

Major Accomplishments of the Maryland Commission for Women

1. Task force on Women offenders
 - Developed & implemented a self-help program for women inmates "The World of Work"
 - "Women in Prison Project" statistical information & analysis 1999
2. Task force on Women's Health & Aging
 - Development of a database for physical and mental health education resources
 - Participation on the Governor's Commission on Women's Health
 - Establish direct access to and collect information on current research
 - Dissemination of periodic research updates
3. Task force on Employment
 - Improve the economic status of women
 - Initiated a women business owners' directory
 - Displaced Homemaker program
 - Sponsored a Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore Workshop
4. Supports Minority Business Workshops throughout state
5. Task force on Volunteering
6. Legislative issues
 - Supportive of a legislative advocacy forum for developing an independent legislative agenda
 - Sponsorship of public policy forums across the State
 - Support for Economic Self-sufficiency legislation
 - Family Violence legislation
 - Health & Safety legislation
 - Family law
7. Rape & Sexual Offenses
 - Crisis Shelters
 - Homeless Women's Crisis Shelter Program
 - Non-marital birth reduction initiative
 - Domestic Violence Program
8. Education
 - Title IX – elimination of sex-biased practices in public schools
 - Acted as a catalyst to achieve gender equity in education
 - Working with MSDE to create a policy mandating gender equity training for teachers
 - Supported and distributed Women's History Project Packets
 - 2002 Curriculum materials "Choice & Challenges: Maryland Girls & Young Women Shaping the Future."
 - Annual sponsorship of the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame
9. Community outreach
 - Established the Women's History Month Task force
 - Promotes activities of the Maryland Commission for Women

- Meets regularly with local commissions for women
 - Participates in Women's Fairs throughout the State of MD
10. Co-sponsorship of Conferences
 - Women's Health Workshop with MD General Hospital
 - The 2001 Economic Empowerment Conference
 - Annual support of the Economic Empowerment for Women & Girls Conference
 11. Publications
 - Legal Rights in Marriage & Divorce"
 - Domestic Violence pamphlet
 - Sex Discrimination in Employment
 - Getting Your Seat at the Table
 - Status of Women report 1997
 - White-paper on 2000 census
 - Women in Prison Report
 12. Maryland Women's History
 - Encouraged local commissions' involvement in celebrating Women's History Month.
 - Provides certificates of appreciation to Maryland Women who have made significant contributions in their county or in the State
 13. Girls' Committee initiatives
 - Sponsorship of the Maryland Conference for Girls
 - Sponsorship of the Women of Tomorrow Awards
 14. Communications
 - Web-pages – www.marylandwomen.org
 - Maintains database of women's organizations in Maryland
 15. Established Friends of the Maryland Commission for Women
 16. In 1998 fostered the development of local commissions for women in each county
 17. Development of Friends of the Maryland Commission
 18. Support and sponsorship of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center
 19. Annual Women's Classic
 20. Governor's Commissions Collaborative initiative
 - Goal is to reach out to the Women in the Hispanic and Asian communities to help them become aware of the resources and rights of Women in the State of Maryland.