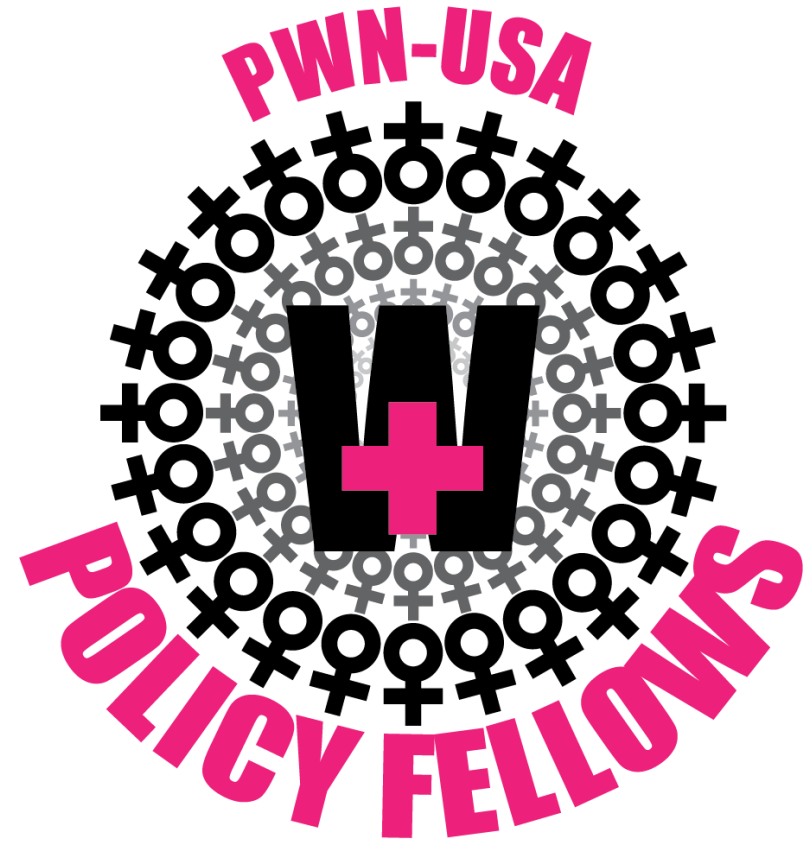
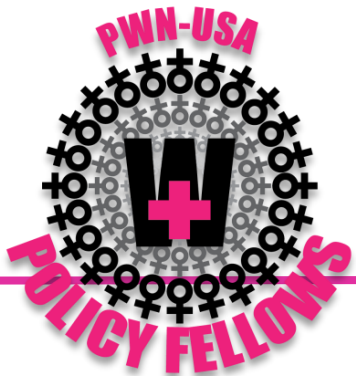


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Session 3
Policy and Government 102**



Learning Objectives

1. Learn how federal policy shapes state and local policy
2. Learn about the state legislative advocacy process



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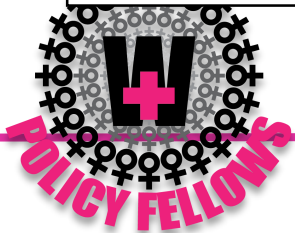
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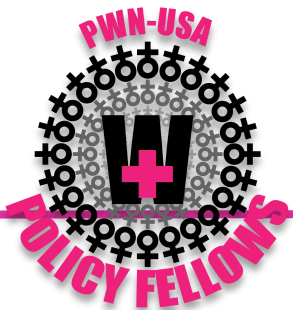
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Check-in Question

What is one thing you learned about your elected representatives since the last session?



