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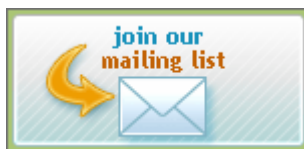
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→ From Our Members

[Wisconsin Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association](#)

is forwarding this message from the [National Women's Law Center](#): President Obama's budget makes investments that are critical to women and families and our nation's economic future, including: education, child care, health care, tax credits for working families, enforcement of civil rights, and retirement security. It also continues the President's commitment to passing comprehensive and affordable health care reform for women and their families. Now it's your turn to show your commitment: [Sign the pledge to fight for critical investments in women and families](#).

→ 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 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.

[Love Is \(Not\) All You Need](#)

Advocates for the elderly have long argued that Medicare and Medicaid should devote more resources to keeping people in their homes and communities as long as possible. Likewise, AARP research shows that nine out of ten Americans prefer to remain in their homes as they age. And though funding for home- and community-based services has increased (from \$17 billion to \$38 billion from 1999 to 2006), according to the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, those dollars are still dwarfed by the \$60 billion that Medicaid spent on institutionalized care in 2006.

Women's Health and Reproductive Rights

[Will school districts drop sex ed rather than comply with state law?](#)

Opponents of a controversial sex ed bill passed by Wisconsin legislators last week warn that if Gov. Jim Doyle signs the bill into law as he has promised, some local school districts will stage a revolt against the measure by ignoring it or dropping their human growth and development curriculum entirely.

Women's Economic Issues

[The Moment is Now: Women Funding Women](#)

While women's funding is not a new phenomenon, what is happening for the first time ever is that women are funding other women. Big time.

Women in the Military

[US Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus](#) stated in late 2009 that allowing women to serve on submarines is "an idea whose time has come". Mabus gave no timeline for when women could begin serving, saying several steps must occur first. They include devising an implementation process, notifying Congress of the plan and having the prospective female submariners complete the required nuclear training.



Job and Volunteer Opportunities

Job Opportunities

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[2010 Census](#)

The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced that 48,000 people are being recruited across the State of Wisconsin to work as **Census Takers** for the [2010 Census](#) between December, 2009, and June, 2010. Tests for the positions, which pay between \$11.50 and \$15

per hour, are taking place through January at locations throughout the state. Testing times and locations across Wisconsin are available by calling, toll free, 1-866-861-2010. More information about the positions, including application forms and a practice test, are available at the [2010 Census website](#) or [press release](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

[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

Free Caregiver Training Series

[Catholic Charities Aging Services](#) is offering free comprehensive caregiver training throughout 2010 to teach caregivers practical skills that make them better caregivers. The hands-on training includes falls prevention, lifting and positioning, skin care, medication safety, toileting and dressing, bathing and shower safety, and dealing with incontinence and much more. Jean Mueller, a registered nurse and member of the Dane County Caregiver Alliance, teaches the workshops and has more than 30 years of caregiving experience, both professionally and personally.

Saturdays, Feb. 20, 27, March 6 and 13 · 9am - 1pm
Meriter Health Services, 2180 W. Beltline Highway, Madison
Get details and [registration information here](#) or contact Diane Walder at (608) 442-7249.

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