



2018 Platform Policy Issues

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Chapter 16 of WV Code - The Urban Renewal Law - Effectiveness of implementation of law, health, safety, and welfare of residents in areas of the state where there is an active Urban Renewal Plan - ensure community participation - Rick Martin - rmartin52@suddenlink.net

Establishing a Substance Abuse Prevention Areas in every Regional Jail in West Virginia - individuals arrested/convicted of a crime and found to be addicted to a substance, they would be held accountable for their crime AND for their addiction - Frank Jarman - franklinjarman@yahoo.com

The Access to Women's Health policies would work to ensure equitable access to period products, we aim to make basic health care products such as tampons, pads, napkins, and similar items accessible in all state buildings, schools, and public restrooms - Alisa Clement - alisa.clements@ppsat.org

Mental Health Matters programs are asking legislature to form a task force of both private and public organizations from communities around the state of those who work in and with kids in trauma to create a strategic plan to address the need for collaboration and better access to mental health services - Kelli Caseman - kelli@wvahc.org

Community Centers addressing the Opioid Crisis which help people and their families through the addiction cycle. More community centers are needed throughout West Virginia to not only provide after school programming to keep young people occupied and off drugs but also as a hub for resources so people can get help - Martha Snider - snhdhomer@aol.com

West Virginia citizens referred to Child Protective Services (CPS), the 'first line of defense,' are impacted by the long-term crisis due to high rates of substance abuse/addiction, job turnover, low pay, poor working conditions, and vicarious trauma. In response, WVDHHR will be asking the legislature for supplemental appropriations and financial improvement packages, with an estimated \$60 million needed to turn this crisis around, we can support DHHR's ask and establish these funds in the budget - Sam Hickman - shickman.naswv@socialworkers.org

Equal Pay, Equal Treatment legislation will help strengthen West Virginia women's economic security by eliminating harmful workplace discrimination that threatens their job security and financial stability and aims to reduce the gender pay gap - Julie Warden - julie@wvfee.org

Formation of a Welfare Reform Committee would ensure that we are taking the measures necessary to do everything possible to help incentive work and promote self-sufficiency. A percentage of members on this committee must include members of low income working families across the state - Stormy Matlick - scmatlick@outlook.com

The WV Anti-Corruption Act would help us have a democracy where everyone participates, every vote is counted, and everyone's voice is heard. To do this we need to close loopholes in our election and ethics laws, and change political rules that unfairly favor the wealthy and special interests groups - Selina Vickers - emailtheselina@gmail.com

Juvenile Justice Reform tackles the issue of WV locking kids up at an alarming rate and the vast majority of time it isn't even for violent offenses. Kids being incarcerated often turn into adults who are incarcerated. Schools also need more training in how to help find real solutions when kids are truant or having behavior issues - suspending kids and making them miss more school days only hurts us - Liz Brunello - ebrunello@afsc.org

WV Shared Table is an effort to reduce the amount of reusable wasted school food by providing students the opportunity to take additional food during breakfast and lunch as well as provide nonprofit community pantries and food banks with supplemental food - Jenny Anderson - janderson@ourfuturewv.org

Debt Free Higher Education as a legislative action is due to rising costs of higher education, at an alarming rate. Young people are being saddled with debt that makes it hard to attend college or university. We want to see higher education's cost lowered/and or made free and a plan developed to help those who come out of college with big debt - Jennifer Wells - jennifer@ourfuturewv.org

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