

AAUW OF OR PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM GOALS

PUBLIC EDUCATION:

- Improved and stable public funding for academic and workforce programs at all levels;
- Equal educational opportunities for all with emphasis on the protection and preservation of intellectual freedom and access to broad-based education;
- Opposition to public funds for vouchers, private schools, non-accredited education programs;
- Equitable access to affordable education for women and girls;
- Support of programs that meet the needs of women and girls in elementary, secondary and postsecondary education, including vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education;
- Increased participation of women and girls in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), as well as civics, history and political science (CHIPS); and,
- Increased financial assistance for childcare costs of student parents.

ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE:

- Support of laws that protect all persons without regard to gender, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age or class;
- Elimination of bullying and sexual harassment.
- Adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution, the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- Fair and equitable taxation at all levels of government;
- Guarantee of civil rights in all family structures.
- Support programs that address human trafficking.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

- Fair and equitable taxation at all levels of government;
- Elimination of the Kicker and establish an adequate reserve fund;
- Reaffirmation of the separation of church and state;
- Ensuring adequate long-term funding for education, public safety and human services
- Improved public access to the legislative process;
- Accountability and transparency in government operations.
- Vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights, including voting rights.

HEALTH CARE:

- Universal availability, accessibility and quality health services;
- The right of all persons to have access to reproductive health care options of their choice;

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY:

- Pay equity and fairness in compensation;
- Greater availability of and access to benefits that promote work and life balance; and,
- Promote strengthening of retirement benefits.