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Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health Releases Policy Vision for Wisconsin *Manual Provides Policy Roadmap to Promote Health, Safety, and Economic Security for Women and Girls*

Madison – The Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health (WAWH) announced the release of a new policy resource for elected officials, the media, and the general public entitled "[A Proactive Policy Prescription to Improve the Health and Well Being of Women and Girls in Wisconsin.](#)" This comprehensive resource provides a bold policy vision that, if enacted, would help Wisconsin women and girls realize their optimal health, safety, and economic security. WAWH hopes that this vision will help energize advocates, the general public, and supportive elected officials behind proactive policies that would result in real improvements to the lives of women and girls in Wisconsin.

"WAWH fully recognizes that the current state and federal political landscapes present unique and urgent challenges for women's health advocates," said WAWH Executive Director, Sara Finger. "While we recognize the dire need to meet these challenges, WAWH also believes that advocates for women's health cannot solely focus on reacting to harmful policy proposals. We also have the responsibility to take the initiative to build a positive vision of the future that moves the public, advocacy organizations, and elected officials to take concrete actions that will improve the health and wellbeing of women and girls in Wisconsin."

The manual provides in-depth analysis of 12 different public policies that WAWH believes would help improve the health and wellbeing of women and girls in Wisconsin. The individual policies are separated into three larger issue area categories: (1) [economic security](#); (2) [violence against women and girls](#); (3) and, [health care access](#). Each policy prescription contains background information about the issue, why the issue is important to women and girls, what policies Wisconsin can implement to address the issue, a list of other organizations working on the issue, and what readers of the manual can do to help make these policies a reality.

The resource contains two versions of each policy prescription: a condensed version that is meant to be accessible to members of the general public who might not have any particular policy expertise and a more formal version that provides lengthier descriptions of the issue, additional statistics, and a list of other informational resources that readers can access to further inform themselves about the topic. WAWH believes that these more in-depth policy briefs will be of great value to legislative offices and advocacy organizations that wish to dive a bit deeper into a particular issue.

"WAWH would like to thank the many organizations that provided insightful feedback to us during the creation of this manual," stated Finger. "We hope that this helps serve as a launching point for what Wisconsin can actually achieve if we start to get serious about promoting a comprehensive vision of women's health in our state."

An electronic copy of the manual can be accessed here: <http://www.supportwomenshealth.org/policy-rx.html>.

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The vision of the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health (WAWH) is an environment in which all Wisconsin women, at every stage and every stage of their life, can realize their optimal health, safety and economic security. Visit www.supportwomenshealth.org.