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Women's Giving Circle report cites inequities for women

Women in Cumberland County earn less, are less likely to have higher education, and are more likely to die from heart disease and diabetes than women in the state as a whole, according to a new report.

Cumberland County women are also younger, more likely to work full time, and more racially and ethnically diverse, the report said.

The report on the economic, education and health status of women in the county was released Friday by the Women's Giving Circle of Cumberland County. The nonprofit group, which focuses on improving the lot of women and children in the county, commissioned the report by the Institute for Women's Policy Research as part of a larger statewide study by the N.C. Council for Women.

Jean Harrison and Patty Collie, co-chairwomen of the Giving Circle, said the report identifies areas where the community needs to focus attention.

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Study: Economic Conditions for NC Women Improving

The 2012 Status of Women in North Carolina report updates a study that was conducted in 1996.

The [IWPR] study notes that women statewide earn on average 83 cents for every dollar earned by men in similar jobs. In the Triangle, the disparity is even worse, with women earning 79 cents on the dollar.



Former Governor Bev Perdue, North Carolina

Other findings indicate that North Carolina women are more likely than men to hold a college degree, yet they're also more likely to live below the federal poverty line. Also, families headed by single mothers have the lowest median income of all family household types.

'Education is an important form of protection against poverty, not only for a wage-earning parent but also for her children,' Gov. Beverly Perdue said in a news conference at Wake Technical Community College in Garner.

October 11, 2012

Glass Ceiling Still There, but Cracking

Peer a little deeper though those education-related cracks in the glass ceiling, and you'll find other factors are keeping that ceiling intact. Despite higher levels of educational attainment, women in the workforce continue to lag behind men in terms of salary.

The report indicates that the average salary for N.C. women working full time is \$33,000, while the average annual salary for men in the state is \$40,000. That difference can add up to quite a tidy sum over a career, as women will average \$280,000 less than men in salary accumulated during a lifetime.

October 12, 2012

THE DENVER POST

Survey on Colorado Women Underway

'We're trying to make smart systemic change,' Atkinson (President and Chief Executive Women's Foundation of Colorado) said. 'That doesn't happen overnight, but when you have the right data in front of the legislature, it makes a difference.'

The Institute for Women's Policy Research has been hired to produce the report, which will be the foundation's first comprehensive survey of women's lives in Colorado since 2000.

The report is part of the five-year plan developed by the foundation on the eve of its 25th anniversary, aimed toward making sure nonprofit organizations, public officials and agencies consider how their policies and programs impact women throughout their lives.

September 21, 2012

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Jobs for Women Lag in Economic Recovery

A report to be released today by The Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, D.C., and commissioned by the Women and Girls Foundation of Southwest Pennsylvania, has found that while men have regained 63 percent of the jobs lost in the recession, women have regained only 12 percent of the jobs they lost.

September 4, 2012

New Haven Register

New Haven Event to Gather Pledges for Women; Group to Convene the Convening This Week

This "Convening: for Women," as it is formally known, will be a conference for all of those who are interested in the issues facing women and girls, who want to hear the results of a newly released report on their status in our area, and who are willing to go forward with a pledge to help out.

The report, which was compiled by the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, D.C., has data analyzing six areas that impact women's lives in New Haven: health, civic engagement, political leadership, safety, education, economic security and employment.

'The purpose of this report is to provide a place where data could be culled together in a useful format, so it could become a resource for researchers, for those seeking grants, for anyone who wants to know what the needs are.'

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