

SEATTLE WOMEN'S COMMISSION 2011 WORK PLAN

Key Goal	Targets and Milestones	Due Date	Status Update				Met Target/ Milestone?
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
1. Violence Prevention:							
A. Address high levels of domestic violence in Seattle.	In light of current budget environment, ensure that domestic violence issues remain a priority on Mayor and Council's agenda.	Dec-11					
	Advocate for a cultural competency training in responding to domestic violence calls for Seattle police officers who serve as mentors/partners to new officers .	Jun-11					
	Partner with Tenants Union to advocate making it unlawful for tenant screening companies to provide, within routine screenings, evidence that a potential tenant has ever filed a domestic violence protection order.	Jun-11					
B. Advocate for resources and policy changes to help victims of prostitution and dating violence.	Continue to monitor initial success indicators of the "Bridge" residential recovery program for prostituted youth and help advocate for funding beyond the two-year pilot project	Sep-11					
	Promote education of sexual exploitation/youth prostitution issue to teachers, parents and educators, research Seattle School District's violence prevention curriculum and advocate for inclusion of teen dating violence and prostituted youth education for middle and high school students; explore building stronger connection between Youth & Families Initiative and youth prostitution issue.	Sep-11					
	Analyze areas of influence in legislative arena and make policy recommendations; advocate for changing law around arresting underage girls for prostitution.	Jun-11					
2. Economic Opportunity:							
A. Seek to better understand challenges and services for homeless women, especially young women, women with children, seniors and women in same-sex partnerships.	Create stronger connections to the homeless community by seeking openings for engagement, including attending SKCCH and meeting with providers.	Mar-11					
	Meet with 5-10 women living in Tent City to get their understanding and perceptions on homeless issues and life for women and families in tent cities.	Sep-11					
	Based on the information obtained through meeting homeless women and service providers, make recommendations to the city of policies to help address homelessness issues facing women in Seattle.	Oct-11					
	Based on meetings and visits, provide city leaders information on how budget and service cuts at local, county and state levels are affecting homeless women and families in Seattle.	Sep-11					

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B. Advocate for City Council vote on Paid Sick Leave in Seattle.	Together with community partners, build upon momentum in 2010 to urge City Council to vote in favor of paid sick leave for companies doing business in the city of Seattle.	Jun-11					

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C. Research green job training opportunities for women and gender inadequacy in worker retraining programs in Seattle.	Investigate success of City's green jobs program in recruiting and placing women in "green jobs."	Mar-11					
	Make recommendations to City Council, Mayor and city departments on how to ensure "green job" opportunities and worker retraining programs are helping women.	Jun-11					
3. Health Improvements:							
A. Investigate health issues facing homeless women in Seattle.	While meeting with homeless women and providers, gather information on the top barriers to meeting health needs and currently available resources.	Jun-11					
	Advocate for retaining and/or adding funding to the budget to support health programs for homeless women in Seattle.	Jun-11					
	Educate City Council and Mayor on health issues facing homeless women.	Sep-11					
B. Ensure awareness and enforcement of new federal breastfeeding law among City of Seattle employers.	Partner with breastfeeding/health advocacy organizations to raise awareness of new federal breastfeeding law.	Mar-11					
	Publicize the requirements of this law among Seattle business community.	Jun-11					
C. Support community's work to raise awareness of marginalized populations' access to health care and information.	Help publicize findings of Seattle Foundation Report that outlines marginalized communities and their barriers to health access.	Jun-11					
	Continue to educate about infant mortality disparities and support community partners, such as Equal Start Coalition.	Dec-11					