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Legislation Reported

Legislation that ICSW supported follows. A complete 2006 legislation report can be read on the ICSW web site at http://www.state.ia.us/government/dhr/sw/legislation/2006_Legislative_Report.pdf

HF2332 provides that the child support recovery unit, when issuing an ex parte income withholding order, include the amount of any delinquency and the amount to be withheld in the notice provided to the obligor. It also authorizes the child support recovery unit to modify the amount specified in an income withholding order or notice of income withholding by providing notice to the obligor and the payor of income.

HF2782 appropriates two years of infrastructure funds for the construction of a new vocational school and infirmary buildings along with renovation of the powerhouse at the Iowa Juvenile Home (IJH) in Toledo, which houses delinquent females and children in need of assistance (CINA). It is the intent of the General Assembly that effective July 1, 2009, placements at the IJH will be limited to females and that placements of CINA boys at the IJH will be diverted to other options. The Department of Human Services shall utilize a study group to make recommendations on the options for diversion of placements of boys and the study group, which includes a representative from ICSW, shall report on or before July 1, 2007.

HF2797 appropriates from the general fund to the housing trust fund \$2 million in FY2007-2008, \$3 million

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Iowa Women's Hall of Fame

You are cordially invited to attend, free of charge, the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony *at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2006*, to celebrate the induction of four outstanding women. The ceremony will take place at the Iowa State Historical Building, 600 East Locust, Des Moines.

Induction into the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame is one of the highest honors bestowed upon an Iowa woman by the State of Iowa. Jeannette Eyerly, Des Moines; Dr. Christine Grant, Iowa City; Dorothy Paul, Iowa City; and Dr. Margaret Sloss (deceased), Ames will be honored for their significant contributions to society.

Jeannette Eyerly is an author and mental health advocate. Dr. Christine Grant is a national expert on Title IX. Dorothy Paul has a long history with the United Nations Association. Dr. Margaret Sloss was the first woman to earn a doctor of veterinary science at Iowa State University. (More complete biographical sketches and photographs will appear in the September/October issue of the *IoWoman*.)

The Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice will also be presented during the Hall of Fame ceremony. This award is given to a distinguished Iowan who has dedicated her/his life to promoting equality and justice. Labor activist Jane Burleson of Fort Dodge will receive this honor. Burleson was the first woman and African-American to be a city council member in Fort Dodge.

Following the induction ceremony, a reception will be held for attendees and family and friends of the award recipients from 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m., the *Friends of the ICSW Fundraising Luncheon* will take place at Embassy Suites, 101 East Locust Street, Des Moines. The featured speaker will be Dr. Salome Raheim with a performance by Romonda Belcher Ford.

Cost of the Friends' fund-raising luncheon is \$30 per person and \$240 per table of 8. **Send checks for the luncheon by Friday, August 18** to Friends of ICSW, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. See page two for a luncheon reservation card.

The event is held in conjunction with Women's Equality Day, August 26, which commemorates the day in 1920 when American women first obtained the right to vote.

Iowa Women's Hall of Fame 2006 Inductees

Jeannette Eyerly
Dr. Christine Grant
Dorothy Paul
Dr. Margaret Sloss

Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice Recipient

Jane Burleson

Upcoming Conferences

Iowa CareGivers Association (ICA) 2006 Annual Conference

Direct care workers are often FIRST on the line in TENDING to the needs of clients, residents, or patients. This sentiment is reflected in the theme for this year's ICA annual conference, "ICA Kick-Off to Quality Care: First and Tend."

This two-day educational event will be held on September 11 & 12, 2006 at the Sheraton in West Des Moines, Iowa. The conference will offer topics of interest to Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs), Home Health Aides, Patient Care Technicians, Personal Assistants, Family Caregivers and other Direct Care Workers caring in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living, residential, hospice and other care settings.

For more information about the conference, scholarship applications, exhibitor information and ICA please visit our website at www.iowacaregivers.org.

Laying Claim to Our Spirit: The Iowa African American Women's Leadership Conference

The African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa announces the premier of Laying Claim to Our Spirit: The Iowa African American Women's Leadership Conference. The event is scheduled for September 29, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Cedar Rapids.

