

Our Vision

Maryland women
have full social, political
and economic equality.

Maryland
MW
Commission
for *Women*

45 Calvert Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Mission

The Maryland Commission for Women will advise government, advance solutions, and serve as a statewide resource



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Eleanor Roosevelt

to promote social, political and economic equality for women.

Goals

To advise government, as the voice of Maryland women, in the development of executive, legislative and judicial policies and procedures.

- To promote solutions that address the needs of Maryland women.
- To serve as a statewide resource center for information on issues, events, referrals and accomplishments of and for Maryland women.

"Good enough never is."

Debbi Fields

Programs

ACTIVITIES OF MCW

- Study the status of women
- Recommend methods to overcome discrimination against women
- Provide a clearing-house of information on women and girls
- Manage the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame
- Chair the Legislative Agenda for Maryland Women (LAMW)
- Publish and distribute educational materials and resource information for women in need of assistance
- Conduct public forums to ascertain the issues of importance to Maryland woman and their families

"Far away in the sunshine are my highest inspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see the beauty in them and try to follow where they lead."

Louisa May Alcott

Programs

- Maintain an online database of organizations that serve women and girls
- Provide information on the accomplishments of Maryland women
- Provide information on how to apply for state boards and commissions

Website

MCW's website provides links to women's and girls' resources, as well as information about MCW's programs and initiatives. Also, it serves as a key to access information about legislation important to women and their families.

Check us out at www.dhr.state.md.us/mcw.

"With rights, come choices, with choices come responsibility. Our collective responsibility is clear. We must ensure the next generation of women has every opportunity to identify, cultivate and maximize their special talents."

Frances Hughes Glendening,
Maryland First Lady

History

The Maryland Commission for Women (MCW), created in 1965 and established by an act of the Maryland General Assembly in 1971, is a 24-member citizen's group appointed by the Governor from among persons interested in improving the status of women. Commissioners, who are appointed for four years, represent the various geographical regions and the diversity of the state.

"Alone
we can
do so
little,
together
we can
do so
much."

Helen
Keller

Council on Girls

The Governor's
Council on the Status of Girls

The Governor's Council on the Status of Girls (GCSG), established in 2000, is a 19-member Governor-appointed council with the purpose of monitoring the status of Maryland's girls. An important new unit of the Maryland Commission for Women, it was formed in response to the November 1999 report, Girls to Women: Setting the Agenda for the 21st Century.

The Council's responsibilities are:

- Identify the forces, conditions and societal patterns that promote and obstruct the growth and healthy development of girls
- Investigate the need for, and availability of, resources to address the needs of girls
- Provide leadership needed to recommend legislative, policy and procedural changes that would help Maryland's girls realize their full potential
- Establish a reporting system to measure the extent to which state laws and policies are carried out in the best interest of girls
- Recognize achievements and contributions of girls

Publications



One of the responsibilities of MCW is to author and/or distribute publications and other materials of interest to women and their families. Two important publications currently available are:

- **Battered**
- **Legal Rights in Marriage & Divorce**

To obtain a publication, call the MCW office or visit its Website.

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