



"Policy changes are not only in our legislation, but they start within ourselves. This is a very powerful place."

— Alex Zuñiga
Young Women's Cabinet

Our Policy Agenda

When women do better, children, families, and communities do better. Policy change is a critical lever to changing harmful systems and reducing disparities.

Each year, the Women's Foundation supports a legislative agenda that builds power and leadership with young women and grantee-partner organizations to increase safety, economic justice, well-being, and leadership for women and families. Our policy agenda is backed by our research and listening to remove barriers and support community-based solutions.

Holistic Well-being & Reproductive Justice

Access to contraception through broader insurance coverage for over the counter and prescription contraceptive methods and vasectomies across Minnesota.

Improve pregnancy health outcomes by mandating coverage by health plans for maternal mental health screenings.

Ensure access to abortion care in the state by passing the Reproductive Health Equity Fund bill to provide vital clinic funding.

Improve equity by passing the inclusive Equal Rights Amendment bill. Then, a Minnesota constitutional amendment ballot measure, if passed, would guarantee every Minnesotan the same rights under the law and codify protections from discrimination.

Economic Justice & Equity

Improve financial equality and decrease the wealth gap by closing the loophole that allows predatory rent-a-bank lenders to evade MN's interest rate caps.

Strengthen food security by increasing the minimum benefit for seniors and maintain outreach funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Safety & Victim Justice

Increase access to survivor support services by passing the Crime Victims' Services funding bill to allow for the maintenance and expansion of crucial public safety infrastructure including domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, and child advocacy centers.

Advocacy in Action

The Governor-appointed Young Women's Cabinet is active every session in advocating for legislation that values women and girls, particularly those often pushed to the margins. Since 2016, the Cabinet has engaged in leadership development, been trained as policy advocates, and has directed \$3+ million in grants to nonprofits and individuals to advance equity and justice.



Ready to Act?

- Research the issues
- Find your legislators at <https://bit.ly/3PIJqnr>
- Let them know you support this work
- Sign up for our biweekly Policy Update
- Support our coalition partners & events



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Partners in Advocacy

Policy wins are possible because of community-led advocacy made up of organizers, nonprofit groups, elected officials, and other advocates. We are grateful to all of our partners in advocacy, including:

- Young Women's Statewide Cabinet
- Young Women's Cabinet Mankato
- YWCA St. Paul
- YWCA Mankato
- ERA Minnesota Coalition
- Exodus Lending
- Gender Justice
- Minnesotans for Fair Lending
- Maternal Mental Health Coalition
- Our Justice
- Planned Parenthood
- Reproductive Health Alliance
- Violence Free Minnesota



Invest in Policy Change

When you make a gift to the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, you contribute directly to ensuring advocates are resourced in their work fighting to end systemic inequities so all women, girls, and gender-expansive people thrive.

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