

P O S I T I O N S T A T E M E N T S ***J U N I O R L E A G U E O F R A L E I G H , I N C .***

POSITION STATEMENT ON AGING

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. recognizes that older adults should have the opportunities and services essential for optimal physical, intellectual, mental and social well-being. Therefore we resolve to support and promote concepts, programs and services that will provide the opportunity for older adults:

1. to continue employment, to re-enter the labor force without discrimination, or to maintain retirement with an income which provides an adequate standard of living;
2. to live in their own or alternative forms of housing, consistent with their individual needs;
3. to live free from the fear of physical and emotional abuse and neglect;
4. to maintain physical and mental well-being through accessible and affordable medical services;
5. to obtain personal enrichment in order to increase feelings of self-worth;
6. to provide the establishment of supportive services (e.g. day care and respite programs) that will help maintain independent living, thus avoiding unnecessary institutionalization; and
7. to obtain methods of accessible transportation in order to prolong mobility.

The implementation of the Aging Position Statement in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

Adopted by membership: March, 1983

Reaffirmed: 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON ARTS

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. believing that the Arts are essential for personal, sociological, educational and economic reasons:

1. encourages the growth of arts opportunities in Wake County and the availability of arts to all segments of the population;
2. supports the efforts of the local arts education community to provide quality aesthetic experiences for children;
3. supports the arts as a basic component of the educational curriculum, equal with all other components, and the implementation of this program of study by arts specialists; and
4. supports the integration of the arts into the general education programs of the school system.

The implementation of this Position Statement in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors

Adopted by membership: April, 1981

Reaffirmed: 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON CHILD ADVOCACY

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. supports and promotes the following:

1. that every child in Wake County should have access to adequate health education and health care;
2. that every child in Wake County should have the opportunity in the appropriate levels of physical activity including physical education, recess, and after-school programs;
3. that every child in Wake County should have the opportunity to learn and practice healthy eating behaviors and that families, schools and communities should work together to provide environments that support these behaviors;
4. that every child in Wake County has the right to mature in an environment free from physical and emotional neglect or abuse;
5. that every child and family in Wake County who needs day care services should receive quality day care which meets the needs of both the child and the child's parents;
6. that every child in Wake County who needs them should have access to therapeutic living alternatives and therapeutic educational programs;
7. that every child in Wake County who is placed in foster care be assured of quality placement, goal directed planning for permanency and improved services to meet their needs; and
8. that every child in Wake County has the opportunities and services essential to provide for their economic well-being.

The implementation of the Child Advocacy Position Statement in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

Adopted by membership: November 1978

Reaffirmed: 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003

Revised: 2004

Reaffirmed: 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON EDUCATION

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. supports efforts to ensure that people of all ages have access to education opportunities that will provide them with the basic skills necessary to be productive members of our global society. The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is committed to and will advocate policies that will achieve that goal.

The implementation of the Education Position Statement in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

Adopted by membership: March, 1982.

Reaffirmed: 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc., in response to increasing concerns about pollution and the resulting ecological damage, believes that our natural resources must be protected and resolves to:

1. support and promote education about our natural resources;
2. increase awareness and understanding about the ways in which individual choices contribute to the creation and solution of environmental problems;
3. promote community involvement in programs and projects (e.g. recycling and appropriate disposal of hazardous household wastes) that further efforts to minimize the adverse environmental effects of daily living; and
4. advocate legislation, programs and services that ensure that our water, air and land are used and managed in a manner that will enhance the quality of life and protect these resources for future generations.

The implementation of this Position Statement in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

Adopted by membership: April, 1991

Reaffirmed: 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON HOMELESSNESS

The Junior League of Raleigh Inc. recognizes the need for individuals to have the opportunity to receive physical shelter and adequate nutrition which is essential to optimal physical, emotional, mental and social growth and resolves to:

1. be aware of and sensitive to the difficulty of the homeless situation;
2. increase community knowledge and promote community involvement;
3. advocate for legislation that provides better services for the Homeless; and
4. support programs and opportunities that provide services for the Homeless.

The implementation of this Position Statement in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

Adopted by membership: April, 1989.

Reaffirmed: 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. recognizes that the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs and other potentially addictive substances poses a major threat to the mental and physical development and well-being of children, adolescents, and adults, resolves to:

- 1 increase community awareness and understanding about the use and consequences of using legal and illegal addictive substances;
- 2 promote education programs for all ages that focus on prevention of drug abuse;
- 3 support early intervention strategies and programs that target at-risk populations;
- 4 support an array of treatment programs and on-going support services that recognize chemical dependency as an illness; and
5. advocate programs and services that address the personal, medical and societal reasons for legal and illegal drug use and dependency.

