



Office of Women's Health

The mission and work of the Office of Women's Health (OWH) is guided by the overarching theme, "To improve the health, wellness and safety of women and girls across the lifespan through policy, programming, outreach and education."

OWH coordinates women's health-related activities across HRSA, strengthening the programmatic focus to reduce sex and gender-based disparities and support comprehensive, culturally competent, and quality health care. OWH's goals are to: 1) Provide leadership on policy and programs; 2) Expand access to quality health services, education and community-based interventions; and 3) Support mentorship and lifelong learning opportunities. Selected cross-cutting, activities supported by OWH include:

Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness

Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness is an initiative to plan, develop, implement, and evaluate a variety of evidence-based, culturally competent consumer, healthcare provider, and community products that will increase women's awareness and use of preventive health services. Go to Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness, <http://www.hrsa.gov/womenshealth/wellness/>

Women's Health USA Databook

The Women's Health USA Databook is an annual reference publication summarizing key statistics on health indicators by sex, race/ethnicity, and age; developed in partnership with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's Office of Epidemiology, Policy, and Evaluation, and the Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services. Go to Women's Health USA Databook, <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov/whusa11/>

National Women's Health Week

National Women's Health Week is an annual event that takes place during the week following Mother's Day each year in May to recognize the importance of improving the health and well-being of women across the country. Families, communities, businesses, government, health organizations and other groups work together to focus on healthy lifestyles and simple action steps. Go to National Women's Health Week, <http://www.womenshealth.gov/whw/>

Women's Health Coordinating Committee, Violence Prevention Workgroup

HRSA OWH coordinates the Violence Prevention Workgroup through the HRSA Women's Health Coordinating Committee (WHCC). HRSA WHCC was established to coordinate efforts across HRSA Bureaus and Offices to promote women's health-related programs and activities. In 2011, HRSA's violence prevention in the workplace policy was updated, including an annual training requirement for all employees. In addition, collaborative activities and events during violence prevention-related national health observances are coordinated with other Federal and non-Federal partners to raise awareness and offer educational resources.

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