

# Vision

Promoting Women's Health in Alabama by Creating a Culture of Wellness through Advocacy, Policy and Education

# Mission

To promote the health of women throughout the state of Alabama by:

- Facilitating and coordinating information and education about women's health
- Creating partnerships and strategic alliances with key stakeholders
- Advocating for equitable public policy on issues that affect women's health

Empowering Every
Woman in Alabama to
Engage in Healthy Living

For more information,
visit our website at:
alabamapublichealth.gov/womenshealth
or, visit the
National Women's Health
Information Center at:
womenshealth.gov
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# OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



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The Office of Women's Health was established within the Alabama Department of Public Health by Legislative Act No. 2002-141, March 12, 2002.

# Why do we need an office on women's health?

- Women make the majority of health care decisions for their families.
- Women spend more money for health care.
- Women utilize the health care system more often.
- Women suffer from specific diseases and chronic conditions more often than men.
- Women have different symptoms of the same disease requiring genderspecific treatment.

## What we do:

- Serve as a repository of data and information affecting women's health;
- Prepare materials on women's health for publication and dissimination;
- Conduct public forums about women's health programs, issues and services;
- Dissiminate relevant data affecting women through the Internet;
- Administer the Office of Women's Health Information Clearinghouse; and
- Bring health education and outreach programs to women and their families in Alabama communities. For information about one of the initiatives, visit alabamapublichealth.gov/womenshealth

# Services:

#### Office of Women's Health Website

Go to alabamapublichealth.gov/womenshealth to learn more about the office's efforts to improve the health and well being of Alabama women. You will find a listing of meetings and events featuring women's health issues, informative health articles, contact information to receive free educational and preventive materials and more.

Alabama Department of Public Health Annual Report on Women's Health

This annual report provides an overview of the accomplishments of the office to help improve the overall health of women. The highlighted activities of the year demonstrate our commitment to improving the health of Alabama women.

### **Publications and Educational Material**

Pamphlets, publications and fact sheets are available from ADPH programs focusing on women's health issues. Additional educational materials can be obtained by visiting the OWH website for downloadable documents or contact information for ordering.

#### **Public and Professional Education**

Staff are available for presentations to any audience interested in learning more about women's health issues and what can be done to improve the health status of Alabama women. Targeted educational programs are planned as requested. Exhibiting and educational materials are available.

#### Women on Wellness (WOW) Speakers Bureau

Our speakers bureau features great public communicators with day jobs that allow them to enhance their expertise in women's health and focus on specific issues affecting women's health throughout the lifespan. They represent all types of health care organizations and health care providers.

