

MAYA MILLER speaks out for WOMEN

.... towards a commitment in the Democratic Platform for

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

WORK

Women want work. Women must work. Women do work, inside the home and out. But their work is poorly paid. Women need equal access to work and to money. Women do volunteer work for the community, - and remain poor. Therefore...

- Women support the FULL EMPLOYMENT & BALANCED GROWTH ACT OF 1976, provided it addresses the special problems of women in the labor force,
- Women support revision of the SOCIAL SECURITY ACT to assign credit to women's work in the home.

CHILD CARE

Child care is work. The round-the-clock care for children is a primary service to the nation. It should be counted as part of the Gross National Product. As such, it should be paid properly (a wage no less than the minimum) whether it is done in the child's own home, in a neighbor's, in a day care center, in an institution, or in any combination of these.

- Women support the inclusion of child care as a basic part of FULL EMPLOYMENT, thus replacing much of what is now called "welfare."
- Women support the CHILD CARE & FAMILY SERVICES ACT.
- Women support expanded child care funds under TITLES IV & XX.

AFDC

Aid to Families with Dependent Children should be replaced with PAY FOR CHILD CARE. Make "welfare" the residual program it was meant to be.

- Women support early WELFARE REFORM.

FOOD

Federal food programs are now an imperative supplement for poor mothers and children and the elderly poor, 65% of whom are women.

- Women support the FOOD STAMP program, and other federal nutrition programs, including school lunch, breakfast, summer feeding, WIC, Meals on Wheels.

HEALTH CARE

Because women are poorer than other adults, and because pregnancy is dangerous, women have special needs for federally supported health care.

- Women support expanded funding for those federal programs now in being: EARLY PERIODIC SCREENING, MEDICAID, MEDICARE.
- Women support a NATIONAL HEALTH SECURITY PLAN, provided it covers the special needs of women, particularly preventive care.

ERA

Because the inequities are so pervasive, and for the sake of simply justice,

- Women expect the Democratic Party to lead the way in Nevada's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

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