Federal vs. State Advocacy

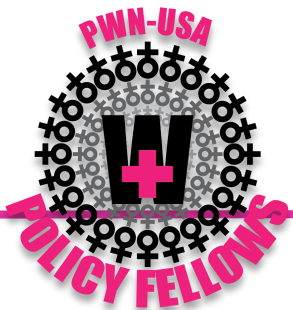
Federal

- Maintain military
- Declare war
- Establish postal system
- Mint money
- Copyrights and patents

- Collect taxes
- Establish courts
- Regulate interstate commerce
- Regulate banks
- Borrow money
- Provide for "general welfare"
- Make and enforce criminal laws

State

- Establish local government
- Set up schools
- Regulate commerce in the state
- Regulate marriage
- Regulate corporations



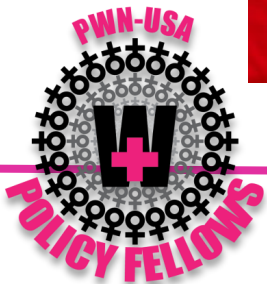
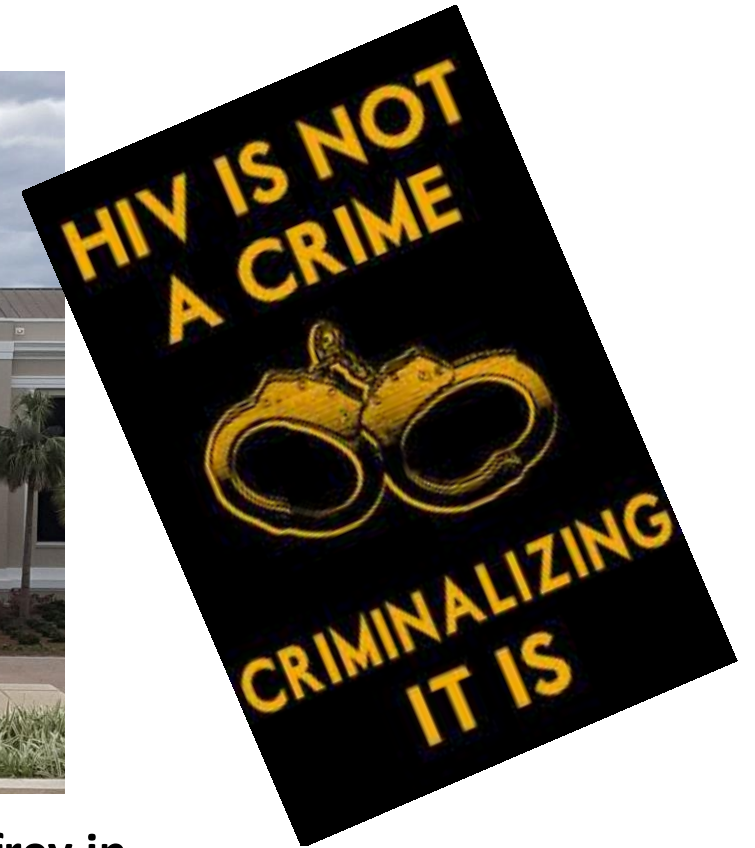
State vs. Federal Advocacy

Example: HIV Criminalization Reform and Repeal

Congresswoman
Barbara Lee



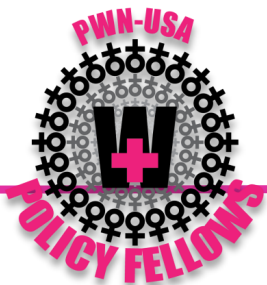
PWNers Tami Haught and Kamaria Laffrey in front of the Florida Supreme Court building.



REPEAL ACT HIV Discrimination Act

(Repeal of Existing Policies that Encourage and Allow Legal HIV Discrimination)

- Reintroduced March 27, 17 by Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Rep. Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), 33 other cosponsors
- Directs Attorney General, Dept. of HHS and Dept. of Defense to initiate review of federal (including military) and criminal state laws, policies and regulations involving criminal and civil commitment of PLHIV
- AG and HHS to develop and release guidance on best practice recommendations for **states** to reform laws to reflect evidence-based and medically accurate understanding of the routes risks and transmission of HIV.



