

The Houston Plan of Action

The Houston Plan of Action was drawn up at the National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas in 1977. It includes advocacy and support for the following issues:

- **Arts and Humanities**--equal access and input by women.
- **Battered Women**--programs to serve women and prevent violence.
- **Business**--equality of opportunity for women.
- **Child Abuse**--continued funding for prevention and treatment.
- **Child Care**--government must assume a role in providing care.
- **Credit**--equal access to women in their own names.
- **Disabled Women**--access to education, training, employment.
- **Education**--prohibit discrimination at all levels.
- **Elective and Appointive Office**--increase the participation of women.
- **Employment**--ban discrimination in apprenticeship and employment.
- **Equal Rights Amendment**--support ratification.
- **Health**--support insurance coverage including: preventive health, comprehensive family planning, reproductive health care, general medical care, home & health support services, comprehensive mental health services.
- **Homemakers**--recognize the value to the family of each spouse's work.
- **Insurance**--eliminate discrimination in insurance coverage.
- **International Affairs**--recognize women's role in all areas.
- **Media**--work towards equal opportunity and better image of women.
- **Minority Women**--all parts of this plan apply equally to minority women & recognize their extra burden due to racism.
- **Offenders**--eliminate discrimination in treatment of women.
- **Older Women**--enable older women to live with dignity and security.
- **Rape**--revise laws to help, not hurt victims, train police and courts.
- **Reproductive Freedom**--guarantee reproductive freedom to all women.
- **Rural Women**--address the isolation poverty and underemployment of rural women.
- **Sexual Preference**--eliminate discrimination.
- **Statistics**--include women and minorities in all data collection and analysis.
- **Women, Welfare and Poverty**--state must assume a role in prevention and amelioration of poverty.

While no organization is likely to take a stand on all of these planks, and no group's members will agree on all these planks, no member organization of the Minnesota Women's Consortium may have a written position in opposition to any of them. For a booklet with more details contact: Minnesota Women's Consortium, 550 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55103, 651/228-0338 or www.mnwomen.org.