

New Jersey's Governor & Women

Where Does He Stand?

Is it a coincidence that the Governor selected a predominantly female workforce - NJ teachers - on which to wage war? Is it just happenstance that the Governor chose a violent metaphor to challenge Senator Loretta Weinberg? Is it just the luck of the draw that the Governor eliminated funding for Hispanic and Urban Women's Centers? Was his elimination of funding for Women's Health and Family Planning Services just a quirk or a disregard of women's right to family planning?

The following programs were eliminated in the Governor's first budget:

- Adult Education (often a second chance for single mothers)
 - Domestic Violence Prevention, Training and Assessment
 - Family Planning Services
 - Hispanic Women's Resource Centers
 - Job Training Center for Urban Women Act
 - Maternal & Child Health Services
 - Postpartum Screening
 - School Breakfast Program (state still receives federal money)
- Verification of facts on this page can be found at: www.njleg.nj.us*

The following programs suffered reduced state funding:

- Early Childhood Intervention
- Homeless Prevention Initiative
- Legal Services of New Jersey
- New Jersey After 3
- Office on the Prevention of Violence Against Women
- Postpartum Education Screening
- Work First New Jersey – “Child Care Funding”
- Reduced or eliminated funding for Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity offices in most state departments.
- Lowered the Earned Income Tax Credit to the working poor, who are primarily women.

The Governor vetoed the following:

- A-10/S-10 - Increased gross income tax rate on income exceeding \$1,000,000 for taxable year 2010.
- A-1678/S-692 - Established a New Jersey Homebuyer Tax Credit Program under the New Jersey gross income tax for home purchases during a qualified period.
- A-3273/S-2393 - Amended annual appropriations act to require filing of application for expansion of Medicaid coverage for family planning services.
- A-3584/S2496 - Created “Back to Work NJ Program”: makes an appropriation.
- S-2139/A-3019 – Made supplemental appropriation of \$7,453,000 for Women’s Health and Family Planning Services.

(The Governor, the first and only anti-abortion rights Governor since the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973, spoke at an anti-abortion rights rally in Trenton protesting the United States Supreme Court decision.)

The Governor does indeed have an anti-woman agenda!

Wonder why the Governor has a 17 point gender gap?

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