

**AAUW PROMOTES EQUITY FOR ALL WOMEN  
AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION,  
PHILANTHROPY AND RESEARCH**

**To allow American Women to be equally represented in the U.S. Constitution, AAUW Florida advocates:**

Support for the Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

**To support Pay Equity, AAUW Florida advocates:**

Support for legislation that seeks to close the persistent and sizable wage gaps between men and women and promote pay equity.

**To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW Florida advocates:**

Support for and access to higher education for women and all disadvantaged populations.

Opposition to the FCAT unless it is used as one of many assessment measures for individual student progression rather than as a punitive yardstick for schools, teachers and students.

Support for fully funding public education and opposition to the use of public funds for non-public elementary and secondary education.

Enforcement of all provisions of Title IX.

Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.

Support for broadening the definition of Core subjects in the Florida public school system to include and provide appropriate funding for arts and related humanities programs now considered extracurricular.

Support for adding a civics education requirement in public schools.

**To support economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW Florida advocates:**

Support for programs that increase the earning potential of women by allowing full access to post-secondary education and job training, thereby ending the cycle of poverty.

**To support the right of every woman to safe, accessible, and comprehensive reproductive health care, AAUW Florida advocates:**

Support for a woman's right to choose as articulated in the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

Support for legislative efforts to ensure that our public schools teach comprehensive, medically accurate, age appropriate sex education.

Support for legislative efforts to ensure access to family planning services, including emergency birth control (Plan B).

Opposition to any laws or policies that threaten a female's freedom to make her own choices concerning her reproductive life within the dictates of her own moral and religious beliefs.

Opposition to legislative efforts to make the Parental Notice of Abortion law even more onerous and burdensome for minors.

Opposition to any public funding for Crisis Pregnancy Centers which do not offer the full range of options in cases of unplanned pregnancies.

**To support a fair election process, AAUW Florida advocates:**

Working towards statewide consistency in the development of effective election processes and procedures in all counties including ensuring accuracy of a vote count by any effective method.

Full access to citizens who desire to register and vote regardless of background including rehabilitated felons.

Support for legislative efforts for fair redistricting in the State of Florida.

**To support the protection of civil and constitutional rights and individual liberties, AAUW Florida advocates:**

Opposition to any legislation that violates the right to privacy via e-mail or other intrusive methods.

Opposition to any judicial appointments of candidates whose record undermines women's basic legal rights and protections.

Support for women's rights to be free from violence to include sexual harassment, human trafficking, rape and sexual assault, domestic abuse and other gender specific hate crimes.

Support for a strengthened U.N. and U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns.

Support for national and international policies that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people.

Support for implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action from the 4th World Conference on Women and subsequent declarations.

Support for the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Support for international family planning programs that are consistent with AAUW policy.

## ***ADDITIONAL RESOURCES***

To learn about AAUW Florida,  
visit our website at  
[www.florida-aauw.org](http://www.florida-aauw.org)

To take action on state issues, visit  
<http://capwiz.com/aauw/fl/home>

To learn about Florida Legislators, visit  
[www.leg.state.fl.us](http://www.leg.state.fl.us)

For information about  
federal legislation, go to  
<http://Thomas.loc.gov>

To learn about the national  
AAUW organization, visit  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

To take action on national issues of  
importance to women, visit  
the Two-Minute Activist at  
<http://capwiz.com/aauw/home>

To learn more about AAUW's  
research, fellowships and grants, visit  
[www.aauw.org/learn](http://www.aauw.org/learn)

For information about the AAUW  
Legal Advocacy Fund, visit  
[www.aauw.org/act/laf](http://www.aauw.org/act/laf)

**In principle and in practice  
AAUW values and seeks a  
diverse membership. There  
shall be no barriers to full  
participation in this organization  
on the basis of gender, race,  
creed, age, sexual orientation,  
national origin, disability  
or class.**

**AAUW** Breaking through Barriers  
For Women and Girls

# **Public Policy Program 2010-2012**



## **FLORIDA**

[www.Florida-AAUW.org](http://www.Florida-AAUW.org)

Adopted April 25, 2010 AAUW FL Convention