

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Informed by YWCA's rich 160-year history and by the expertise of our nationwide network, YWCA advocates for practical solutions that meet the needs of women, girls, and marginalized communities to advance our intersectional mission to eliminate racism and empower women. With local YWCA associations across 45 states and the District of Columbia, YWCAs are on the frontlines providing child care, gender based violence, housing, and other programs and services to as many as 2 million women, girls, and families in a typical year.

We call on members of Congress to act on the following health, economic, safety, and racial justice priorities areas:



Strengthen YWCA Programs and Services

Appropriations

Increase federal funding and support for housing, childcare, and domestic violence services to address rising demands and ensure stability

Child Care

Strengthen the nation's network of childcare and early learning providers, increase access to quality affordable childcare for working families, and expand behavioral health services for children and staff

Gender-Based Violence

Support survivors and prevent domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of gender-based violence as demand for services continues to rise

Nonprofit Sector

Strengthen the sector's ability to help government and the broader social service sector work together more effectively to serve communities



Advance Racial Justice and Gender Equity

Racial Justice

Advance equity, safety, and racial justice for women and girls of color across justice, education, health, and other systems with structural racial disparities

Reproductive Justice and Abortion Access

Strengthen and protect access to maternal health services and safe, legal abortion care

Women's Economic Security

Ensure safe, fair, and inclusive workplaces that expand opportunities for women, particularly women of color, LGBTQ+ people, and historically marginalized communities

YWCA is committed to working with Congress and the Administration to pass legislation on these critical issues that disproportionately affect women and girls of color.