

Women's Policy Leadership Institute

Calling on women, from all walks of life, from all levels of policy experience to join colleagues and new friends in an interactive policy conference.

The Women's Policy Leadership Institute believes that the world will change to meet the needs and realities of women only when leadership is balanced to reflect the vision and capabilities of women.

WPLI's goal is to create a progressive training and mentorship network to help transfer practical policy skills and experience from current women leaders to future women leaders.

Turn your passion into power. . .

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The WPLI is sponsored by Montana Women Vote. MWV is a coalition of organizations working statewide to educate and mobilize low-income women and their allies to participate in the democratic process.

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TURN YOUR PASSION INTO POWER

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 17TH 2010**
THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
BILLINGS, MT

**WOMEN'S POLICY
LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE**



SATURDAY MORNING

9:00–10:00 **Registration at the Crowne Plaza**

10:00 – 10:45 **Welcome and Opening**
Representative Julie French, HD 36

11:00–12:15 **Breakout Session 1:**

Option 1: Elections 101—How we get from here to the Legislature
Learn the basics of how elections are run, including campaigns, election laws, and ballot measures.
Presenters: Alysha Goheen Jannotta, Montana Women Vote; Sarah Howell, Western States Center, Portland; and Nancy Dietrich, League of Women Voters

Option 2: Ballot Initiatives— Citizen Lawmaking! Learn about two ballot initiatives currently in the signature gathering process, how to get involved, and how to keep your message clear.
Presenters: Olivia Riutta, Montana Women Vote and Melissa Reams, Planned Parenthood

LUNCH

12:30 – 2:00 **Lunch Panel: Why Policy Advocacy** - Hear from a panel of women whose work and passion has brought them to policy work. Learn why it was necessary for them to make the leap and belly up to the policy table and how you can too.
Presenters: Stacy James, Planned Parenthood MT and Norma Bixby, N. Cheyenne Tribal Education Department and former Legislator; and Laura Simonsen, Montana Autism Speaks

Register online:
www.montanawomenvote.org/wpli.html

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

2:15– 3:15 **Breakout Session 2:**

Option 1: The Inside Scoop: Conversation with Elected Women
Listen to elected women talk about their experiences: why they decided to run, what campaigning and holding office is like, and how to best communicate with your elected women! **Presenters:** Jani McCall, Billings City Councilwoman; Betsy Scanlin, former Red Lodge Mayor; Rep. Elsie Arntzen, HD 53; and Sen. Lynda Moss, SD 26

Option 2: The Abundant Table—Food, Agriculture and the policy choices we eat! – Hear from women involved in the local food and agriculture movement. Find out why local food policy is so important, tangible ways that you can get involved and why your food decision matter! **Presenters:** Caroline Silver, Farm to Table VISTA; Carol Beam, Good Earth Market; Mary Danley, Danley Farms; and Jean Charter, Yellowstone Valley Citizens Council

3:30– 4:00 **Next Steps & Closing Remarks**

KEYNOTE AND RECEPTION

4:15 – 5:00 **Keynote: Susan DeCamp**
After her children flew the nest in Billings, Susan found herself working for development in Afghanistan back in 2002. A former radio broadcaster for Yellowstone Public Radio, she is now a Foreign Service Officer with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) assisting the Afghan people with the creation their own free and open media.

5:00–6:00 **Reception** - Join us for good food, great conversation, and refreshments.

If you can't make it to the conference, we invite you to join us for the keynote and reception

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration Deadline: Monday April 12th
You can also register and pay online at:
www.montanawomenvote.org/wpli.html
The conference will be held at the Crown Plaza:
27 N. 27th St Billings, 10am–6pm, April 17th 2010

Name _____

Organization/Affiliation (optional) _____

Address _____

Email (to receive updates/details about the event) _____

Telephone _____

BREAKOUT CHOICES — I would like to attend:

Session 1 (Saturday Morning): 1 2

Session 3 (Saturday Afternoon): 1 2

EARLY REGISTRATION — Enclosed is:

\$30 Conference fee

(After April 12th, add \$5.00 for late registration)

I will need childcare for _____ children

I will need special accommodations as follows:

Return Registration Form and Payment to:

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