

**WOMEN'S
POLICY
GROUP**

*Focus
Series*

As a Member of the General Assembly You Make Families Matter

The Women's Policy Group appreciates the opportunity to work again in 2007 with the members of the Georgia General Assembly to help meet the needs of Georgia's women and their families. We look forward to a busy, challenging, and productive session.

Women's Policy Group is a Georgia-based organization established in 1988 to promote public policy that benefits women, their families, and their communities. We provide research, analysis, and advocacy on important policy issues and work in collaboration with organizations and individuals across the state to address the leading concerns of women in Georgia.

Join us for the annual Women's Assembly. Each fall the Women's Policy Group together with our sister organization, the **Women's Policy Education Fund**, hosts a prelegislative forum to bring together legislators, policy makers, key stakeholders, organizations that advocate for women and their families, and citizens from across Georgia. This conference provides the latest research and an opportunity for debate and discussion.

Post-session Legislative Wrap Up. After the session ends we invite legislators to speak directly to our members about the issues they worked. This provides a unique opportunity for us to thank you for making families matter and gain insight into the legislative decision making process.

WPG is an important voice for women. Since 1988, we have worked on a variety of issues including:

- **TANF and Child Care Funding**
- **PeachCare funding and policy**
- **Services for sexually exploited children**

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- **Economic security and living wages**
- **Child custody and support**
- **Community services for older women**
- **Securing Better Jobs for TANF Recipients**
- **Child poverty**
- **Access to affordable healthcare**
- **Domestic violence and sexual assault**
- **Privacy**
- **Managed care**
- **Family medical leave**
- **Tort reform**
- **Trauma care network**
- **Safety net services for vulnerable populations**
- **Assistance for Working Families**
- **Improving Services for Relative Caretaker Families**
- **Supporting initiatives that reduce poverty and encourage self-reliance**
- **Removing barriers to parental involvement in schools for low-wage workers**

Janice Barrocas is our representative at the Capitol. She is available to work with you on these and other issues. Please let us know how we can be helpful to you.

What is a Bookmark?

New legislators may wonder why WPG's positions take the form of a bright colored bookmark. We know you receive more data and position papers than anyone can possibly keep up with, so the **Bookmark Focus Series** provides useful information, in a concise format. Legislators tell us they use the Bookmarks when considering positions on bills and find them helpful when talking with constituents or civic groups. More detailed analysis is available upon request.

We look forward to working with you during the session and will regularly provide you with Bookmarks highlighting issues of importance to Georgia's women and girls. Thanks for making families matter at the Capitol!

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