

## Indiana Public Policy 2015-2017

### **AAUW Indiana affirms AAUW's longstanding commitment to Equal Rights for all. We support:**

- Public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to community
- Efforts to improve racial, ethnic, and gender equity
- Equal, unencumbered access and participation in the political process regardless of race, gender, or financial status
- Pay equity and equal opportunity for full-time work with, benefits, and opportunities for advancement

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

- Academic freedom, educational equity, and gender fairness in a harassment-free climate
- Affordable post-secondary educational opportunities, including STEM and other non-traditional occupations
- Full funding for public education programs; pre-school through post-secondary education, including effective classroom learning and a longer school year for K-12.
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX including gender equity in STEM education and sports and in enforcing sexual harassment-free learning environments

### **AAUW Indiana promotes the social and economic well-being of all. We support:**

- Continued legislative funding of the Indiana Commission for Women
- Enforceable legislation and intervention for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, and violent crime
- An equitable and fiscally responsible Social Security program which recognizes the disadvantages that women face
- Advocacy for harassment-free environments
- Enforceable legislation against intimidation and hate crimes

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

- The right to safe, affordable, and accessible physical and mental health care
- Responsibility and freedom of choice in the determination of one's reproductive life
- Measures that ensure equity in health care, including aggressive research and complete 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
- Promotion of health and disease prevention screenings and programs

### **AAUW Indiana 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 the concerns of women and girls in developing countries (i.e., CEDAW and CARE)

### **AAUW Indiana recognizes the importance of protecting and improving our environment. We support:**

- Energy conservation which focuses on air and water quality, aggressive recycling and sustainable agriculture
- Comprehensive legislation regulating landfill expansion and waterway contamination
- Preservation of natural resources and public land
- A 21<sup>st</sup> century public transportation system

### **AAUW Indiana 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

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

- Public and private funding for the arts
- Preservation of funding for public libraries and media services (in light of current budget cuts)
- Establishment and maintenance of Hoosier historic sites including the Indiana Women's History Trail