



AAUW-New Mexico Public Policy 2015-2016

AAUW-NM supports AAUW's mission: *Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research*

AAUW-NM supports the National Public Policy Program. We support constitutional protection for the rights of all individuals, reproductive rights, separation of church and state, social security that is fair to women and opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education.

AAUW-NM supports the issue of "Equity in Education for Women and Girls," academic freedom, protection from censorship, and the National position in favor of diversity.

AAUW-NM works in collaboration with other organizations in support of AAUW objectives.

AAUW-NM continues to support the NM State Equal Rights Amendment. Any attempt to revoke or change that NM Constitutional Amendment will become a priority for action. We believe in policies that promote justice and human rights and we recognize the need for a clean and healthful environment in an interdependent world.

2015 - 2016 Priorities

- ❖ Support the AAUW program to educate and galvanize women voters.
- ❖ Support a strong, adequately funded program for public education including:
 - Integrity of the funding formula;
 - Equitable funding for all state supported institutions of higher learning;
 - Increased number of instructional days for K-12;
 - Early childhood development initiatives;
 - Reasonable and fair capital outlay expenditures;
 - Freedom from bullying and harassment;
 - Opposition to funding out-of-state for-profit charter schools;
 - Support for teen pregnancy prevention programs; and
 - Support for dropout prevention programs.
- ❖ Support programs to encourage women to achieve economic self-sufficiency at all ages including:
 - Pay equity;
 - Education, training and support for success in the workforce, especially women experiencing traumatic life transitions;
 - Access to quality, affordable dependent care; and
 - Legal reforms for the prevention of domestic violence.
- ❖ Support for quality, affordable, and accessible health care and family planning services for all New Mexicans, including choices in the determination of one's reproductive life.
- ❖ Support for campaign finance and ethics reform including creating a statewide Ethics Commission with subpoena powers over statewide elected officials.
- ❖ Support of civil liberties and all efforts to preserve the rights guaranteed in the New Mexico Constitution. This includes support for immigrants' rights, voting rights, and safe, livable, and affordable housing as well as opposition to all forms of human trafficking.