



## **CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S HEALTH CAMPAIGN Members, July 2009**

**Advocacy for Patients with Chronic Illness, Inc.  
African American Affairs Commission  
American Heart Association  
Coalition for Choice  
Connecticut Association for Human Services  
Connecticut Commission on Aging  
Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition  
Connecticut Association for Nonprofits  
Connecticut Breast Cancer Coalition Foundation  
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Connecticut Community Care, Inc.  
Connecticut Primary Care Association  
Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.  
Connecticut Voices for Children  
Connecticut Women's Consortium  
Connecticut Women's Problem Gambling Project  
Hartford Gay & Lesbian Health Collective  
Health Care for All Coalition  
Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission  
Legal Assistance Resource Center of CT  
MATCH Coalition, Inc.  
NARAL Pro-Choice Connecticut  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Alliance on Mental Illness, CT (NAMI-CT)  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, CT Chapter  
Old Lyme Social Services  
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women  
Planned Parenthood of Connecticut, Inc.  
The Paul and Lisa Program  
RSVP of Southwestern CT  
University of Connecticut Health Center, Celebrate  
Health Programs  
Witness Project of Connecticut, Inc.  
Women and Family Life Center of Guilford  
YWCA Northeast Regional Council**

**The Connecticut Women's Health Campaign** is a broad coalition of groups who have been committed to and working for the health and well-being of Connecticut women and girls over their life span. Our mission is:

- to achieve access to health care for all women and girls in Connecticut;
- to advance the representation of women at all levels of decision-making, research and service delivery;
- to promote awareness of women and girls' health care needs; and
- to educate the public, especially state policymakers, about these needs.

### **Guiding Principles:**

Health care for women should be:

- Gender appropriate
- Culturally competent
- Comprehensive and preventive
- Universal
- Confidential

**GENDER APPROPRIATE** care addresses gender inequities in health care including oppression. It acknowledges differences in clinically effective interventions for women. It should also allow consumers to access an array of practitioners, including midwives and nurse-practitioners. Settings should include those which are community-based and provide safety net services to underserved populations, including women and girls.

**CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT** health care should be responsive and inclusive of diverse populations and differences among clients.

**COMPREHENSIVE and PREVENTIVE** care must include but not be limited to the full range of reproductive health care, specialty care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, preventive health care, acute and long-term care, and rehabilitative care.

**UNIVERSAL** coverage should be *affordable* and accessible for all people.

**CONFIDENTIAL** care is essential to protect access for all people including, but not limited to minors, people with HIV infection, people seeking reproductive health care, behavioral health services, and survivors of domestic or sexual violence.