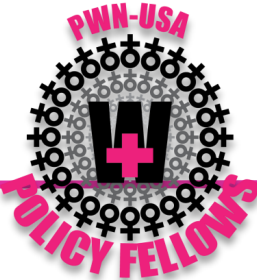
State-based HIV Criminalization Advocacy



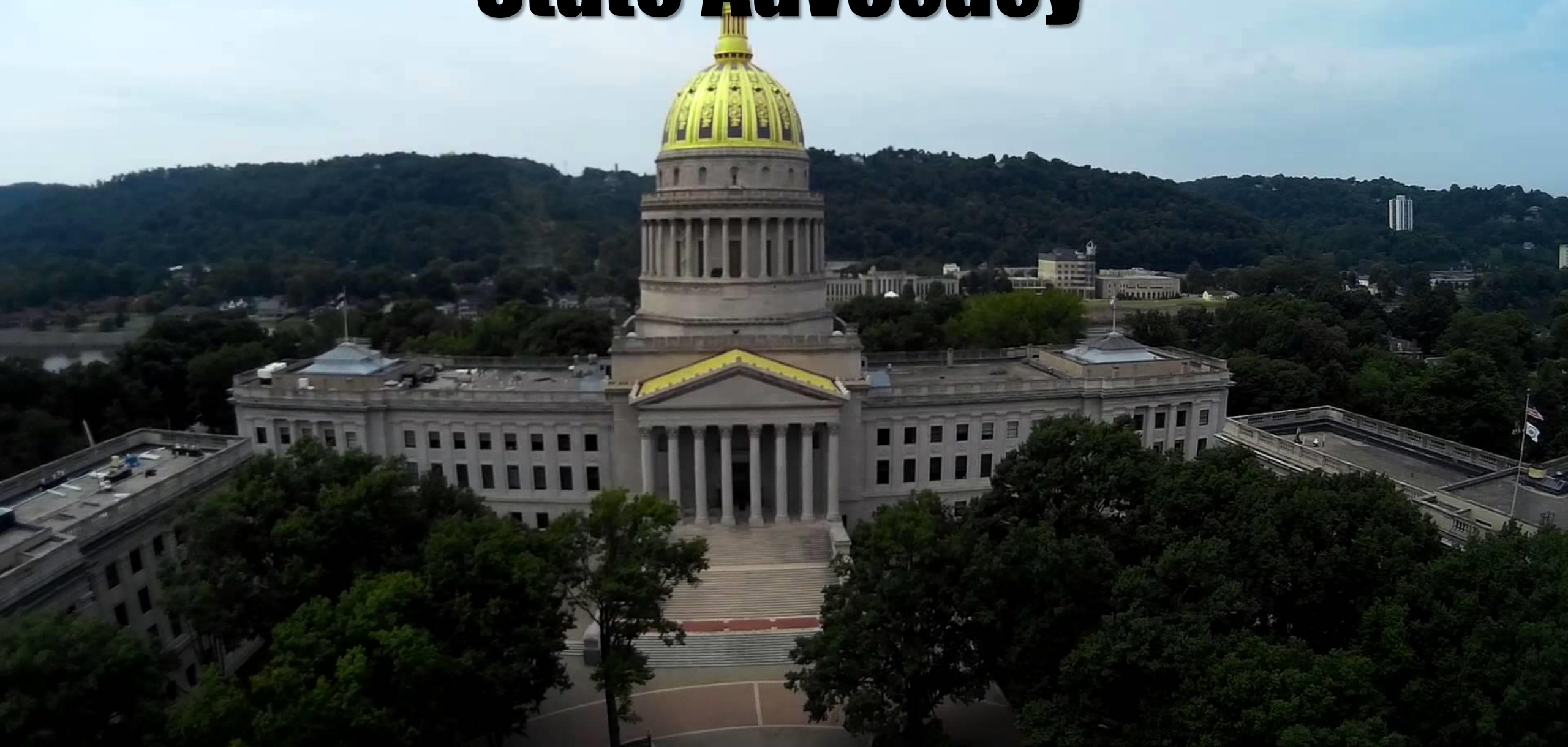
June 6, 2016 - PWN-CO members and other advocates with Colorado state legislators and state Governor to sign a bill changing Colorado HIV criminal laws



Jan. & March 2017 – PWN-SC trains the trainers and then educates the community about HIV criminal laws in South Carolina



State Advocacy



Nuts and Bolts

- Most state legislatures mirror the U.S. Congress
 - (with some changes)
- Know your neighbor's politics!
- Learn your basics:
 - Which party controls the House/Senate?
 - When is the deadline for pre-session bills?
 - Is there a deadline for presenting new bills?
 - When must bills pass to the opposite house?
 - What committees exist within the legislature?
 - What are the rules around special sessions?
 - Go to public hearings or watch online!
 - Find out when campaigning starts

