



Georgia Women's
Policy Institute

APPLY TO BE A POLICY ADVOCATE!

The Georgia Women's Policy Institute (GWPI) is YWCA of Greater Atlanta's signature leadership, advocacy, and civic engagement training program, where women from diverse backgrounds learn how to develop and support state-level policy proposals.

BENEFITS OF THE GWPI EXPERIENCE

- Learn the fundamentals of the Georgia General Assembly, the policymaking process, and principles of effective advocacy
- Hear from legislators, public policy professionals, and subject matter experts
- Develop policy proposals that address real-world issues, work with coalitions, and plan and execute advocacy strategy
- Connect with more than the 200+ GWPI alumnae network
- Develop the skills needed to be a formidable lifelong advocate

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Timeframe: Approximately 9 months (the first half comprises of trainings, and the second half comprises of hands-on experiences sharing policy proposals with legislators during the legislative session)
- Participants use intersectional lenses to analyze and develop state-level policy proposals that would improve the lives of women and their children in Georgia

APPLICATION DETAILS

- Applications will open on **Sunday, February 1, 2026** for our 2026-2027 Georgia Women's Policy Institute Cohort
- Applications will be closed on **Tuesday, April 1, 2026**
- Fill out our short form at <https://forms.gle/byPMa33iz3JwqB4r7> or scan the QR code



PAST GWPI POLICY ISSUES

HB 582

Prevents convictions and lengthy sentences for domestic violence survivors who face prosecution resulting from trying to survive abuse

SB 55

Phases out the practice of paying people who are disabled a subminimum wage in Georgia

HB 1010

Doubles the number of weeks for parental leave for state employees and educators

HB 129

Works to expand TANF eligibility to pregnant women

SB 61

Removes the sunset provision related to paid sick leave

SB 388

Permitted family violence victims to terminate a lease

QUESTIONS?

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