

25 YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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Denver Women's Commission

Making Denver the Best City for Women!

- 1985** Mayor Federico Peña held a public forum on women's issues. Many of the 300 people who attended supported formation of a local women's commission. Councilwomen Cathy Reynolds and Nieves McIntire sponsored the ordinance which established the Commission in March 1985.
- 1984 – 2000** Staffed *City Women* and interagency task force which analyzed issues of relevance to women City Employees (e.g. Non-traditional employment, Parental leave, sexual harassment, etc.). Sponsored monthly Brown Bag lunches on a variety of professional and personal subjects.
- 1986** Published *Denver Women Today - an analysis of the issues of child care, domestic violence, poverty, and women in City Employment.*
- 1986 – 1999** Staffed the Teen Pregnancy Committee of the Denver Partnership for Adolescent Concerns and Successes.
- 1990 – 1996** Served on Denver Family Opportunity's (Denver's welfare reform effort) Health Task Force. Presided as Chair 1993-1996.
- 1990 – 2009** Established and published a monthly Newscard, highlighting news and activities in Denver Women's Community. Currently distributing to over 800 supporters.
- 1991 – 2003** Composed monthly Column on Women's Legislative Issues for *Colorado Woman News.*
- 1991** Wrote a summary of how things had changed for women during Peña Administration.
- 1992 – 1993** Chaired the Colorado Committee for Women's History which sponsored the 1993 Centennial of Colorado Women's Suffrage.
- 1993 – 2009** Continuing Board member and co-founder of the Women's Lobby of Colorado. Served as President 1998-2000.
- 1994** Collected 1000 surveys (of the 188,703 collected nationally) for use in the National *Working Women Count! Report on the needs of Working Women.*
- 1995 – 2006** Co-Chaired the Annual Legislative Breakfast on Women's Issues. Continuing planning Committee member.
- 1995 – 2009** Sponsored and hosted reception honoring Centennial of Women as State Legislators – First of the Annual Colorado Lawmaker Awards.
- 1996** Edited and published "*Fork in the Road*" teen pregnancy directory.
- 1997** Conducted and published citizen survey "*Listening to Denver Women.*"
- 1998** Established and maintain status sheet for state legislation affecting women.
- 1999** Developed Denver Women's Commission website: www.denvergov.org/women.org.
- 2000** Member of advisory committee for the Women's Foundation's "Status of Women in Colorado" report.
- 2001** Founding member of Colorado Consumer Health Initiative.
- 2001** Communicated and partnered to pass the Breast and Cervical Treatment Act.
- 2002 – 2005** Chaired the Colorado Social Legislation Committee.
- 2004 – 2006** As part of *The Health Colorado Women Initiative: Health Disparities Among Colorado Women*, wrote issue paper and working with State Health Department to collect data on women's Health Disparities.
- 2005** Created the Timeline of the Establishment of Colorado Women's Organizations.
- 2006** Supported and helped pass the bill to "eliminate the asset test for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)."
- 2006** Hosted Exhibit "700 American Women Who Changed the World."
- 2006** Member of Steering Committee which revitalized the Colorado Coalition for Girls.
- 2007** Published an online: "*Resource Guide for Monolingual Spanish-Speaking Women*" in English and Spanish.
- 2007** Co-chaired the State Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Coalition.
- 2008** Advocate for stakeholder committee which negotiated SB177 - Increased the TANF monthly grant for the first time in 20 years.



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