Laying Claim to Our Spirit will be an uplifting exploration of the legacy of African American women past, present, and future, with specific emphasis on the identity of African American women in Iowa. It will offer culturally insightful breakout sessions, presentations, an exhibitors hall, a reception at the Museum, and networking opportunities.

The registration fee is \$95 by September 1. For more information, to register, or to sponsor, visit www.blackiowa.org or call 319/862-2101 ext. 14.

Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Fundraising Luncheon Reservation

I/We accept your invitation to the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame celebration luncheon

- \$30 per adult # _____ \$ _____
- \$20 per person age 21 or younger # _____ \$ _____
- \$240 for a table for eight # _____ \$ _____
- Number of Vegetarian Selections _____

Table sign to read: _____

Hold tickets in the name of: _____

Daytime telephone: _____ Email address: _____

I/We regret not being able to attend this special event but have enclosed a donation to show our support for the Friends of the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women.

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Make checks payable to Friends of ICSW and mail by Friday, August 18, 2006 to Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines IA 50319

Primary Results

Unofficial results from the Iowa Secretary of State's office of the Iowa primary election held June 6th show that seven women (4R, 3D) are running for seats in the Iowa Senate. Two female Senators (R) are in unexpired terms. Out of the 100 seats in the Iowa House of Representatives, 42 women (30D, 12R) are running for 40 seats.

Two women continue to run for statewide office -- Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Agriculture. Only one woman continues to run for Congress. Iowa and Mississippi are the only two states left in the nation that have never elected a female Governor or sent a female to Congress.

The general election will be held November 7th. Non-party candidates must file for state/federal offices July 31 to August 18, and voters must register by Saturday, October 28.

Further information can be found at www.sos.state.ia.us.

ICSW Changes

At the May 9th ICSW Commission Meeting, new officers were elected to lead your commission. Holly Sagar of Des Moines is the chairperson. Vice chair is Kim Painter of Iowa City. Dr. Michael Whitlatch of Storm Lake is serving as treasurer. Sagar, Painter, and Whitlatch also make up the executive committee. Their terms will last for two years. For a complete listing of commissioners, visit www.state.ia.us/dhr/sw.

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in FY2008-2009, and \$4 million in FY2009-2010

SF2217 establishes a new Preparation for Adult Living Services (PALS) program for foster children ages 18-20 to continue living with the foster family, get set up in an apartment, continue their education and prepare for self-sufficiency. HF2734 appropriates \$854,012 funds for PALS to get started.

Calendar of Events

July

- 15 Emma Goldman Clinic Annual Dog Wash.** 12 noon - 3 p.m., Emma Goldman Clinic, Iowa City. \$20 suggested donation. 319/337-2111.
- 18 Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners.** 12 noon. Wesley United Methodist Church, Des Moines. Bring your own lunch. 515/283-1911.
- 25 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Presentation.** 5:15-6:45 p.m., Waterloo Center for the Arts, Waterloo. Free and open to the public. Waterloo Commission on Human Rights and YWCA Waterloo, 319/291-4441.

August

Women's Small Business Month

- 4 Iowa Human Needs Advocates.** 9 a.m., Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines. 515/974-8908.
- 4 Iowa Gender-Specific Services Task Force.** 10 a.m.-12 noon, Urbandale Public Library, Urbandale. Kathy Nesteby, ICSW, 515/281-6915, 800/558-4427, or kathy.nesteby@iowa.gov.
- 23 WRAC Open House.** 4 to 6 p.m. Women's Resource and Action Center, Iowa City.
- 26 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame Ceremony.** 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., State Historical Building, Des Moines. Free and open to the public. ICSW, 515/281-4461, 800/558-4427, or dhr.icsw@iowa.gov.
- 26 Friends of ICSW Fundraising Luncheon.** 12:30-2 p.m., Embassy Suites, Des Moines. \$30. Friends of ICSW, 515/281-4461, 800/558-4427, or dhr.icsw@iowa.gov.
- 26 Iowa Commission on the Status of Women Business Meeting.** 2:30-3:30 p.m., Embassy Suites, Des Moines. Free and open to the public. Call or write for special accommodations, 800/558-4427, 515/281-4461 or dhr.icsw@iowa.gov.
- 30 Coffee with Chrysalis: Where Have All the Voices Gone?** 7:30 - 8:30 a.m., Plymouth Congregational Church, Des Moines. Register by calling 515/255-1853.

