

Organizations

This is an incomplete chronological list of organizations that Booth has founded, directed, consulted for, and/or participated in.

- Early in her high school years, she participated in anti-death penalty action via the American Friends Service Committee-
- In 1960, she joined CORE and participated in picketing [Woolworth's](#) because of that retail chain's discrimination against African Americans in the [Southern states](#).
- In 1963 or 1964, she joined with Chicago Council of Community Organization members who were attacking the segregationist policies of school superintendent Ben Willis. He refused to address overcrowding in black schools and rather than integrate students, he sent black children to mobile classrooms on the playground.^[9]
- Between 1963 and 1965, she became head of the campus Friends of SNCC organization, worked in mental institutions, tutored students in Woodlawn, and helped coordinate South Side freedom schools.^{[6][9]}
- In 1964, she helped register voters and taught in freedom schools during Freedom Summer in Mississippi.^[6]
- In 1965, she was arrested for the first time. She later said: "My first arrest was at an anti-apartheid effort, in 1965. There was a consortium of 10 U.S. banks that bailed out the South African apartheid regime that would collapse otherwise, so there were demonstrations at those banks."^[11]
- In 1965, she formed Women's Radical Action Program.^[2]
- In 1965 or 1966, she founded the [Jane Collective](#), a clandestine abortion counseling and abortion service that performed 11,000 abortions prior to the Roe v. Wade court decision in 1973.^[5]
- In 1967, she helped to found the [Chicago Women's Liberation Union](#).^[2]
- In 1967, she left SDS, during a disagreement over tactics. She later said she was committed to "old new left" and believed in better strategic planning than the "new new left" was advocating.^{[6][13]}
- In 1968, she left SNCC when new leadership made it clear that whites were no longer welcome.^[11]
- In 1970, she participated in the [Women's Strike for Equality](#) and joined NOW.^{[11][2]}
- In 1970–72, she won a suit for unfair labor practice from a business that had hired her as an editorial consultant.^[6]
- In 1973, she used the monetary award from that suit to set up Midwest Academy.^[6]
- In 1980, she founded and became executive director of the Citizen-Labor Energy Coalition.^{[13][100]}
- In 1980, she was named the deputy field director for the Harold Washington mayoral campaign.^[2]
- In 1980, she organized [Citizen Action](#).^[18]
- In 1984, she helped found [Jewish Fund for Justice](#).
- In 1987, she received the Eugene Debs Award from the Chicago branch of [Democratic Socialists of America](#).
- In 1987, she worked on the re-election campaign of Harold Washington.
- In 1989, having moved from Chicago to Washington, D.C., she served as president and head of the national office of Citizen Action.^[6]
- In 1992, she headed the field operation for Carol Moseley Braun's Senatorial campaign¹

- In 1993, she became outreach coordinator for the Democratic National Committee^[41] and coordinator of DNC National Health Care Campaign.^[102]
- In 1994, she joined the advisory council of the Women's Information Network.^[103]
- In 1996, she was named training director of the Democratic National Committee.^[104]
- In 1999, she helped found and has variously served as vice chair, board member, executive committee member, and senior advisor to USAction.^[45]
- In 2000, she became director of the NAACP National Voter Fund.^[46]
- In 2003, she was the lead consultant in the founding of the [Campaign for Comprehensive Immigration Reform](#).^[46]
- In 2003 or later, she was consultant to the [Voter Participation Center](#).^[46]
- In 2004, she was get-out-the-vote coordinator for the New Mexico Kerry/Edwards campaign.^[51]
- In 2005, she joined the board of the Center for Community Change.^[46]
- In 2007–2008, she directed the AFL-CIO campaign for universal health care.^[5]
- In 2009, she directed the field campaign for passage of President Obama's first budget.^[5]
- In 2010, she was founding director of [Americans for Financial Reform](#).^[5]
- In 2010, she was senior advisor to the [One Nation Working Together](#) rally.^[2]
- In 2011, she became a consultant to the [National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare](#).^[48]
- In 2011, she joined the Democracy Partners consultancy.^[49]
- In 2011, and following years, she has been an advisor to the Alliance for Citizenship. She has also served as consultant with NOW, [MoveOn.org](#), the [National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare](#), the [National Council of La Raza](#), People's Action, the Center for Community Change, and other progressive nonprofit groups.^{[8][2][46]}