

Strategy Session Details

CLOSING THE WAGE GAP, ONE STEP AT A TIME

CAMPUS CENTER 3RD FL., BALLROOM B

Gain an understanding of the state legislative process; learn more about the Chandler Bill - a first step toward creating pay equity for state employees. Find out how you can join the state-wide public awareness campaign to promote pay equity.

Linda Brantley, Executive Director, Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, and Donna Stewartson, Associate Director, Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy, UMass Boston.

PAID FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE: WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR ALL WORKERS. WHAT'S NEXT FOR MASSACHUSETTS?

WHEATLEY 2ND FL., TROY COLLOQUIUM ROOM

Learn about what other states are doing to support workers with child and elder care responsibilities. Discuss what's needed in Massachusetts and what you can do to help make it happen.

Ann Bookman, Executive Director of the MIT Workplace Center. Author of Starting in Our Own Backyards: How Working Families Can Build Community and Survive the New Economy, and (with Sandra Morgen) Women and the Politics of Empowerment

ADVOCATING FOR YOURSELF IN THE WORKPLACE:
HOW TO TALK TO YOUR BOSS ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED

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Get tips about how to negotiate for the salary you deserve. Understand what motivates companies to adopt family-friendly workplace programs, and learn how to make a case to your employer for what you need.

Kelsey McCoy, Public Policy Coordinator, Crittenton Women's Union, and Bryn Dews, a manager at the MITRE Corporation, which was cited as one of FORTUNE's 2008 list of "100 Best Companies to Work For."

WAGE PROJECT TRAINING: EDUCATING WOMEN ABOUT WHAT THEIR WORK IS WORTH

QUINN 3RD FL., CHANCELLOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM

Learn about The WAGE Project, founded by Lt. Gov. Evelyn Murphy, who has taken it across the country. Get a preview of their fall 2008 workshops: "Start Smart" for college-age women and "Return Smart" for older women reentering the workforce. Find out where you can participate in a full workshop. Learn how you can become a workshop facilitator.

Annie Houle, National Campus and Community Initiatives, The WAGE Project.

EASING THE CHILDCARE BURDEN FOR WORKING PARENTS.
IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

MCCORMACK 1ST FL., HARBOR GALLERY

Learn about the Early Education for All Campaign and how you can participate in the effort to bring voluntary, universally accessible pre-kindergarten and kindergarten to every child in Massachusetts. Gain an understanding of the state legislative process to be a more effective advocate in this area.

Amy O’Leary, Campaign Director, Strategies for Children, and Sharon Scott-Chandler, Vice President of Head Start and Children’s Services, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD).

JOB/SKILLS TRAINING: TAKING ADVANTAGE OF WHAT’S AVAILABLE, ADVOCATING FOR MORE
CAMPUS CENTER 2ND FL., ALUMNI LOUNGE

Learn about training opportunities available through the state’s One-Stop Career Centers. Hear about the campaign for increased state funding for skills training and how you can get involved.

Rosemary Alexander, Executive Director of the JobNet One-Stop Career Center in Boston, a program of the Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development, Division of Career Services; and Sue Parsons, Workforce Solutions Coordinator, Mass. AFL-CIO.

RETIREMENT PLANNING: THE TIME TO START IS NOW
HEALEY 11TH FL., UNIVERSITY CLUB A

Learn how the decisions you make while working or not working affect your future retirement income – what policies are working against you, how you can increase your future income and maybe change some policy along the way.

Ellen Bruce, Director of the Pension Action Center, UMass Boston’s McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

“ADVOCACY 101”: BECOMING AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE
CAMPUS CENTER 3RD FL., BALLROOM A

Learn the skills you need to advocate for personal and political issues – in the workplace, at your child’s school, and with local, state and national political leaders.

Pamela Pollock, YWCAs New England, and Rita German, YWCA Boston.