



Mission

*Project*WISE

The mission of Project WISE is the empowerment of women with low incomes through offering opportunities to meet personal, family and economic goals and attain a positive involvement with their community.

Who Do We Serve?

Project WISE serves over 400 women with low incomes from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. Many are in education programs or are employed in entry-level jobs with poverty level incomes, and struggling economically and personally, which can make the reality of self-sufficiency difficult. This includes TANF Recipients, TANF Eligible and Post-TANF Populations.

We are also designing programming to serve women and families who for the first time are finding themselves faced with financial hardships due to the economic downturn by offering community resources, some intense case management and existing supportive services, utilizing the Cliff Effect Research and Colorado Self-Sufficiency Standards.

Our research in partnership with the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work demonstrates that when you empower the mother, the family is strengthened.

Goals and Programs

Workforce Development

- ❖ To enable individual and family change based on a participant's identified goals; PW provides supportive services that promote personal self-sufficiency.

Offering mental health counseling and adult education groups to assist with stabilization services to reduce barriers to job readiness, job retention and advancement

Family Asset Building

- ❖ To promote systemic change by participating in collaborative community advocacy efforts, creating programs that unify individual and social change.

Offering mentoring and success coaching programs, education clinics and financial empowerment workshop series that empower participants to use their voice and develop strategies and support to change multigenerational patterns related to asset building

Public Policy and System Change Work

- ❖ To create leaders who are able to actively participate and voice their opinions in the community and the public policy area on issues affecting their lives.

In partnership with the Women's Foundation of Colorado, Center for Law and Policy, 9to5, Denver Women's Commission and other community organizations, PW offers monthly community organizing programs to educate and empower women on economic public policy reform and issues related to their lives, training women to use their voice and their experiences to testify in public forums such as Legislative Sessions, AFCD Coalition, Welfare Reform Board, Focus Groups for Denver Human Services and on Local Resident Councils in their communities.