
Equality and Individual Rights

To guarantee equality and individual rights, AAUW Arizona advocates:

- Improved racial, ethnic, and gender diversity
- Passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment
- Vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights
- Increased access to health care and family planning services, and expansion of patients' rights
- Choice in the determination of one's reproductive life
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities
- Support for United Nations programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.

Ethical Government Policies

To promote ethical government policies, AAUW AZ advocates:

- Campaign finance reform that promotes equitable participation and representation
- Equitable budget and tax reforms that balance individual rights and responsibility to the community
- Equitable gender, racial, ethnic, and cultural representation on government boards and commissions.

AAUW Arizona Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Where We Stand

AAUW Arizona Public Policy Action Priorities are based upon the AAUW Principles for Action and Priorities for Action adopted at Association Convention, Phoenix, AZ, June 2007, and approved by the AAUW Arizona State Convention 2008.

Where We Are

Arizona On-line	Phoenix
Casas Adobes Tucson	Prescott
East Mesa	Safford
Flagstaff	Scottsdale
Glendale	Southeast Valley
Green Valley	Sun City
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AAUW ARIZONA PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM 2008-2010



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PUBLIC POLICY PRINCIPLES:

AAUW promotes the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons. Essential to that well being is an economy that provides equitable employment opportunities, reduction of poverty, quality dependent care, paid family and medical leave, decent housing, quality affordable health care, freedom from violence, and a clean healthful environment.

Education and Equity

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW Arizona advocates:

- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students
- Increased support and access to higher education for women and other disadvantaged populations
- Opposition to the use of public funds for non-public elementary and secondary education
- Increased commitment to the arts and humanities.

- Requiring all public schools and charter schools to be bound by the same standards, including state certification of teachers and administrators
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education
- Equitable gender, racial, ethnic, and cultural representation in faculty and staff in public educational institutions
- Creative and innovative programs for special needs students, including the gifted and talented
- Adequate and increased funding for state and county educational programs for juvenile offenders
- Family life studies offered in grades K-12, including age-appropriate information on sexually transmitted diseases and medically accurate sex education
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls in elementary and secondary education.



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Women's Economic Self-Sufficiency

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW Arizona advocates:

- Programs that provide women and girls with education, training, and support for success in the workforce, including trades and nontraditional occupations
- Vigorous enforcement of age and employment anti-discrimination statutes
- Equitable access and career advancement in employment
- Strengthening programs, including welfare and vocational education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development, and earning potential
- Pay equity and fairness in compensation
- Greater availability of and access to benefits and policies that create a family-friendly workplace environment
- Protection of Social Security, including disabled, spousal, and survivor benefits.

Healthful Environment

To promote a healthful environment, AAUW Arizona advocates:

- Strict enforcement of federal and state standards for clean air and water
- Responsible waste and growth management
- Protection and preservation of natural resources.