



## **AAUW-New Mexico Public Policy 2017-2019**

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 civil rights of all individuals, reproductive rights, separation of church and state, and social security that is fair to women; we oppose the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education.

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

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 healthy environment.

### **Biennial Action Priorities**

Support the AAUW program to educate, register, and galvanize women voters

Support a strong, adequately funded program for public education including

- Integrity of the funding formula for elementary and secondary schools
- Equitable funding for all state supported institutions of higher learning
- Increased number of instructional days for K-12
- Early childhood development initiatives and programs for students with disabilities
- Reasonable and fair capital outlay expenditures
- Freedom from bullying, harassment, and sexual assault
- No use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education or to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools
- Effective teen pregnancy and dropout prevention programs
- Strong promotion of STEM education and comprehensive sex education

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 a well-regulated state guardianship of seniors including strong oversight of eldercare
- Legal reforms for the prevention of domestic violence and all forms of human trafficking

Support for quality, affordable, accessible health care and family planning services, including choice in determining one's reproductive life

Support for campaign finance and ethics reform including creation of a statewide Ethics Commission with subpoena powers and an Independent Redistricting Commission

Support of civil liberties and all efforts to preserve the rights guaranteed in the New Mexico Constitution including support for immigrants' rights, voting rights, and safe, livable, affordable housing