



# Women's Resource Center

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## The Center

The Women's Resource Center provides services to enhance the learning and working experiences of women in the university community. The center provides a supportive environment for interaction and self-discovery through a wide range of campus activities.

The center provides services to the full spectrum of university women. Men are encouraged to participate in the center's activities, to support organizational goals, and to promote among their peers recognition of sexism, racism, and other forms of discrimination against women.

The center is inclusive of all women on campus regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or disability. The center's staff members seek to provide a haven against the intolerance and negative stereotyping that are abundant in society and also to offer a place for a diverse interchange of ideas and experiences, which is the *basis* for a positive academic setting.

## Services

The center provides a place where women can share with one another, learn in a collaborative rather than competitive fashion, and seek growth-promoting experiences.

Internships and volunteer opportunities are available for interested students. Course credits are possible.

Support and discussion groups are offered on a variety of issues including, but not limited to, current women's issues, single parents, body image, sexual abuse, lesbian support, and support for women of color.

Peer counseling and referral services are available to women who are coping with personal transitions, crises, or any other life experiences for which they need non-judgmental guidance and support.

Multicultural and diversity activities are also coordinated out of the WRC. Individuals interested in working on issues related to race, class, gender, age, sexual identity, and/or religion are welcome to attend one of the campus National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) "Welcoming Diversity" workshops that are offered throughout the year. We are also seeking volunteers interested in working on a proposed campus Multicultural Center.

## LGBT Allies Network

The purpose of the Allies Network is to develop, train, and maintain a membership of Fresno State faculty and staff allies to support and affirm lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students on the Fresno State campus.

Special projects that fit the mission of the center are available. Input from the university community on special programs is welcomed. The center provides a variety of intellectual, cultural, social, artistic, recreational and personal growth activities for women. The activities celebrate the multicultural composition of our community and promote healthy lifestyles and nonviolent relationships. In collaboration with other campus women's groups, the Women's Resource Center works each year on Women's Herstory Month and End Violence Against Women Week.

## Training

Training is offered for individuals who are interested in leading support groups or providing peer counseling to other students. The center also offers joint training with the local rape crisis center for those interested in becoming advocates for victims of sexual assault.

If you would like more information about the many opportunities for women, visit the Women's Resource Center or call 559.278.4435. ❖



*The Women's Resource Center offers support groups. WRC also sponsors activities.*