

How You Can Get Involved

Women's Rights Information Center (WRIC) offers numerous ways for you to make a difference and touch the lives of individuals right here in our community.

DONATE *Funds and Goods*

Funding for our programs and services comes from the kindness of donors. This includes individual contributions, a bequest, or other planned giving. **No financial contribution is too small; every contribution makes a difference.** Donate conveniently by mail, in person or online at our website www.womensrights.org or text **WRIC to 53555** (message and data rates apply).

Our popular Career Closet offers an opportunity for women to donate gently worn business attire for women looking to reenter the workforce. Contact Past and Present Consignment in Closter to donate, 201-784-7441.

You may also consider our current technology needs. All donations of good condition computers are accepted on an as-needed basis.

VOLUNTEER *Time and Expertise*

WRIC counts on reliable volunteers to help answer phones, work in our Career Closet, support special events, and more. The Center also greatly appreciates volunteers who can provide professional services such as computer support, legal consultations and workshop presentations.

ATTEND OR HOST *a Special Event*

Join us for one of our many events – they are a great way to connect, help raise funds and celebrate successes! Host a party and donate the proceeds. Attend or sponsor an event sponsored by Women's Rights Information Center. It is fun and helps raise funds and visibility.

Women's Rights Information Center provides knowledge and opportunities to support the economic aspirations, self-sufficiency, and emotional well-being of individuals so they may live with hope, security, and dignity.

Since 1973, Women's Rights Information Center has been a place that provides help and support to those that want to create positive change in their lives.

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How We Can Help

WRIC provides support, in a warm and welcoming environment, for those facing economic and social barriers in their lives. We are dedicated to helping people gain the strength it takes to become independent, self-confident, and self-sufficient – for themselves and for their families.

Programs and services are designed to support the aspirations of individuals during times of challenge and change.

Many services are free, low-cost, or subsidized for eligible clients.

The Center serves individuals seeking help with...

- Counseling and case management
- Advancing their careers, resume preparation
- Seeking Job Coaching and mentors
- Finding affordable housing
- Financial Literacy and Credit Counseling
- Understanding their legal rights
- Developing computer and job skills
- Overcoming language barriers
- Gaining confidence and self-esteem
- Adapting to change
- Emotional support to face life's hurdles
- Referrals for food and other basic needs
- Educational Counseling
- Completing social services and other organizations' paperwork requirements

Testimonials

"Women's Rights Information Center helps you start when you don't know where or how to begin."

Michelle G., client

"Women's Rights Information Center literally changed my life 180 degrees. I never thought I would be able to get a job and hold onto it, get an apartment, and now I am seeing myself independently going to school. I dress up to go to school; I look nice and feel better about myself. All the different aspects of the center has helped me set achievable goals for my life."

Alexa A., client

WRIC Programs and Services

Women's Rights Advocacy

Information and awareness to eliminate barriers, and to promote women's advancement.

Career Services

Job search counseling, resumes, coaching, networking, workshops, career clothing, etc.

Computer Training

Microsoft Office classes.

Displaced Homemaker and Single-Parent Services

Support counseling, resources & referrals.

Entrepreneurship

Seminars & resources for starting a business, developing business plans, financing and marketing.

Education

English-as-a-Second Language, citizenship, work-readiness. Education counseling; Financial Literacy.

Information and Referrals

Linkages to social service agencies, community organizations and local resources.

Legal Consultations

Family law attorneys specializing in matrimonial, custody, & child support and immigration.

Shared Housing

Assist individuals seeking compatible housemates for shared households; referrals for other housing needs.

Victim Services

Support and advocacy for those affected by crime i.e. domestic violence, sexual abuse/exploitation, gun violence, DUI, human trafficking, etc.

Wellness Counseling

Short term therapies and referrals to promote well-being and ameliorate trauma symptoms.

Women's Diversity Book Group

Discussion of works by and about women.

Workshops

Seminars on health and wellness, financial management, self-development and more.

Dedicated Staff and Volunteers

Caring staff includes trained, professional counselors who work with clients both individually and in groups. Staff members participate in ongoing professional development to ensure that current information and best practices contribute to a positive client experience.

Volunteers offer valuable support to the Center on a day-to-day basis. Skilled professionals from the community present workshops and classes, provide technology support, research grant opportunities, offer legal consultations and staff our Front Desk. Internships afford students the opportunity to gain rewarding work experience while serving their community.

Special Events

Annually, WRIC celebrates the extraordinary and everyday achievements of women and men with a variety of events including fundraising dinners, award ceremonies, special programming and more. Highlights include our annual Celebrating Community Change Makers event, Women's History Month, Women's Equality Day and our Autumn Wine and Chocolate networking fundraiser. Visit www.womensrights.org for an updated calendar of all events.

Funding and Support

US Department of Justice-Office of Victims of Crime, NJ Office of Attorney General-Division of Criminal Justice, NJ Department of Children and Families-Division on Women, Displaced Homemaker Network of NJ, County of Bergen Community Development Program, County of Bergen Department of Senior Services, Bergen County Department of Human Services-Office of Multicultural Community Affairs, N.J. Department of Labor-NJ Workforce Development, The Community Chest serving Eastern Bergen County, Leonia Community Chest, National Council of Jewish Women-Bergen County Section, Alfred N Sanzari Family Foundation, Hyman Family Foundation, PSE&G, Lillian P. Schenck Fund, Schmidt and Barton Foundation, Thek Family Foundation, Eastern Bergen County Realtors Care Foundation; Women United in Philanthropy, Russell Berrie Foundation; Hausmann Foundation, Bogota Savings Bank Charitable Foundation; Blue Foundry Bank, Capital One Bank; Columbia Bank Foundation; Investors Bank; Lakeland Bank; Spencer Savings Bank; Provident Bank Foundation; First Commerce Bank; Valley Bank; Contributions from individuals, organizations, small foundations, corporations and fund-raising events; in-kind services from members of Women Lawyers in Bergen, Women For Progress; Bergen Equestrian Center, local business owners, service groups and other dedicated volunteers.