

Indiana AAUW Public Policy Agenda 2007-09

The following public policy agenda was adopted April 28, 2007, at the Indiana State Convention:

Indiana American Association of University Women affirms AAUW's long-standing commitment to the passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. We support:

- Efforts to preserve and protect civil rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
- Public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to the community.
- Equalization of marital property rights.
- Equal access to the political process regardless of race, gender or financial status.
- Pay equity and equal opportunity for job promotion and advancement.

Indiana AAUW believes that public education is the foundation of a democratic society. We support:

- Academic freedom, educational equity, and gender fairness.
- Affordable educational opportunities.
- Full funding for *mandated* public education programs: pre-kindergarten through college.
- Mandatory full-day kindergarten.
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX, including gender equity in sports.

Indiana AAUW promotes the social and economic vitality of all. We support:

- Continued legislative funding of the Indiana Commission for Women.
- Education and enforceable legislation and intervention for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.
- An equitable and fiscally responsible Social Security program.
- A diverse society.
- The education of Indiana citizens about sexual and racial harassment.
- Enforceable legislation against intimidation and hate crimes.
- Acknowledging the legal rights of victims.
- Consumer protection under the law.

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Indiana AAUW promotes the health and well-being of all. We support:

- The right to safe, affordable, and accessible physical and mental health care.
- Responsibility and choice in the determination of one's reproductive life.
- Measures that ensure equity in health care, including research and insurance coverage for the particular needs of all women and girls.
- Affordable prescriptions and health coverage for all citizens, regardless of income and pre-existing conditions.
- Licensed, adequate, and affordable dependent care.
- Health promotion and disease prevention programs.

Indiana AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies that promote peace, social justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people. We support:

- A strengthened United Nations and its affiliated agencies.
- International programs that address human rights and education of women and girls in developing countries.

Indiana AAUW recognizes the importance of protecting the environment. We support:

- Energy conservation, pollution control, and aggressive recycling aimed at reducing global warming.
- Comprehensive legislation regulating landfill expansion and developing alternatives.
- Preservation of natural resources.

Indiana AAUW advocates for the recognition of women's worth. We support:

- Increasing the number of women in elective and appointed offices and policy-making positions.
- Recognition of the value and efforts of volunteerism and care-giving.

Indiana AAUW realizes the importance of the arts and humanities. We support:

- Public and private funding of the arts.
- Expansion and maintenance of library and media services.
- Establishment and maintenance of Hoosier historic sites.

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