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### [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.

## [→ Events](#)

### July 8

#### [Long Term Care Public Funding Forum, Milwaukee](#)

1:00 PM-3:00 PM, Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vilet St. We all have questions about how care plans are developed in the new Wisconsin Long Term Care Programs. This program will focus on authorizing services and supports in an outcome based managed care environment. Fee: free to Milwaukee Aging Consortium members, \$20 for non-members. For more info: [Milwaukee Aging Consortium](#).

### July 10, 17, 24 and 31

#### [Free Caregiver Training, Waunakee](#)

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM, Waunakee Senior Center, 333 S Madison St. Many people become caregivers overnight without having the basic skills to safely care for their spouses, parents or other older adults who return home from a few weeks or months in a nursing home rehabilitation facility. The free, four-week session provides comprehensive hands-on training that teaches caregivers practical skills that make them better caregivers. For details and to



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register, visit [www.ccmadison.org](http://www.ccmadison.org) or contact WWN member [Diane Walder](#), (608) 442-7248.

### July 22

#### Madison NOW July Social, Madison

7:30 PM. The Madison Chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW)'s next social will take place on the evening of Thursday, July 22nd. All are welcome. This event is free. Here are the details:

Who? Emily Reynolds, President of Wisconsin NOW, Stephanie Wright, President of Madison NOW, as well as other NOW officers, current and prospective members, and supporters of all kinds.

When? 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2010

Where? Michelangelo's Coffeeshop, 114 State Street. Tables will be flagged with the NOW logo.

Why? To socialize, and also to organize the 90th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage Celebration on August 26, 2010.

For more information: [Madison NOW](#) or contact: [Elizabeth Galewski](#), (608) 256-1174.

### July 29 & 30

#### CWAG 33rd Annual Convention, Green Bay

On July 29 and 30, the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups will hold its 33rd Annual Convention at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay. The theme for this convention is "The Future of Health Care: Wisconsin Campaign for Better Care". For a detailed agenda, click [here](#). All registrations are due by July 21st. To register, click [here](#). For more information, please contact Jennifer at CWAG at either (608)221-6139 or (800)366-2990 ext. 346.

## → From our Members

### Governor Declares Elderly Benefit Specialist Month

WWN member Wisconsin Association of Benefit Specialists was presented with a proclamation from Governor Jim Doyle naming June 2010 "Elderly Benefit Specialist Month". Read the proclamation [here](#).

## → News and Views

### Women and Politics

#### [Australia gets first female PM](#)

Australia's Labor Party has elected Julia Gillard as the new prime minister, making her the nation's first woman in that position. Government lawmakers believe Gillard has a better chance of winning back voters ahead of an expected October poll because she is a warmer personality who can sell policies more effectively.

### Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

### **Health-care law improves insurance coverage for pregnant women and new mothers**

By the time women reach 44 years old, roughly 85 percent have given birth. Yet even though pregnancy and childbirth are such commonplace events, health insurance coverage and support services to keep mothers and babies healthy are often seriously deficient. The health-care overhaul greatly improves this situation, although some of the biggest changes don't kick in until 2014.

### **Test to predict menopause age a step nearer**

Doctors are a step closer to accurately predicting the age at which a woman will hit the menopause. A 12-year Iranian study of 266 women found it was possible to pinpoint the age of menopause by measuring levels of a hormone called AMH. If proven in further studies, it potentially means women could have more control over when to start a family.

### **Opinion: Let the Pill Go Free**

The usefulness of the Pill has been limited largely because it's available only by prescription. What's more, the difficulties involved in obtaining a pill prescription, especially for women without access to a doctor, can cause gaps in contraceptive use. But there is something we could do to help the pill live up to its potential: let women purchase it over the counter. The pill meets F.D.A. criteria for over-the-counter medications and a half-century of evidence shows us that it's safe to dispense the pill without a prescription.