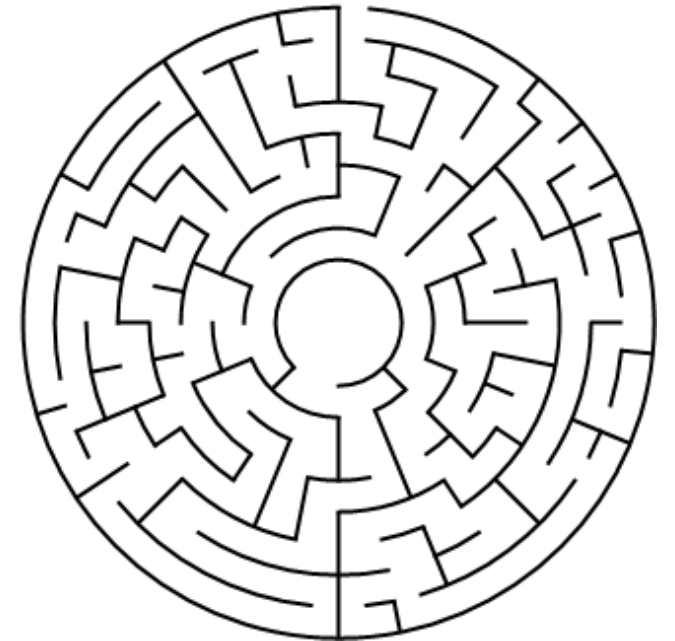
Make Friends!

- Community organizing is diverse
 - Volunteer
 - Join coalitions
 - Create a coalition
 - Go to city counsel meetings
 - Meet the “policy wonks” in your state
 - Call the radio
 - Take a free training
- Track legislation as a team or by yourself
- Most importantly: use your question gun



Play the Game; Work the Maze

- Find groups with resources
 - Bonus points if they have a lobbyist
- Policy work is a maze—work from the end result backwards
- Be detail oriented
 - National bill templates will need to be altered to make sense locally
 - Study your behind off
- But also think BIG
 - Maybe a bill isn't the first step. Try a local ordinance or resolution
- Be introspective.
 - Learn about yourself and your strengths. You're already a perfect lobbyist for your own cause!



Win, Lose, or Draw

- Fighting a bill
- Supporting a bill
- Dealing with an undesired outcome
 - Resilience is a requirement!
- Thank your champions
- Build up your community to build up yourself
- Timing timing timing
- You're ready to jump in an advocate!



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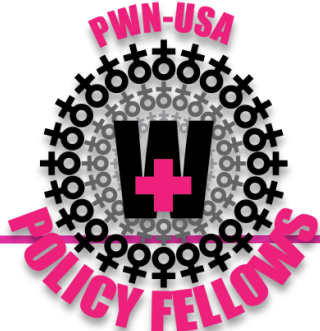
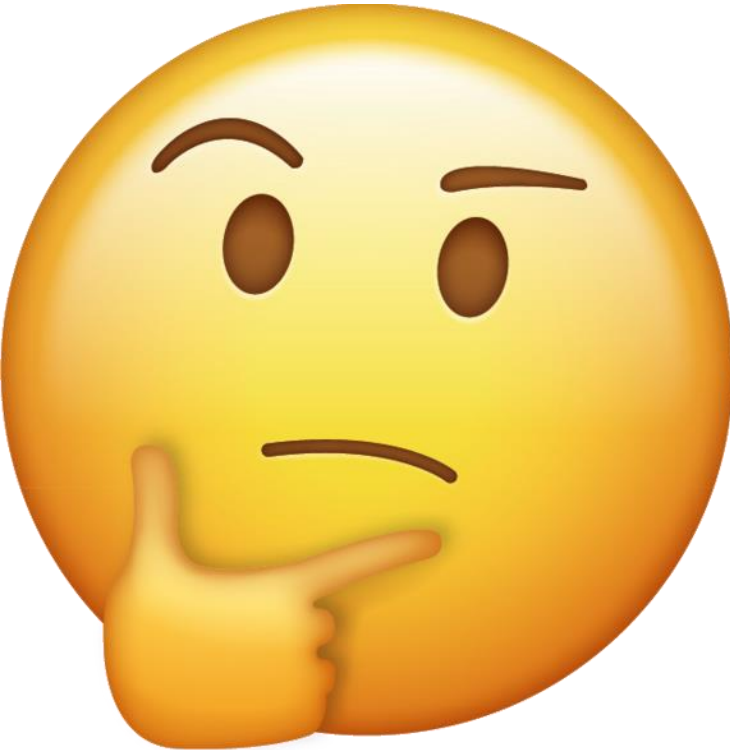
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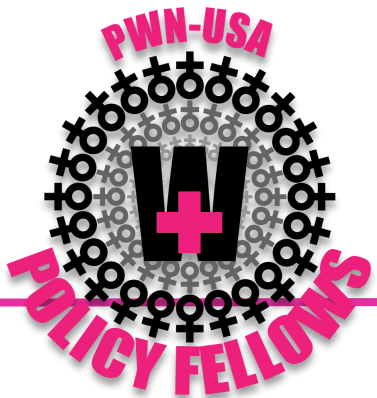
Questions?