The implementation of the Substance Abuse Position Statement in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

Adopted by membership: April, 1990.

Reaffirmed: 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON VOLUNTARISM

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc., whose purpose is:

1. to promote voluntarism;
- 2 to develop the potential of its members for voluntary participation in community affairs;
3. to demonstrate the effectiveness of trained volunteers; and
4. supports and promotes voluntarism as an essential component of our society.

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. further recognizes the critical role of the voluntary sector in experimenting, demonstrating, innovating and advocating for needed change, monitoring the public sector objectively and impartially, influencing governmental program development, and providing those services unavailable through government programs

Therefore, the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. will continue to take action that will insure the effectiveness of the voluntary sector.

The implementation of the Position Statement on Voluntarism in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors

Adopted by membership: September, 1980.

Reaffirmed: 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON WOMEN

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. supports the goal of fair and equal opportunities for women and is committed to ensuring that women have the opportunities and services essential for their intellectual, economic, social, mental, physical and emotional well-being. The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. will advocate to see that such opportunities and services are provided.

The implementation of the Position Statement on Women in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors

Adopted by membership: May, 1992

Reaffirmed: 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. recognizes that women must have access to adequate health services in order to safeguard their physical and mental health. The membership of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. hereby resolves:

- 1 to initiate and support programs designed to increase community awareness and understanding of women's health needs and problems;
- 2 to propose and advocate for legislation to make health services more available to women;

3. to support programs and services which would make affordable health care more accessible to women;
- 4 to promote support services for women with catastrophic and chronic health; and
5. to increase community awareness about inadequate maternal health care and its effects on children.

The implementation of the Women's Health Position Statement in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

Adopted by membership: November, 1989.

Reaffirmed: 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON VIOLENCE

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is committed to the elimination of violence by supporting programs, services and legislation that:

1. are designed to understand the problem of violence;
- 2 assist, educate and protect the victim; and
3. work effectively with the abuser or potential abuser.

The implementation of the Position Statement on Violence in the name of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is to be carried out by the appropriate committees as designated by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

Adopted by membership: April, 1993.

Reaffirmed: 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. recognizes the need to ensure the public health and safety of all of the citizens of Wake County concerning environmental health hazards, public safety hazards, and public health hazards and hereby resolves:

1. to initiate, support and enhance programs and legislation designed to address environmental health concerns;
2. to initiate support and enhance programs and legislation designed to warn citizens of potential public health and safety hazards and to minimize their adverse effects;
- 3 to initiate, support and enhance programs and legislation designed to improve highway safety; and
4. to initiate support and enhance programs and legislation designed to control communicable diseases, promote good health practices and expand outreach services.

Adopted by membership: April, 1995.

Reaffirmed: 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

POSITION STATEMENT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. recognizes that domestic violence affects the physical, mental and emotional health of women, men and children. The membership of the Junior League of Raleigh, Inc. is committed to support services and legislation that:

1. provide support to victims of domestic violence.
2. strive to prevent and eliminate factors that perpetuate domestic violence.
3. promote awareness and understanding of causes and effects of domestic violence.

Adopted by membership: April 2000

Reaffirmed: 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

**POSITION STATEMENTS
STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (SPAC)**

(The eleven Junior Leagues of North Carolina have formed the State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) to educate members on selected issues, facilitate communication among member leagues and provide training in advocacy skills. SPAC supports and promotes volunteer action on issues and legislation that affect Junior League areas of interest).

POSITION STATEMENT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of North Carolina supports and promotes research, education, and programs and legislative activities which will help preserve and protect our environment.

POSITION STATEMENT ON FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

The State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of North Carolina recognizes that the health and strength of our society have their deepest roots in the health and strength of its children, youth and families. SPAC is committed to ensuring the children are provided essential services and opportunities for their optimum physical, mental, emotional, intellectual and social growth and development.

POSITION STATEMENT ON VOLUNTARISM

The State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of North Carolina, whose purpose is to promote voluntarism and to improve the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, supports and promotes voluntarism as an essential component of our society and will continue to take action which will ensure the effectiveness of the voluntary sector.

POSITION STATEMENT ON WOMEN

The State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of North Carolina is committed to ensuring that women have the opportunities and services essential for the intellectual, economic, social, mental, physical and emotional well-being and will advocate to see that such opportunities and services are provided.