



The Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health values health care equity and access

"Women's health... is not merely reproductive health... it is every aspect of the female body from the brain to the big toe... it is nurturing the spirit and body with respect and knowledge."

— Aimee,
project administrator, age 35

"Women are the backbone of society. We move society along in many ways, sometimes unrecognized. We have to function at our highest level for the health of the community."

— Wendy, mother, age 42

Women's ability to lead fulfilling lives and to participate fully in society depends in large part on their health. Sadly, many women of color often face health care disparities which are largely the result of socially and politically imposed barriers. These disparities include:

- Limited access to health care services and insurance coverage.
- Too few community-based services and programs for women in need.
- Lack of culturally competent and language-specific resources.

Any meaningful efforts to ensure parity must address a broad agenda that includes racism, poverty and inequities in quality of and access to health care. We must work to overcome the obstacles to guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding her full range of health.

Access to quality, comprehensive women's health care improves not only women's health and lives, but also the health of others. Wisconsin policy makers should do all they can to safeguard the health of Wisconsin's women of color while respecting autonomy and dignity.

You can make a difference

When every Wisconsin woman achieves her full professional and personal potential, Wisconsin's families, communities and economy are strengthened.

The Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health is a new statewide coalition of diverse partners committed to improving women's health. We acknowledge the right of women of color to have their voices raised and heard and we invite you to join us in our work to ensure that women have the information and resources they need to make the best health decisions for themselves and their families.

For more information about the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health, please contact Sara Finger toll-free at: 1-866-399-9294 or visit www.SupportWomensHealth.org

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