

## ***Beth Brinkmann Cianci Papers 1980-1983***

**Creator:** Beth Brinkmann Cianci (1954- )

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**Language:** English

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**See Also:** *Homemakers' Equal Rights Association Records*, Women and Leadership Archives

### **Biographical History**

Beth Brinkmann Cianci was born on April 3, 1954. She graduated from Evanston Township High School in 1972 and attended the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois, from 1972 until 1975. She served as the Girls Program Director at the Evanston YMCA the following year. In 1976, she became a full-time homemaker, raising her two children, Mia and Matthew. Beth soon became involved in advocacy efforts for women's rights, especially concerning the rights of homemakers. She worked with the Homemakers Equal Rights Association, serving on its national board from approximately 1979 until 1983. She also served as a field organizer for the National Organization for Women and helped found the first National Women's Center in Woodstock, Illinois.

### **Scope and Content**

The Beth Brinkmann Cianci materials consist of 0.125 linear feet (1 box) and span the years 1980-1983. They relate to Beth's advocacy efforts for women's rights organizations, including the Homemakers Equal Rights Association and the National Forum for Women. The documents include materials for state and national women's rights organizations.

**Series 1: Women's rights advocacy, 1980-1983, Box 1**

This series contains materials regarding Beth's involvement in various advocacy organizations committed to obtaining equal rights for women. The materials include correspondence, items from projects Beth worked on for several women's rights organizations, and a speech Beth gave to organizations in the Chicago area, including Parents Without Partners, several PTAs, and women's and political groups.

**Subjects:**

Cianci, Beth Brinkmann (1954- )  
Equal rights amendments—United States  
Homemakers—Civil rights—United States  
Homemakers Equal Rights Association  
Women's rights—United States

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1	3	McHenry County Coalition for Women	1983
1	4	National Forum for Women	1983
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