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## → From Our Members

Teens talk of bodies, souls

WWN member organization, the Wisconsin Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, assists Milwaukee congregations in implementing a comprehensive sexuality education curriculum.

## → News and Views

### First Wisconsin Women's Health Policy Summit

[Save the date](#)

**When:** May 12, 2010 -- during National Women's Health Week

**Where:** The Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall, Madison, WI

**Why:** To collectively raise the status of women's health in Wisconsin

Every woman at every age and stage of her life has much at stake in the policy decisions being made in our state regarding access to quality health care. Together we have the opportunity to develop a comprehensive policy agenda for raising the status of women's health in Wisconsin. Whether you're an individual, or part of an organization invested in women's health, join in to take the next step!

The summit theme focuses on the Life Course Model and will provide an opportunity for providers, advocates, policy leaders, health care leaders and community members to come together to learn about the array of policies affecting women's health in Wisconsin, as well as to help develop a collective women's health policy agenda for our state.

Attendees can look forward to impressive keynote speakers, panel discussions surrounding diverse topics such as disparities and real women's voices, and an opportunity to network with other women's health supporters from across the state.

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### WI Elder Economic Security Initiative

The 2009 Elder Economic Security Standard Index for Wisconsin, developed at the University of Massachusetts, looks at the basic

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cost of living for individuals and couples. The county-by-county study concludes that a large percentage of older people cannot afford to live in Wisconsin.

### Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

#### Opinion: Laws, Lies, and the Abortion Debate

It has been three years since the Supreme Court's conservative majority abruptly departed from precedent to uphold a federal ban on a particular method of abortion. Emboldened, foes of reproductive freedom are pressing new attacks on women's rights and health.

#### Action: National Day of Appreciation for Abortion Providers

March 10 is the National Day of Appreciation for Abortion Providers. This month, the National Abortion Federation will be collecting names and messages to show support for the health care professionals who dedicate their lives to providing women with safe abortion care.

### Women's Economic Issues

#### Walmart To Pay More Than \$11.7 Million To Settle EEOC Sex Discrimination Suit

Walmart Stores will pay \$11.7 million in back wages and compensatory damages, its share of employer taxes, and up to \$250,000 in administration fees and will furnish other relief, including jobs, to settle a sex discrimination lawsuit filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the agency announced Tuesday.

### Women in the Military

#### Female WWII pilots to receive medals

Congress is awarding the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor, to members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots, a civilian branch of the Army Air Force. Fewer than 300 of the 1,100 survive. Relatives of those who have died or could not attend will also get medals.

### Women and Politics

#### Report: Poised to Run: Women's Pathways to the State Legislatures

*Poised to Run* offers a fresh look at how women reach the legislatures and how their pathways to public office have changed over time. Findings from a nationwide survey compare women and men, examining their decisions to seek office, previous political experiences, and personal backgrounds. Among the findings of the study is that women need to be recruited. Women are more likely than men to run for office because they were recruited rather than deciding to run on their own.



**Job and Volunteer Opportunities**

## Job Opportunities

Posted 2/24/2010

### **Executive Director, Myrick Hixon EcoPark**

The Myrick Hixon EcoPark (MHEP) in La Crosse, Wis., is offering a unique opportunity for a person with dynamic leadership and fundraising skills who is passionate about nature, animals, and environmental education to serve as its Executive Director. MHEP has just completed construction of a \$2 million environmental education center and is launching construction of an associated indigenous animal zoo designed to be a key component of the environmental education program.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Board of Directors, Vice Chair/Special Events**

The Wisconsin Women's Network currently has an opening for Vice Chair/Special Events on its Board of Directors. This position expires in December 2011, and may be renewed for a new two-year term. We particularly encourage applications from representatives of member organizations in WWN, but the position is also open to individual members of WWN. The Vice Chair/Special Events is responsible for the events sponsored by the Wisconsin Women's Network. This is an opportunity to see if membership on the 10-member Board of the Wisconsin Women's Network, working on issues important to women and families, is a good fit for you. Please contact Johanna Hatch, administrator, for further information.

**Independent Living, Inc.** is looking for volunteers to help keep seniors and people with disabilities independent and in the home of their choice. We offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Opportunities include:

**Chore Corps:** Help an older or disabled adult with running errands, grocery shopping, meal preparation or light housekeeping. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

**Evening Meals on Wheels:** Deliver hot, nutritious meals to the home of frail or homebound older adults or people with disabilities. Routes start between 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and generally take about an hour to complete. Delivering meals make a great group or family activity.

**Friendly Visiting:** Help prevent social isolation by offering weekly companionship to an older adult in their home or on an outing. Flexible schedule 1-2 hours per week.

**Kitchen Volunteers:** Assist our professional chef in preparing and packaging meals for our Evening Meals on Wheels clients.

**Reception Volunteer:** Assist with answering the telephone, greeting visitors and general office projects. 3-4 hours per week. Shifts are available at the Independent Living Headquarters, 815 Forward Drive, or The Gardens, 602 N. Segoe Road, both in Madison.

**Telephone Reassurance:** Make daily calls to provide a safety

check, medication reminder or companionship for an older adult in our community. For more information, contact [Volunteer Services Program Manager](#) at 608-274-7900

For Fairness,

Johanna Hatch, Administrator  
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