Polling Question

True or false:

In most states, only paid lobbyists are allowed to advocate for specific bills.





NVRJ
NEW VOICES
FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Mission & Vision

- Our **mission** is to develop a social change movement dedicated to the health and well-being of Black women and girls through leadership, Human Rights & Reproductive Justice
- Our **vision** is to achieve the health and complete well-being of Black women and girls, our families and communities.

A young Black woman with long dark hair, wearing a colorful patterned shirt, is the central focus. She is holding a large white sign with the words "BLACK LIVES MATTER." written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. Her mouth is open as if she is shouting or chanting. The background is a blurred night scene of a city street with many people, some holding signs, and bright lights from buildings and street lamps. The overall atmosphere is one of a large-scale public demonstration.

**BLACK LIVES
MATTER.**

*A thriving movement for Reproductive
Justice in Pennsylvania & Ohio*

*An intergenerational leadership pipeline
of Black women, femmes & girls*



Voice Your Vote! Project



- Amplifying the voices of Black women in OH and PA through:
 - leadership development
 - civic engagement organizing
 - policy advocacy
 - culture change

Lobby Days



- Amplifying the collective voices of the people.
- Personalizing the issues we care about the most.
- Holding elected officials accountable.

Identifying Your Champions

- Building strong relationships with elected officials who share the same values and support your mission is critical.



Statehouse Advocacy Day in Columbus, State Rep. Stephanie Howse (D-Cleveland).