More Bits and Pieces

Anticipating this fall's midterm elections, the American Association of University Women has published a valuable new tool called **Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout: A Manual for Community-Based Campaigns to Mobilize Women to Vote**. The manual guides advocates step-by-step through planning a campaign, including recruiting volunteers, working with publicly available voter registration files to identify drop-off women voters, and contacting those women through canvassing and phone banking. Learn more at www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/Woman-to-WomanVoterTurnout.cfm.



The Younger Women's Task Force (YWTF) is accepting applications for the 2006 **Alexis Geneva Knox Fellowship** in support of Younger Women's Leadership, Scholarship, and Advocacy. This 12 month fellowship will be awarded in January of 2007. Fellows will receive a grant from the Alexis Knox Fellowship Fund of \$1200 to \$5000 to support leadership-building activities through individual and collaborative projects. Fellows are encouraged to pursue activities that enhance their public leadership skills, reach diverse constituencies, build community, and strive for tangible skills building. All application materials must be submitted via email and in paper by November 15, 2006. To learn more, go to <http://ywtf.org>.



The Emma Goldman Clinic has recently released the newly revised third edition of *Fertility Awareness: A natural way to avoid or achieve pregnancy*. The booklet teaches women how to determine when their most fertile and infertile times are so they can avoid or achieve pregnancy. The book is currently available for sale for \$7 at the Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City as well as at their website, www.emmagoldman.com. For more information contact the Emma Goldman Clinic at 349/337-2112.



Drop off your books for the upcoming **Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa Book Sale**. The book sale will be held on September 14-18 at the 4-H Building on the State Fairgrounds in Des Moines. Call 515/235-0406 for information about book donations.

Iowa Commission on the Status of Women (ICSW) FY 2006-2007 Meeting Dates

August 26, 2006
***October 10, 2006**
December 5, 2006
February 6, 2007
April 3, 2007
June 5, 2007

*** October 10 is the ICSW Public Hearing, which will be held at the Urbandale Public Library. People and organizations with an interest in issues of concern to women/girls in Iowa are encouraged to present written or oral testimony for/at the hearing. Testimony will assist the ICSW in developing the 2007 Proposals to the Governor and General Assembly. Contact the ICSW at 515/281-4461, 800/558-4427 or lori.schraderbachar@iowa.gov to find out how you can testify.**

Bits and Pieces

The ICSW extends a thank you to intern **Mollie Michelfelder**, who has worked during the fall and spring semesters. Michelfelder, who graduated with a Master's of Social Work from the University in Iowa in May, primarily worked on women in poverty focus groups held around the state.



ICSW staff Charlotte Nelson, Ellen Failor, and Lori SchraderBachar are attending the "**Making It Real: Respect, Equality, Achievement, Leadership**," National Association of Commissions for Women 37th annual convention in Lincoln, NE on July 19-22. Friends of ICSW is paying registration and travel expenses. For more information about NACW, go to www.nacw.org.



ICSW congratulates the **Iowa Commission on the Status of Iowans**

of Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage for gaining \$80,000 in state appropriate funds and one full-time executive director position to begin an office in the Iowa Department of Human Rights as of July 1st.



On June 2, 2006, **Vice Admiral Vivien Crea** became the Coast Guard's Vice Commandant and the first woman to become second in command of a military service.



The Friends of Iowa Civil Rights, Inc. is currently accepting applications for its Annual **Friends of Iowa Civil Rights Award**. Awards will be given to individuals or organizations who have made a significant contribution in promoting civil rights in Iowa during the past one to two years in each of the following categories: individual, business, non-profit/community organization, and

youth/young adult. The deadline for nominations is August 31, 2006. For more information, or a nomination form, contact Dawn Peterson at 515/281-8086 or friendsicr@hotmail.com.



The United States Department of Agriculture is accepting nominations for eligible candidate to serve on local **Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees**. Almost anyone participating or cooperating in a local FSA program may be a candidate. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. All nomination forms must be received in the county FSA office or be postmarked by August 1. Voting takes place between November 3, 2006 and December 4, 2006. For more information on the county committee elections, including nomination forms, go to www.fsa.usda.gov or call your local FSA county office.

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