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[www.wiwomensnetwork.org](http://www.wiwomensnetwork.org)

## → Events from Our Members

October 22

### Rally in Support of Reproductive Rights, Madison

Madison Surgery Center, 1 S. Park St. On September 22, 2009, over 80 anti-abortion protestors lined the sidewalks at the Madison Surgery Center to oppose the surgery center's intent to begin performing second-trimester abortions. In response to this show of untenable harassment, a coalition of pro-choice UW campus groups took a stand for women's reproductive rights and choice by holding a rally at the Madison Surgery Center.

October 29

### Women, Jobs and Wisconsin's Green Economy Public Policy Roundtable, Madison

8:30 AM- 12:00 Noon, MGE Innovation Center. The social and political momentum of green jobs has garnered interest, legislation and dollars to encourage the development of green work and industries across Wisconsin. But where do women - as workers, business owners, and leaders - fit in to this momentum? And, if they don't, how will we engage them? A dialogue took place on women and green jobs in Wisconsin and how to advance the "green status" of women in Wisconsin. This policy roundtable was designed for leaders in business, academia, government and workforce development, and experts on the green economy in Wisconsin, job training, apprenticeships and/or entrepreneurship for women. For more info: [WI Women's Council](#).

November 4

### American Association of University Women Legislative Day, Madison

8:30 AM-3:30 PM, Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 3841 E. Washington Ave. Morning speakers on legislative issues coming before our WI Senate and Assembly on education, health care reform and campaign finance reform. The afternoon was intended for lobbying for these issues. Information: Barbara Peterson, Public Policy Chair, AAUW-WI at [lpeters@dishup.us](mailto:lpeters@dishup.us).

[For a complete events calendar, click here.](#)

## → News

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### WI Elder Economic Security Initiative

[Opinion: Social Security is not enough for seniors](#)

"The 2009 Elder Economic Security Standard Index for Wisconsin," developed at the University of Massachusetts, looks at the basic cost of living for individuals and couples. The county-by-county study concludes that a large percentage of older folks cannot afford to live in Wisconsin. The situation is similar elsewhere. For more on WWN's WI Elder Economic Security Initiative, [click here](#).

### Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

[Report: Program Helps Women Get Cancer Screenings; Wisconsin Well Woman Program Helps Cover Screening Costs](#)

A state program affiliated with The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program is ensuring that many low-income women or women without insurance can get the help they need. The Wisconsin Well Woman Program is supporting people both emotionally and financially. It helps cover screening costs and its changing lives. Eligibility for the program is based on age and insurance status and includes high-deductible plans.

[YouTube: Protesting Birth Control in Wausau, WI](#)

[Report: Unsafe abortions kill 70,000 annually](#)

Safe abortions are still not available to everyone, despite gains in liberties worldwide. Increased contraceptive use has led to fewer abortions worldwide, but deaths from unsafe abortion remain a severe problem, killing 70,000 women a year, a research institute reported this week in a major global survey.

[Opinion: Women's Health is Non-Negotiable](#)

Madison Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk each issued official proclamations recognizing Sept. 23 as Women's Health Day. The resolutions pull no punches in declaring that - to quote the mayor's proclamation - "reproductive health care is basic health care and all women have a right to access such care."

[Oklahoma Abortion Law: Details To Be Publicly Posted Online](#)

A new Oklahoma law requires physicians to disclose detailed information on women's abortions to the State's Department Of Health, which will then post the collected data on a public website. The controversial measure comes into effect on November 1 and will cost \$281,285 to implement, \$256,285 each subsequent year to maintain.

### Violence Against Women

[Report: UNICEF and Zambia say 'just stop it' to gender-based violence](#)

A new campaign in Zambia backed by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) calls for an end to gender-based violence, the second biggest scourge in the nation, following HIV and AIDS, according to the African nation's leader. President Rupiah Bwezani

Banda launched the campaign - whose theme is "Abuse, Just Stop It" - yesterday in the capital, Lusaka, declaring zero tolerance for perpetrators of sexual- and gender-based violence.

#### [Video: West Bend Woman Latest Domestic Violence Homicide](#)

Alice Gill, 50, of West Bend is the newest face on domestic violence in the state of Wisconsin, police said.

#### [Immigrant Survivors of Abuse Seek Freedom](#)

Immigrant women--including those who are undocumented and refugees--are more vulnerable to domestic violence and face steep hurdles when they seek help, said Isa Woldegiorgis, policy and systems advocacy director at Jane Doe Inc., a Boston-based group that works to reduce domestic violence.

#### [Women in the Military](#)

##### [Report: Women at Arms: A Combat Role, and Anguish. Too](#)

Never before has this country seen so many women paralyzed by the psychological scars of combat. As of June 2008, 19,084 female veterans of Iraq or Afghanistan had received diagnoses of mental disorders from the Department of Veterans Affairs, including 8,454 women with a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress - and this number does not include troops still enlisted, or those who have never used the V.A. system. Experts and veterans say the circumstances of military life and the way women are received when they return home have created differences in how they cope. A man, for instance, may come home and drink to oblivion with his war buddies while a woman - often after having been the only woman in her unit - is more likely to suffer alone.

##### [Report: Women Warriors: Supporting 'She Who Has Borne the Battle'](#)

Women have joined the military's ranks-serving in new roles, in greater numbers than ever before, and in combat. Like their male peers, women veterans have shown enormous dedication and courage in defending their country. But too often, they do not receive the same support, within the military and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

##### [Women More Likely to be Expelled Under 'Don't Ask'](#)

Pentagon officials won't speculate why women in uniform are more likely to be discharged from the armed services under "don't ask, don't tell," but critics of the policy say that new figures reflect deep-seated sexism in the armed forces.



## Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities

### [Job Openings](#)

Posted: 9/16/09

Org: Wisconsin Women's Council

Position: Legislative Intern

**Description:** The Wisconsin Women's Council, a state agency, is seeking a legislative intern to track state legislation and legislative priorities of women's advocacy organizations, and attend public hearings and meetings. This is an unpaid internship. College (undergraduate or graduate) student based in Madison is preferred. Familiarity with state legislative processes helpful. Hours/schedule is flexible and to be arranged with the successful candidate.

**To Apply:** Please send a letter of interest and resume to the WI Women's Council at [womenscouncil@wisconsin.gov](mailto:womenscouncil@wisconsin.gov)

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Posted:** 7/1/09

**Org:** Independent Living

**Activity:** 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 info:** [Teri Barr](#), Volunteer Services Program Manager at 608-274-7900

**Posted:** 6/17/09

**Org:** Madison SOS (Speak Out, Sister!)

**Activity:** research and survey design, writing and editing, community outreach, event-planning, mentoring, policy advocacy, and more

**Location:** various (in Madison)

**When:** opportunities available weekdays (daytime and evening) and weekend afternoons; very flexible scheduling

**Description:** Assist this grassroots, teen-led organization with several exciting summer initiatives: the creation of a Platform for Action and related policy advocacy on several key social justice issues affecting Madison high school young women, including

community-based research on issues like sexual violence and sexual harassment, reproductive health, education, mental health, and more; the creation of a resource guide for young women interested in taking action locally to affect change; the development of an interactive website connecting girls interested in discussing and taking action on local issues; and the development of a workshop series to empower girls as social change agents.

**More info/sign up:** Email [madisonsos@yahoo.com](mailto:madisonsos@yahoo.com)

**For Fairness,**

Judy Karofsky, Interim Administrator  
Wisconsin Women's Network

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