

Links of Interest - Diversity

For a complete list of organizations and their websites serving diverse populations and addressing diversity issues, see the AAUW Educational Foundation's *Community Coalitions Manual* (available from [ShopAAUW](#)).

Age

- The American Association of Retired Persons (www.aarp.org) serves the needs and interests of people aged 50 and older through information, education, advocacy, and community services, which are provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers throughout the country.
- The National Older Women's League (www.owl-national.org) is a national membership organization that strives to improve the status and quality of life for midlife and older women. OWL bridges the gap between women's groups and organizations representing the aging to achieve these goals.

Class

- The Coalition of Labor Union Women (www.cluw.org) works to unify all union women to identify common problems and concerns and develop programs that address the critical needs of all women.
- The Welfare to Work Partnership (www.welfaretowork.org), a national nonpartisan effort of the business community to help move people on public assistance to jobs in the private sector, offers information, technical assistance, and support for businesses of all sizes and from all industries.

Creed

- Church Women United (www.churchwomen.org) is an ecumenical movement of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women working for peace and justice.
- The National Council of Jewish Women (www.ncjw.org), inspired by Jewish values, works through research, education, advocacy, and community service to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and strives to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

Disability

- [About:Deafness/Hard of Hearing](#) provides information and resources on topics related to hearing loss. The website has regular feature articles and a discussion forum for questions.
- The American Council of the Blind (www.acb.org) strives to improve the well-being of blind and visually impaired people by: serving as a representative organization of blind people; elevating the social, economic, and cultural levels of blind people; improving educational and rehabilitation facilities and opportunities; cooperating with institutions and organizations concerned with blind services; encouraging and assisting blind persons to develop their abilities; and educating the public to promote greater understanding of blindness and the capabilities of blind people.
- The National Council on Disability (www.ncd.gov) promotes policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability; and to empower individuals with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.
- The National Organization on Disability (www.nod.org) promotes the full and equal participation of the nation's 54 million men, women, and children with disabilities. Among other initiatives, NOD provides [grants to AAUW branch and state projects](#) (in Member Center) promoting the full participation of women with disabilities.
- [Self Help for Hard of Hearing People](#) is the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. SHHH exists to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy and support.

Gender

- Younger Women's Task Force (www.ywtf.org), a project of the National Council of Women's Organizations, is a nationwide, diverse and inclusive grassroots movement dedicated to organizing younger women and their allies to take action on issues that matter most to them. By and for younger women, YWTF works both within and beyond the women's movement, engaging all who are invested in advancing the rights of younger women.
- The Feminist Majority Foundation (www.feminist.org) is dedicated to women's equality, reproductive health, and non-violence. Its research and action programs focus on advancing the legal, social, and political equality of women with men, countering the backlash to women's advancement, and recruiting and training young feminists to encourage future leadership for the feminist movement.

- The Ms. Foundation for Women (www.ms.foundation.org) supports the efforts of women and girls to govern their own lives and influence the world around them. Ms. funds and assists women's self-help organizing efforts and pursues changes in public consciousness, law, philanthropy, and social policy. The foundation directs resources to break down barriers based on race, class, age, disability, sexual orientation and culture.
- The National Organization for Women (NOW) (www.now.org) is dedicated to making legal, political, social, and economic change to eliminate sexism and end all oppression.
- The Women's Educational Equity Resource Center (www.edc.org/WomensEquity) is a national center supporting the federal Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA) program, dedicated to reducing educational disparity for women and girls. The center provides gender-fair multicultural materials, training, consulting, and referrals. This site features an online discussion group on educational equity, information on the center, and abstracts of WEEA program grantees.
- [Women's eNews](#) is a nonprofit independent news service covering the issues that are of particular concern to women and is committed to delivering full and balanced reporting to Women's eNews readers.
- The YWCA of the USA (www.ywca.org) is the oldest and largest women's membership movement in the United States. Its mission, to empower women and girls and to eliminate racism, is the guiding principle for all YWCAs.

Race

- ASPIRA Association (www.aspira.org) is the only nonprofit organization devoted solely to serving Puerto Rican and other Latino youth through leadership development and education. ASPIRA takes its name from the Spanish verb *aspirar*, "to aspire to something greater."
- MANA, A National Latina Organization (www.hermana.org) is a membership organization dedicated to the empowerment of Latinas of all ages.
- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) (www.naacp.org) works to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of minority group citizens of the United States.
- The National Indian Education Association (www.niea.org) supports traditional Native cultures and values to enable Native learners to become contributing members of their communities, to promote Native control of educational institutions, and to improve educational opportunities and resources for American Indians and Alaska Natives throughout the United States.

Sexual Orientation

- The Human Rights Campaign (www.hrc.org) is the largest national lesbian and gay political organization committed to ensuring basic equal rights for gay and lesbian people.
- The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (www.nglftf.org) works for the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people. It is committed to social change through building a powerful political movement across the United States.
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) (www.pflag.org) promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons and their families and friends through support to cope with an adverse society, education to enlighten an ill-informed public, and advocacy to end discrimination and to secure civil rights.