

Agency 38 - Commission On The Status Of Women

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women's (NCSW) history dates back to 1964 when Governor Morrison issued an Executive Order creating the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women. In 1971, it became an official state agency with the passage of LB 819. NCSW's purpose, duties and structure are outlined in the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Chapter 81, sections 8,255 - 8,261. In 1991, section 81-8,260 was amended by LB 648. The Commission's mandate was expanded to include: the assessment of needs for women and their families; the directive to promote, develop, or assist other entities, in providing programs or services to meet those needs; and other programs and service expansions.

Vision Statement:

The Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women will decrease the disadvantage, discomfort, and discrimination experienced by Nebraska Women and their families, thereby increasing the probability of receiving just treatment, an enhanced quality of life, and in some cases, their chance for survival.

Mission Statement:

Identify, comprehend, assess, and communicate the current status of women and their families in Nebraska to the public, policy-makers and others. For problem areas identified, generate, explore and evaluate possible solutions. Implement, and/or assist others in implementing, maintaining and/or improving programs and actions, based on solution strategies chosen, to decrease disadvantage and increase justice and support for Nebraska women and their families.

Goals:

(1) Serve Nebraska women and their families and others by responding to specific requests, by individuals and private and public agencies and organizations, for Information, Referral, Support, and/or Advocacy assistance.(2) Increase understanding and respect for women, and decrease bias, prejudice, and discrimination toward women by engaging in general Public Outreach and Education through the distribution of written materials (newsletter, brochures), speeches, presentations, workshops, conferences, service on advisory boards and other public discourse.(3) Enhance the legal status of women and their families through equality, participation and justice under the law - working towards the creation of a gender-inclusive system of laws which promote quality of life, education and full participation for Nebraska women and their families. (4) Achieve equity in Employment and Educational opportunities and situations for women and girls in Nebraska. (5) Improve the Economic Status of women and families.(6) Promote, Support, and Increase Awareness of programs and health and care needs for women and their families. (7) Increase awareness of, and sensitivity to, the cultural diversity of Nebraska women and families. (8) Inspire and/or empower women and families through the provision of Role Models, Educational information, and the Recognition and Celebration of individual and collective accomplishments of women in the present & throughout history.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY00	Approp FY01	Request FY02	Recom FY02	Request FY03	Recom FY03
General Fund	193,470	195,518	199,145	203,682	199,629	211,806
Cash Fund	12,789	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Federal Fund	824	0	0	45	0	92
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	207,083	200,518	204,145	208,727	204,629	216,898

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Program 577 - Status Of Women

Program Objectives:

Objective 1-1: Respond, in a timely manner, to 100% of requests for assistance or information. Objective 2-1: Maintain and increase the number of people receiving general public outreach and educational information. Objective 3-1: Identify and review, monitor, evaluate and respond accordingly, to local, state and federal legislation and policies affecting women and their families. Objective 3-2: Increase awareness, education, and participation among women and their families in the system of laws which affect them. Objective 4-1: Research, compile and distribute information on workplace issues of concern for women, to women, employers, the U.S. Dept. of Labor - Women's Bureau, and others. Objective 4-2: Increase non-traditional (high wage/high placement) opportunities for women.

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Performance Measures:

Description	FY00 Actual	FY01 Current	FY02 Request	FY03 Request
Requests/Referrals/Assistance	1,015	1,020	1,050	1,050
Information Requests	885	890	950	1,000
Newsletters Distributed per issue	7,245	7,250	7,300	7,300
Individual Information Distributed	11,250	11,275	11,300	11,300
FY Legislation Reviewed	100%	100%	100%	100%
Bills Affecting Women/Monitored/Tracked	90-100%	90-100%	90-100%	90-100%
Priority Bills - Testimony written/oral	95-100%	95-100%	95-100%	95-100%
Lincoln Hlth Symposium Attend	300	325	350	350
Health Symposium Positive Reviews	85%	90%	90%	90%
"Living the Legacy" Booklet Dist.	250	100	100	100
Women's History Packets Dist.	300+	300+	300+	300+
Women's History Exhibit, North Platte	300+	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's History Exhibit, Columbus	500+	N/A	N/A	N/A
Women's History Exhibit/UNL Lecture, Li	1,100+	N/A	N/A	N/A
Woman of Distinction Ceremony Attend.	150	100	100	100
Ogallala Women's Retreat Attendance	275	275	275	275
Ogallala Women's Retreat Positive Resp.	95%	90%	90%	90%
O'Neill Older Women's Conference Attend.	N/A	200+ / Estimate	N/A	N/A
WIA/Pay Equity Workshop Attendance	250	N/A	N/A	N/A
NE Women Vote Info Distributed	N/A	25000	N/A	N/A
Women's Legal Rights Handbooks Dist.	500	500	500	500