools for Professional Social Work
 - Emphasis on casework not community org

1915 to 1929

Social Conditions

- Urbanization
- Industrial Potential increases
- Racial Conflicts
- 1920 more half were in urban settings
- Big Business of 1920's
- After WWII Blacks thought condition would be better p77
- Russian Revolution was threatening America
- KKK

Condition of Minorities P. 77

- American Blacks
- Latino
- Native American
- Asian Americans

Ideological Currents

- Psychoanalysis – changing individual not system. Read p 79
- Anti Intellectualism
 - Scopes Trail

Development of Community Organization Institutions

- Agencies increasing needs for funding produced
 - The Community Chest
 - United Fund
- Community Welfare Councils
 - Agencies providing services

The Council of Social Agencies of Community Welfare Council

- 1900 – Professionalism of those who help the poor
 - 1909 – The first Councils were formed
 - The friendly visitor was replaced by the paid agent
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The Social Unit Plan

- 1915 The National Social Unit Organization was founded p 82
- 1900 – 1920 Most SW were studying to be case workers

1929 to 1954

Depression and WWII

- Depression Issues – the unemployed
- Growth of Government – Govt became the employer
- Growth of Unions
 - National Labor Relations Act 1935 Gov developed unions

Condition of Minorities p 86-87

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Ideological Currents

- Literature of the period changes – emphasized the effects of the social order on people and the need to modify that order

Development of community Organization Institutions

- Shift of emphasis in operation from local and private to regional or national and public
- Federal Energy relief Administration
- Organization of Ethnic Minorities and Women
 - NAACP
 - Confederacion de Uniones Obreras Mexicanas
 - National Farm Worker Union
 - League of Women Voters

Development of the Profession and Professional Development

- Intensive efforts to conceptualize nature of community org
 - Some took pains to establish community organization affinity to the basic values and concerns of social work
 - Interest in the objective of community organization
 - Struggled with the appropriate role for the practitioner

1955 to 1968

- Social Conditions
 - Growth of the civil rights movement
 - 1954 Supreme Court decision to end school segregations
 - Vietnam War
 - Growth of Student Movements
 - Students activist turned to social work for career opportunities

Development of Community Organization Instructions

- Fed Government took increasing responsibility for wide range of domestic social problems
 - Grants aid to state and local gov p 91
 - War on Poverty : Kennedy/Johnson H
 - Head start
 - Vista
 - Neighborhood Youth Corps
 - Job Corps
 - Single most important include very large number of jobs for people trained as organizers

Ideological Currents

- Renewed emphasis on participatory democracy
- Eugene McCarthy – 1968 p 92

Development of the Profession and Professional Education

- Training for community organization workers in social work grew markedly at first
 - 1969 schools of social work increased to 48 from 36 just 4 years earlier p 93
 - NASW created committee on community organization – working paper to codify practice knowledge and establish position of the community org specialty within social work

1969 and After

- Emergence of Information Society p 95
- Growth of a World Economy
- Decentralization

Ideological Currents

- Value of self – help
- Development of Community organization Institutions
 - Withdrawal of federal funding after 1969 p 96
- Organization of Ethnic Minorities and Women
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