



*empowering young women
to lead their best lives possible*

The Young Women's Leadership Program 2009 Legislative Priorities

The Young Women's Leadership Program is a project of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women. The YWLP provides information, research and analysis to elected officials and the public regarding issues affecting the status of young women across ages 18-35. The following are our priority issues for the 2009 legislative session.

Education and Training

Affordable Education- Support proposals that address increased funding of financial aid and scholarships, proposals that address student loan forgiveness and proposals that protect students against unfair college loan interest rates.

Financial Literacy Initiatives- Support proposals to provide education and programming about financial literacy.

Educational Equality- Support proposals that encourage young women to participate in math/science/technology fields including the emerging field of nanotechnology; and increase the monetary value of certain female-dominated fields.

Health Literacy- Support efforts to educate young women about basic health information and services.

Housing

Affordable Housing- Support proposals to increase the number of affordable housing units and homeownership opportunities.

First-Time Home Buyers- Support proposals aimed at assisting first-time home buyers.

Emergency Shelter- Support proposals to provide increased access to emergency shelters.

Reproductive Health

Reproductive Health Access- Support efforts to ensure the right to access and receive comprehensive reproductive health services including proposals to provide SANE nurses in hospitals across Connecticut.

Racial and Ethnic Disparities- Support efforts to address racial and ethnic disparities in reproductive health care.
