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Girl Scouts of the USA

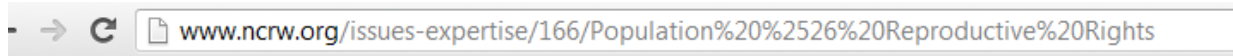


Founded in 1912, the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), has long been preparing girls for leadership roles. As the largest voluntary organization for girls in the world, the Girl Scouts are committed to peaking the interest and listening to the voices of millions of girls, as well as the women and men who serve them. The purpose of Girl Scouting is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character and conduct, so that they may become capable and inspired citizens. Girl Scouting seeks to accomplish this goal through innovative programs that provide girls with opportunities to explore the world's possibilities while having fun with their peers in supportive, all-girl settings.

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NCRW promotes reproductive rights

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Health, Reproductive Rights & Sexuality

Reproductive rights are the cornerstone of women's health and independence. These include the right to voluntary marriage; the right to determine the timing, number and spacing of children; and freedom from sexual violence and coercion. Women in the U.S. and around the world encounter numerous obstacles to making fully informed reproductive choices, including lack of information and access to comprehensive services, prohibitive costs, cultural and societal taboos and customs, and poorly trained or ideologically compromised healthcare providers. Many of our member centers are conducting research, disseminating information and raising awareness about women's health and health policy issues.

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NCRW promotes comprehensive sex education for adolescent girls
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Education & Education Reform

Quality primary and secondary education preparing them for higher education, jobs and careers is necessary for girls to grow into thriving adults. In order to expand career options science, math and technical education must be made more accessible and appealing to girls; for example, through gender awareness training for educators and organizers of science and technology-related programs. Schools must recognize the educational needs of adolescent girls, including comprehensive sex education and sound information about preventing STDs and unwanted pregnancy. Girls also require education about and protection from sexual harassment, bullying and other forms of violence.