

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.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY02	Approp FY03	Request FY04	Recom FY04	Request FY05	Recom FY05
General Fund	196,059	195,908	212,468	183,105	211,687	187,383
Cash Fund	15,690	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	211,749	200,908	217,468	188,105	216,687	192,383

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Program 577 - Status Of Women

Program Objectives:

1. Respond, in a timely manner, to 100% of requests for assistance or information.
2. Maintain and increase the number of people receiving general public outreach and educational information.
3. Identify and review, monitor, evaluate and respond accordingly, to local, state and federal legislation and policies affecting women and their families. Increase awareness, education, and participation among women and their families in the system of laws which affect them.
4. 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 Increase non-traditional (high wage/high placement) opportunities for women.

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Performance Measures:

Description	FY02 Actual	FY03 Current	FY04 Request	FY05 Request
Information Requests	2,170	2,170	2,170	2,170
Commission Web site hits per month	400	400	600	700
Newsletters distributed per issue	7,375	7,567	7,500	7,500
# Editions WomeNews per yr	3	3	6	6
Other Commission Publications Dist	8,600	8,350	8,350	8,350
FY Legislation promoted/monitor	57	35	35	35
Bills affecting Women/monitored/tracked	90/100%	90/100%	90/100%	90/100%
Priority Bill(s) - testimony witten/oral	95-100%	95-100%	95-100%	95-100%
Lincoln Health Symposium attendance	550	500	500	500
Health Symposium Positive Evals	95%	95%	95%	95%
Women's History Packets Dist.	400+	400+	400+	400+
Woman of Distinction ceremony attendance	150	150	150	150
Ogallala Women's Hth Retreat attend	275	na	na	na
Ogallala Women's Retreat positive evals	98%	na	na	na
O'Neill Women's Hlth Conference attendan	300	na	na	na
O'Neill Women's Hlth positive evals	96%	na	na	na
Women's Legal Rights Handbook dist	500	750	500	500
Women & Business workshops held	na	1+	5	5
Legal Rights Handbooks Cost/issue	\$.88	\$.93	\$.93	\$.93
Women & Retirement Inform Dist	15,000	15,000	30,000	30,500
Women's Hth information dist	25,000+	25,000+	25,000+	25,000+