

# Join the Coalition for Maine Women for our DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE

**Thursday, February 11, 2010**

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Hall of Flags, Maine State House, Augusta

- Connect with other women from around the state.
- Learn how the legislative session will affect women.
- Develop your advocacy skills.
- Use your voice to influence the political process.

**For more information, contact:**

Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community at 1-800-442-2092.

**To register**, e-mail: [lhilton@maine.edu](mailto:lhilton@maine.edu) OR register online at [www.womenworkandcommunity.org](http://www.womenworkandcommunity.org), click on "news and events."

Registration deadline is February 9.

Morning coffee and refreshments will be served. Please bring a bag lunch or purchase your lunch at the Cross Cafe on the State House grounds

The Coalition for Maine Women steering committee

AAUW • Family Planning Association of Maine • League of Young Voters • Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center • Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community • Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault • Maine Equal Justice • Maine Women's Health Campaign • Maine Women's Lobby • Maine Women's Policy Center • National Coalition of Jewish Women Southern Maine • Planned Parenthood of Northern New England • Wage Project

## AGENDA

8:30 – 9:10 Registration, Coffee, Advocacy Displays—Hall of Flags  
Registration is in the Hall of Flags, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the State House. Get some coffee and a muffin, view the organizational displays, connect with other women.

9:10 – 9:20 Welcome, Overview, & Engagement—Hall of Flags

- Welcome by Legislative Women Leaders
- Welcome & Overview of the Day
- Engaging Participants—What's important to you and the state? How the Coalition and Member Groups set priorities.

9:20 – 9:50 Current Legislative and Budget Issues—Hall of Flags

- Overview of Coalition agenda issues before the Legislature and the impact of proposed budget cuts on women and families
- Paid Sick Leave & DECA
- Budget/Maine Can Do Better
- Paycheck Fairness
- Wrap Up—How do these issues affect your life?

10:00 –11:15 How You Can Influence Policy Decisions

Hands-on training on how you can use your voice to influence the political process and public opinion

- 1) Introduction to Advocacy/Citizen Lobbying—Welcome Center
- 2) Mock Public Hearing—Room 105, State Office Building

11:15 – 11:45 Practice your new skills and use your voice—talk with your Representative or Senator on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

11:45 – 12:15 Wrap Up of Morning and Next Steps—Welcome Center/Hall of Flags  
Developing Your Advocacy Plan and Steps

12:15 – 12:50 Lunch—Arrange ahead of time to meet with your Legislator in the Hall of Flags—Bring your own Brown Bag or eat in the State House Cafeteria

12:50 Reconvene in Hall of Flags to travel to Committee Rooms or Tour the State House (see below activities)

1:00 – 2:00 Optional Action Activities

- Attend a Committee public hearing or work session
- Connect with/shadow your Legislator
- Tour the State House/Participate in Scavenger Hunt