

A Conversation With Our Legislators:

Public Forum on the Needs of Women and Girls in Bucks County



Founded by THE BUCKS COUNTY WOMEN'S FUND

Purpose The Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition has organized this forum to share the results of its first year of work focusing on improving the lives of women, girls and families in Bucks County. The mission of the Coalition, comprised of 29 organizations and several individuals, is to empower, educate, and advocate to build awareness, equity, gender equality and economic self-sufficiency for all.

Materials The enclosed reports, written by four subcommittees of the Coalition, focus on 2-1-1 information access, economic self-sufficiency, health care and housing.

Agenda Friday, October 2, 2009, 8-10 a.m., Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22, 705 N. Shady Retreat Road, Doylestown

Introduction

Nancy Porter Morrill, *Vice President, Bucks County Women's Fund*

Presentations by Four Working Groups of the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition

2-1-1 – Sharon Barker, *Senior VP, Community Impact & Development, United Way of Bucks County*

Economic Self Sufficiency – David Ford, *Outreach Director, Bucks County Opportunity Council, Inc.*

Health Care – Tam St. Claire, *A Woman's Place, League of Women Voters, Leadership Team of Bucks Voices for Health Care Reform*

Housing – Susan Hauser, *Convener, Coalition for Women's Economic Justice*

Legislator Comments

Public Dialogue

As time permits. We encourage participants to write their thoughts on the comment card provided. Comments will be compiled and shared with legislators.

Wrap Up

Acknowledgements We are grateful for the participation of all our partners, and particularly wish to thank the *League of Women Voters of Bucks County, the Bucks County Women's Fund, and the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22* for making this forum possible.

Member Organizations of the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition

AAUW of Doylestown
American Red Cross, Lower Bucks County Chapter
A Woman's Place
Bridge of Hope Bux Mont
Bucks County Commissioners' Advisory Council for Women
Bucks County Community College – The Women's Center
Bucks County Housing Group
Bucks County Opportunity Council
Bucks County Quality Childcare Coalition
Bucks County Women's Fund
Bucks Voices for Health Care Reform
Coalition for Women's Economic Justice
Doylestown Hospital
Girls Scouts of Eastern Pa
Habitat for Humanity
HealthLink Medical Center
Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania
Latino Leadership Alliance of Bucks County
League of Women Voters of Bucks County
Libertae
National Council for Jewish Women – Bucks County/ Greater Philadelphia
Network of Victim Assistance
North and Southampton Reformed Church
Penn Action
Planned Parenthood Association of Bucks County
Residential Living Options
Soroptimist International of Bucks County
United Way of Bucks County
YWCA of Bucks County



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