Thurston Coalition for Women’s Health

Office on Women’s Health and Gender Integration
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- Established 1991

Mission: To provide leadership to promote health equity for women and girls through sex/gender-specific approaches.

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health
Goals of OWH

- Develop and impact national policy for health of women and girls.
- Develop, adapt, evaluate, and replicate model programs on women’s and girl’s health.
- Educate, influence, and collaborate with health organizations, health care professionals, and the public.
- To increase OWH’s organizational efficiency and performance.
Vote with your feet...

Women are naturally better parents than men.

For women to succeed in the workplace, special benefits and dispensations must be made available to them.

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Sex/Gender Approaches

Sex - biological difference between males and females. Sex differences are concerned with male and female physiology.

Gender - Socially constructed roles, behavior, activities, and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for men and women.
Gender Aware Programming

Do No Harm!

Exploitative  Accommodating  Transformative

Gender Blind

Adapted from IGWG Gender and RH Health 101 Training

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