

# YWCA Asheville 2018 Advocacy Agenda

We value: a compassionate community; respect; a healthy, balanced lifestyle; honesty and integrity; non-violence; collaboration; justice and fairness; the dignity of all people

Focus	Policy Issue	Policy Level	Partners
<b>Lead</b>			
<b>Racial Justice &amp; Civil Rights</b>	Practices to protect against racial profiling within law enforcement	Local	Racial Justice Coalition, Asheville-Buncombe County NAACP, Asheville Police Department, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office
<b>Racial Justice &amp; Civil Rights</b>	Develop shared language and understanding of racial justice concepts	Local	Racial Equity Institute Workshop, Stand Against Racism Campaign
<b>Racial Justice &amp; Civil Rights</b>	Advocacy initiative against the criminalization of people of color	State	YW USA, YWCAs of North Carolina, ACLU of NC, Southern Coalition for Social Justice
<b>Early Care &amp; Education</b>	Serve as advocate for 0-5 care, with a focus on 0-3	Local	Asheville Buncombe Pre-School Planning Collaborative, Buncombe Partnership for Children, Children First/Communities in Schools, Verner Center for Early Learning, WNC Early Education Coalition
<b>Partner</b>			
<b>Voter Engagement</b>	Protecting Voting Rights	Local	Democracy NC, Asheville-Buncombe County NAACP, Spirit in Action
<b>Voter Engagement</b>	Increase voter access and education	Local	Voter Engagement Coalition, Democracy NC, League of Women Voters
<b>Early Care &amp; Education</b>	Child Care Subsidy Market Rate & Allocations	State	WNC Early Childhood Coalition, Children First/Communities in Schools
<b>Empowerment &amp; Economic Advancement of Women &amp; Families</b>	Mobilize efforts to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in NC General Assembly in 2019	State	Equal Rights Amendment NC Alliance, American Association of University Women, League of Women Voters, NC Women United, National Organization for Women, Ratify ERA-NC
<b>Health &amp; Safety of Women &amp; Families</b>	Participate and support Buncombe County Comprehensive Plan to address domestic violence	Local	Our Voice, Helpmate, Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Asheville Police Department
<b>Support</b>			
<b>Racial Justice &amp; Civil Rights</b>	City Affordable Housing Policy (increase funds, inclusionary zoning, non-discrimination for vouchers, land banking)	Local	Children First/Communities in Schools, Residents' Council, Human Relations Commission
<b>Racial Justice &amp; Civil Rights</b>	Advocacy and accountability on "Raise the Age" and Juvenile Justice System	State	Children First/Communities in Schools, ACLU of NC, NC Child
<b>Early Care &amp; Education</b>	Increase funding to Child Care Subsidy, NC Pre-K, and Smart Start	State	NC Partnership for Children, NC Childcare Coalition

<b>Early Care &amp; Education</b>	Child Care Subsidy Eligibility to 200% of Poverty Level for School Age Children	Local	NC Child Care Coalition
<b>Empowerment &amp; Economic Advancement of Women &amp; Families</b>	Support People's Agenda for Transit	Local	Just Economics
<b>Empowerment &amp; Economic Advancement of Women &amp; Families</b>	Improve economic stability by supporting Safety Net Funding	Local	NC Community Health Center Association, NC Justice Center, Medicaid Expansion Coalition, Children First/Communities in Schools, Western North Carolina AIDS Project, MAHEC, Pisgah Legal, Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World
<b>Health &amp; Safety of Women &amp; Families</b>	Medicaid and Health Care Expansion	State	Buncombe County Family Justice Center, Planned Parenthood
<b>LGBTQ Rights</b>	Achieve full repeal of NC HB2 and advocate for revisions to HB142	State	Campaign for Southern Equality, ACLU of NC, Tranzmission, Blue Ridge Pride
<b>LGBTQ Rights</b>	Support efforts and raise awareness around LGBTQ rights	Local	Campaign for Southern Equality, WNC Chapter of the ACLU, Tranzmission, Blue Ridge Pride, Youth Outright, Tzedek Social Justice Fellowship
<b>Research</b>			
<b>Racial Justice &amp; Civil Rights</b>	Pre-trial justice for people of color (disproportionately interrogated, arrested, injured or killed, assessed high bonds, deemed flight risk, jailed, offered plea deals)	Local	Asheville Buncombe County NAACP
<b>Racial Justice &amp; Civil Rights</b>	Re-entry Justice	Local	Buncombe County Reentry Council