## **Violence Against Women**

### **Text messages become a growing weapon in dating violence**

"Textual harassment" is a growing aspect of dating violence at a time when cellphones and unlimited texting plans are ubiquitous among the young. "It's gotten astonishingly worse in the last two years," says Jill Murray, who has written several books on dating violence and speaks on the topic nationally. Especially for those who have grown up in digital times, "it's part and parcel of every abusive dating relationship now."

## **Economic and Workplace Equity**

### **Corporate chief executives endorse UN-led gender equality initiative**

Nearly 40 chief executive officers representing companies from across the world today became the first group of business leaders to endorse a United Nations-led initiative to empower women by promoting gender equality in corporate workplaces, markets and communities.

## **LGBT Rights**

### **Wisconsin Supreme Court Upholds Gay Marriage Ban**

The Wisconsin Supreme Court upheld the state's constitutional ban on gay marriage and civil unions in a unanimous ruling Wednesday that disappointed gay rights advocates. The court's 7-0 ruling concluded that the constitutional amendment was properly put to voters in a statewide referendum in 2006. Justices rejected a lawsuit that claimed the amendment violated a rule limiting constitutional amendments to a single subject.

### International Women

#### **Women's empowerment set to top agenda at UN Economic and Social Council meeting**

Gender equality and the empowerment of women will be the main focus of attention when government ministers from across the world gather in New York for the annual high-level meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) this week.



## **Job and Volunteer Opportunities**

### Job Opportunities

#### **Planned Parenthood seeks Community Educator and Government Grant Administrator**

The Community Educator will educate community members - including teens, parents, caregivers, educators, youth workers and others - via culturally-sensitive and research-based comprehensive sexuality education. The educator will contribute to furthering the organization's mission of creating sexually-healthier communities with a focus on reducing the rates of teen and unintended pregnancies as well as sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV. The Community Educator will also be responsible for managing a group of volunteer health promoters and conducting sexual and reproductive health outreach to diverse, historically underserved, and/or marginalized communities. For a more detailed description of the position, visit [Planned Parenthood Wisconsin](#)

The Government Grant Administrator oversees and administers Title X, Title V and government grant programs ensuring agency compliance. For a complete description of the position, visit [Planned Parenthood Wisconsin](#)

To apply for either position: please send your cover letter, resume, salary requirements and the position you are applying in a Microsoft Word format to the Human Resources department by email or US mail.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Inc.  
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(No phone calls please.)

### **American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin seeks Development Director**

The ACLU/WIF is seeking a Development Director, a senior management position reporting to the Executive Director, to manage programs which raise funds for the ACLU and strengthen the links between the ACLU and its supporters. The Development Director will be part of a team of senior professionals. Working closely with the Executive Director, the Development Director is responsible for planning, supervising and executing the affiliate's annual giving and major gifts programs and other fundraising strategies. The Development Director, working with other staff and volunteers, will implement a multi-faceted development plan. To apply, please submit a resume, short business writing sample, and a brief cover letter describing your interest in the Development Director position to the address below. Please indicate in your cover letter where you found this job listing. Please, no phone calls. Applications accepted until position is filled, which will not be before July 20, 2010.

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Milwaukee, WI 53202-5774  
OR  
[HR-DD@aclu-wi.org](mailto:HR-DD@aclu-wi.org)

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Wisconsin Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice seeks Board/Committee members!**

Pro-Choice? Frustrated? Looking for a way to Make a Difference? The Wisconsin Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice is the place for you! Wisconsin RCRC is looking for dedicated, committed, pro-choice people of faith to join our board of directors and/or join one of our working groups. If you are passionate for social justice and women's rights; if you are frustrated at the current state of reproductive justice in Wisconsin; if your faith compels you to get involved in a meaningful way to effect change; please contact Rabbi Bonnie Margulis at [bmargulis@tds.net](mailto:bmargulis@tds.net) or Cathy Thompson at [wi\\_rcrc@yahoo.com](mailto:wi_rcrc@yahoo.com) and find out how you can become a board member and/or join one of our working groups, and become a faithful activist for reproductive justice for Wisconsin!

**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 Equality,

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