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PLANNED PARENTHOOD provides information and prescription of birth control methods. Other gynecological services and a contraception clinic are offered. Phone: 336-0219.

RAPE CRISIS LINE (24 hour) Day #337-3849, night #336-9506.

ROOM OF ONE'S OWN is a feminist bookstore collectively owned and operated by women. It's a volunteer, non-profit business, specializing in books, records, posters, note cards, post cards, T-shirts etc... by and about women. 101½ W. Kirkwood, Phone: 334-9733.

SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTION CONGRESS is an organization of Senior Citizens that administers the following programs: The Merchant Reduction Program, Support Services for Older Americans, and Drug Prescription Program, whereby senior citizens receive discounts on goods, services and drugs. Phone: 339-2261, extension 267.

TITLE XX DAY CARE is a City sponsored pre-school, day-care (in licensed homes) for children of working/student/in training parents, or those receiving government assistance. Fee is based on ability to pay. Call 339-2261, ext. 267.

WIDOW-TO-WIDOW provides help to recently widowed women. Widows themselves are extensively trained to prepare them to give support and guidance to other widows. Phone 336-3259 or 339-2803.

WOMEN'S STUDIES is an academic program, IU, of the College of Arts and Sciences, aimed to promoting the study of the active roles that women have played in society and recognition and appreciation of women's ongoing heritage. Phone: 337-0101.

WOMENSOURCE is a community publication with a feminist perspective, aimed at those interested in all aspects of the Women's Movement, distributed free throughout the City. Phone: 336-2524.

## The Commission On The Status Of Women

The City of Bloomington's Commission on the Status of Women is composed of twelve members, representing diverse educational, economic, and business elements of the community - and both sexes. Five members are appointed by the mayor, seven by the Common Council. Terms are for three years.

The major responsibility of the Commission is to explore issues relevant to women and to inform the community of those findings. This is done through the newsmedia, forums, workshops and the Commission's newsletter STATUS OF WOMEN, which is distributed free throughout the community. In addition, the Commission cooperates with individuals and organizations through joint programs, liasons with groups, and gives support to efforts aimed at making progress towards the concerns listed on the next page.

Various societal norms and expectations of inequality, supported by covert and overt discriminatory practices, continue to result in unequal treatment according to gender. More than half of our residents function *under* full potential in such fields of endeavor as education, employment, income, government, sports and business and lower self-esteem. CSW seeks to identify gaps in existing services, and take steps to assure a coordinated city-wide effort in achieving a comprehensive women's program to improve opportunities for women of the community.

The Commission on the Status of Women meets the third Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Meetings are open.

### WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT:

*Equal employment opportunities*

- equal pay
- upward mobility
- use of talents

*Equality in education opportunities*

*Child care opportunities*

*Child/partner abuse*

*Transportation*

*Women in transition*

*Recreational opportunities for women*

*Legal and financial equality*

*Information and referral services*

*Career advice and support*

*Gender role models*

*Expanding awareness of women's concerns*

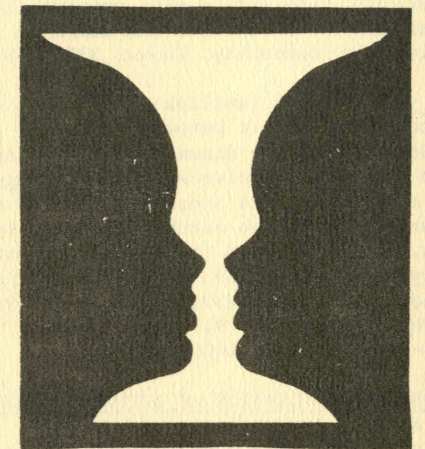
*Physical and social well-being of women and men*

*Funding for relevant women's programs*

*Better communications*

"The purpose of this Commission is to assure that men and women have full opportunity to function at their optimum as citizens of the City of Bloomington as equal participants in the economy, in politics and government, in education, in social development, in the system of justice, and in all other facets of life."

- Ordinance, 1973.



## The Commission On The Status Of Women Of The City Of Bloomington

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Bloomington, Indiana 47401  
Phone: 339-2261, ext. 267



# Serving

ADULT DAY CARE CENTER is a multi-disciplinary service provided for elderly in the community, who are no longer able to care for themselves in their own homes. Its facilities consist of a suite of rooms located in the east wing of the Bloomington Convalescent Center. A wide variety of programs and services have been developed to meet the needs of its participants. The Adult Day Care Center is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily, and full-day or proportional-day care service is available. Extended hours can be arranged, and transportation is provided when necessary. For more information contact Director at 336-6893.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE, I.U. works to eliminate the barriers of race and sex discrimination, and to make opportunities available to minorities and women in the university community. Phone: 337-4859.

AL - ANON helps families and friends of alcoholics. Their purpose is to aid in understanding the disease of alcoholism, and to share experiences and give support to each other, and learn how to give encouragement to the alcoholic. They meet Sun. nights at 8 at the Center for University Ministries, Wed. nights at 8 at Arlington United Methodist Church and Fri. nights at 7 at 801 W. 11th. Call 336-5363 for more information.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN is a group for college women with at least a B.A., who work for the betterment of women educationally, socially, culturally, and legislatively. Phone: 339-7364.