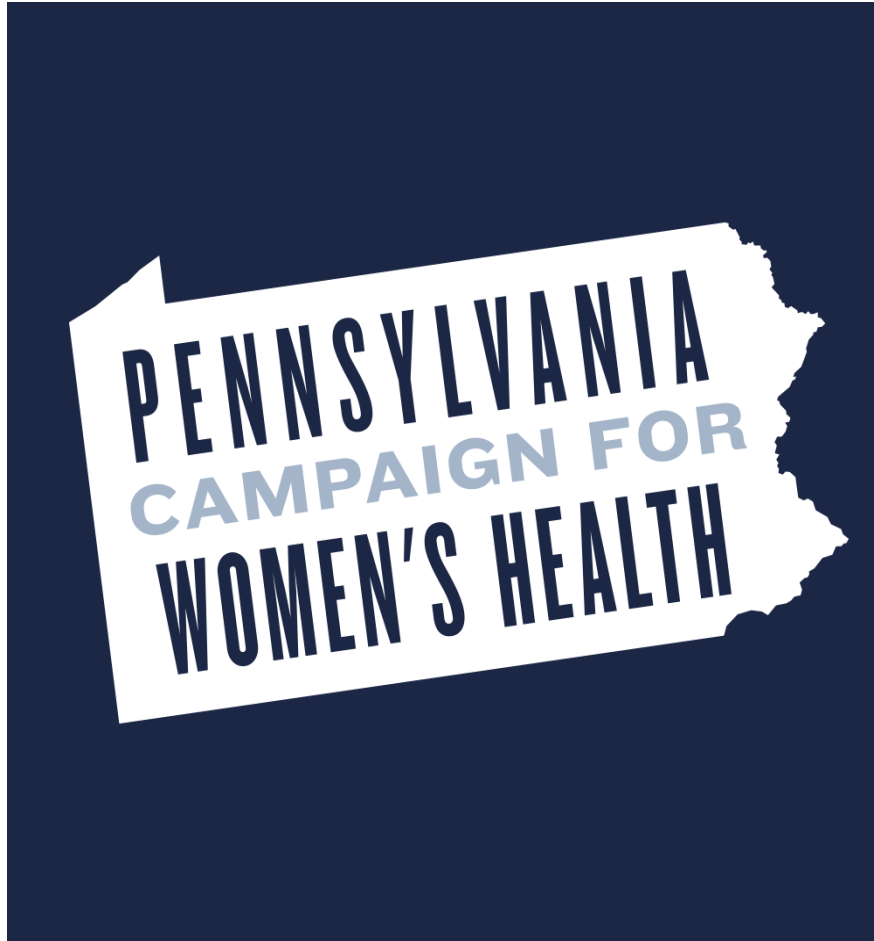


Women's Law Project

- WLP is the only public interest law center in PA devoted to the right of women and girls.
- Specialize in reproductive rights, domestic & sexual violence, sex & gender discrimination, and workplace equality and economic justice.
- Driven by high-impact litigation, policy advocacy and community education.

Women's Health in PA

- “Pennsylvania stands out as one of the states that are among the worst in the nation for women.” – Center for American Action Fund, *The State of Women in Pennsylvania*
- PA is failing women when it comes to their economic security, leadership, and health.
- Meanwhile elected officials in Harrisburg are preoccupied with trying to restrict access to reproductive health care.



- Advocating for evidenced-based solutions to the problems.
- 55+ local, state and national organizations working together to improve women's health and economic security in PA.

Agenda for Women's Health

- A package of proactive bills that address women's physical health, financial security, and personal safety.
- Sponsored and supported by the Women's Health Caucus of the PA legislature.
- The first wave of Agenda bills was introduced in December 2013.

Agenda for Women's Health

Victories

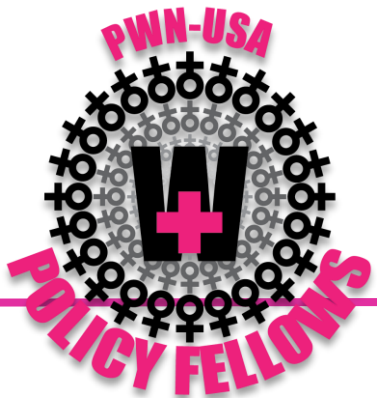
- Act 200: Equitable protections for domestic violence survivors
- HB 1901: "Revenge porn" law

2017-2018 Session:

- Reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers
- Patient Trust Act
- Increasing the minimum wage
- Uniform reporting of crimes on campuses

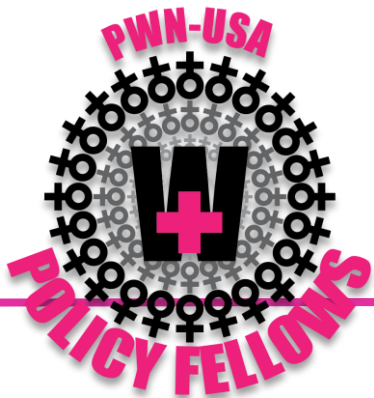
Questions & Discussion

- State vs. Federal Advocacy
- Learning about your state system
- Building coalitions & finding champions
- State legislative advocacy process



Announcements

- Policy Workgroup Sign-Up
- Assignment sheet
- Member Survey
- Policy Agenda Listening Session – May 8th
- Policy Agenda Committee
- Session Evaluation



SAVE THE DATE!

Supplemental Webinar
Wednesday, May 17, 2pm EST
Values-Based Messaging 2.0

Web Session 4
Friday, May 19, 2017 3pm EST
Federal Budget Process