BIG SISTERS caters to girls from single parent families, between the ages of 7-17. Big Sisters is currently looking for more girls to participate. Phone: 334-2828.

BLOOMINGTON GAY ALLIANCE is an organization for lesbians and gay men concerned with gay rights. The BGA holds conferences, dances, coffeehouses, and literary groups. Phone: 339-0301.

BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION deals with discrimination in education, employment, public accommodations or housing on the basis of sex, race, national ancestry, color, religion and handicap. File complaints with lawyer/director at 339-2261, ext. 386 or 285.

# Women

BLOOMINGTON ORGANIZATION FOR ABUSED WOMEN (BOAW) is a community service to aid battered women, currently helping to fund and support the Community Shelter for Abused Women. Phone: 332-4961.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB meets the 4th Mon. of the month at a dinner meeting. Objectives are to elevate standards, promote interest, promote spirit of cooperation and expand opportunities by and for business and professional women. Call Kris Laughlin 332-6351.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED is an eccumenical sponsor helping to support the Christian Center (a west Bloomington neighborhood center,) Opportunity House (a used clothing and household items store,) Monroe County United Ministries (an ecumenical organization funding and directing many county-wide service programs for families and senior citizens) and the Christian Center Day Care. Phone 332-3413.

COMMUNITY SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN is a non-profit collective which offers an alternative for abused women to help themselves. Services range from temporary housing to psychological counseling. The shelter has a 24-hour hotline. Child-care is provided. Hotline: 33W-OMEN.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR WOMEN, I.U., provides a returning woman student program for full-time and part-time students. CEW assists returning women in development of talents and potential for roles in society. Phone: 337-1684.

DAY-CARE information is listed in a comprehensive bulletin published by the Bloomington Human Resources Department. Call 339-2261, ext 267 for free copy.

DETOXIFICATION CENTER is a sub-acute detoxification and treatment facility for both women and men which serves voluntary walk-in intoxicants and persons referred to the program. The 24-hour services are free. Phone: 339-1691.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY office monitors the city's personnel practices, the personnel policies and practices of City contractors, and advises applicants and employers who believe they have been unlawfully discriminated against by the City or the city's contractors. Information/assistance: Phone 339-2261, ext 286 or 285.

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FAMILY BIRTH CENTER is a non-profit organization created for the purpose of supporting birth choices. It sponsors discussions and films about all aspects of birthing and parenting. Information available from Barbara Dick, #339-6595.

FAMILY SERVICE is an organization offering family life education and includes family/parent/child counseling. Areas of counseling include: family life education, group activity, divorce support groups, women's services, financial problems, and information referral. 339-1551.

GIRLS' CLUB serves growing girls between 5-18, as a social developmental program. Phone: 336-7313.

INDIANA WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS is a multi-partisan organization at National, State and Local levels, which strives to 1)elect women to public office, 2)support the appointment of women to boards and commissions, 3)raise women's issues in every campaign, and 4) teach women how to be politically effective. 336-8517

LA LECHE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL is a support for women interested in breastfeeding. There are two meetings a month. Phone: 336-0354.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS is a non-partisan organization interested in helping voters inform themselves politically. LWV provides information on government and related issues/ problems in the community, and the ERA. Phone: 332-2593.

LISTENING LINE is staffed by trained volunteers acting as a community referral service. Phone: 332-6060.

LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN elects members to the Bloomington Hospital Boards and acts as a buffer between the Hospital and community awareness, and has implemented many health-oriented services in Bloomington. Membership is open to all women in the community. Phone: 332-9114.

MATRIX LIFE LINE is a service giving pro-life support to women, married or single, who are experiencing stress or unexpected pregnancy. Pregnancy testing and counseling are offered, plus a referral service and 24 hour phone line. Phone 332-0091 or 332-9191.

MEALS ON WHEELS delivers two meals a day, 5 days a week, to the home. Special diets available. Dr. referral required. PHONE: 339-0411.

MIDDLEWAY HOUSE is a crisis intervention center open 24 hours, with phone-in or walk-in confidential service. It is staffed by trained volunteers whose basic functions are acting as counselors and offering a referral service. Phone: 332-9472.

MONROE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB serves as a political alliance encouraging voter participation and furthering support of the Democratic party. Phone 332-2671.

MONROE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB is a political organization whose purpose is to educate the public and elect candidates. Workshops training women for public office are also held. PH:332-5984.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW) is a politically active feminist group, meeting bi-monthly. Call 339-1986.

OFFICE FOR WOMEN'S AFFAIRS acts as an advocate for women's concerns on the University campus. Phone: 337-3840.

OLDER AMERICAN'S CENTER is a multi-purpose, inter-disciplinary, central facility in and from which the needs of older Americans in the City and County may be served, in the areas of health, social welfare, education and recreation. It is located at 115 E. 6th St. Phone: 339-2261.

ONE DAY AT A TIME is a support group for parents of children with life-threatening illness. It meets the first Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Call 336-9506.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS(PA) provides a safe place for parents to work on feeling better about themselves and their children. They meet every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9. Baby sitters are provided and transportation can be arranged. Information and parent crisis phone service is available through Middleway House 332-9474--ask for the PA parent on call.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS is a non-profit organization for single parents, which sponsors educational and social activities for the parents as well as children. Phone: 336-7106.

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