



## COMMUNITY EIA ADVOCATE NETWORK 2013 CONTACT LIST

### EIA Advocates

#### **Canadian Community Economic Development Network**

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Winnipeg, MB.

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Policy Advisor and researcher

#### **Canadian Mental Health Association - Winnipeg Region**

Canadian Mental Health Association - Winnipeg Region  
930 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB. R3G0P8  
Ph. 204-982-6100 | Fax 204-982-6128 | <http://www.cmhawpg.mb.ca/>

Rights Consultation Service  
Grace Weinfortner  
Rights Consultant [rights@cmhawpg.mb.ca](mailto:rights@cmhawpg.mb.ca)  
Direct Phone #: 204-982-6135

This service helps people with a mental illness to be heard in the way they wish to be heard when there are problems with the services they are using.

When a person has a problem or complaint about the services they are receiving, the place in which they are living or working, or a system they are involved in, the Rights Consultant can explain the choices that are open to them. The Consultant can guide someone through the complaint process. Having talked things through with the person, the Rights Consultant can assist in drafting letters and accompany the person to meetings about the complaint.

The Consultant can provide information about rights under The Mental Health Act and other laws and can accompany people to hearings that are scheduled as a result of  
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concerns raised.

The focus of our work relates to treatment, income support, housing and access to service issues.

The Canadian Mental Health Association can provide information about Employment and Income Assistance, What folks need to know, how to apply, where to go, what to ask for based on their personal circumstances, coach them who to get information from to be successful in being considered for a benefit, and about the appeal process when not satisfied about a decision.

Regarding EIA Please direct any calls to our main line at 982-6100 and our Information and Referral Service staff will assist as they can.

### **Community Financial Counseling Services**

516 – 294 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3C 0B9

Ph. (204) 989-1900 | FAX: (204) 989-1908| Toll Free: 1-888-573-2383

<http://www.debthelpmanitoba.com/>

### **Community Living Winnipeg**

120 Maryland Street, Winnipeg, MB R3G 1L1

Main Line: 204-786-1414

<http://www.aclwpg.ca/>

*Rod Lauder*

[rlauder@aclwpg.ca](mailto:rlauder@aclwpg.ca)

Advocacy Coordinator

Phone: (204)-953-5875

Assists individuals with an intellectual disability (not to be confused with folks experiencing a mental health concern) and families who live in Winnipeg or receive support services in Winnipeg to address issues and problems they encounter. Community Living Winnipeg has 4 FTE positions, Rod's position is the only one focused on advocacy. He spends about 70% of his time on advocacy related matters and the remaining time split between people centered planning and simply providing support to people.

## **Community Unemployed Help Center**

501-275 Broadway

Winnipeg, MB R3C 4M6

(204) 942-6556 Fax: (204) 947-9555 Toll free: 1-866-942-6556 | [cuhc@mts.net](mailto:cuhc@mts.net)

[www.cuhc.mb.ca](http://www.cuhc.mb.ca)

Erin Lyle

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Advocate

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Advocate

Victoria Houston

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Advocate

Sandra Guevara-Holguin

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Advocate

Beverly A Rawluk

[brawluk@cuhc.mb.ca](mailto:brawluk@cuhc.mb.ca)

Intake

Provides information on Employment Insurance and advocates on behalf of clients.

## **Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services**

1150 Fife Street

Winnipeg, Manitoba

(204) 988-9230

Sharon Desmerais

Phone: 204-988-9238

Email: [sdesmarais@docfs.org](mailto:sdesmarais@docfs.org)

Advocate for Dakota Ojibway clients involved in the child welfare system

## **Elizabeth Fry Society of Manitoba**

544 Selkirk Ave.

Winnipeg, MB.

R2W 2M9

Phone: (204) 589-7335

Toll Free: 1-800-582-5655

Fax: (204) 589-7338

[www.efsmanitoba.org](http://www.efsmanitoba.org)

Kendra Monk

[outreach@efsmanitoba.org](mailto:outreach@efsmanitoba.org)

Community outreach

We provide advocacy, access to resources and support to families of women who are in conflict with the law.

## **Employment Development and Placement Services**

11 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE  
Portage la Prairie, MB  
R1N 1R8  
Tel: 204-857-5369

*Don Boddy* [dbedap@mts.net](mailto:dbedap@mts.net)  
Employment Facilitator

Assists men and women with disabilities, primarily in the Portage La Prairie area, to find employment and to navigate the various services and programs they utilize.

## **Family Dynamics Inc.**

401 - 393 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 3H6  
Fax: 204.947.2128  
[www.familydynamics.ca](http://www.familydynamics.ca)

Subas Dahal [sdahal@familydynamics.ca](mailto:sdahal@familydynamics.ca)  
Newcomer Support Coordinator  
Phone: 204.947.1401 ext. 271

Programs include Counselling, in-home family support, parents coach program, family support for refugees, family preservation, etc. The program for the refugees, for example, provides comprehensive case management including: supportive counselling, problem solving, EIA issue, service coordination, continuous assessment, monitoring and follow up, linkages to community resources, facilitated referrals, and advocacy.

## **Health Action Centre / WRHA**

WRHA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE  
425 Elgin Avenue / 640 Main Street  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3A 1P2 / R3B 0L8  
(204) 940-3838 | Fax (204) 942-7828

Access Downtown, 640 Main Street R3B 0L8

All staff at the centre staff provide advocacy. The target group is anyone with a poverty issue and unmet need that may be addressed by EIA including seniors, individuals and families. The geographical area is: Postal codes R3A, B, E.

**Independent Living Resource Centre**

311A-393 Portage Ave

Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6

P: (204) 947-0194 | F: (204) 943-6625 | Toll Free: 1-800-663-3043 | [www.ilrc.mb.ca](http://www.ilrc.mb.ca)

*Marie-Lynn Hamilton*

[mlh@ilrc.mb.ca](mailto:mlh@ilrc.mb.ca)

Individual Advocate

Provides Individual Advocacy – All advocacy is support only and not representation. Advocates on behalf of people with disabilities (self-identified, cross-disability) in Winnipeg.

**Klinik Community Health Centre**

870 Portage Ave.

Winnipeg, Manitoba R3G 0P1

Ph. (204) 784-4090 | admin. Fax 772-7998 | medical Fax 784-4019 |

[klinik@klinik.mb.ca](mailto:klinik@klinik.mb.ca)

*Sandra Lawrence* Social Worker

[slawrence@klinik.mb.ca](mailto:slawrence@klinik.mb.ca)

Ph. 204-784-4020

We are a member of Manitoba Association of Community Health. We provide a full range of health related services from medical care to counseling to education. We promote health and quality of life for all. We help people make choices about their own health. We address the special needs of our neighborhoods and help communities organize on issues of concern. We look to our community for direction. We provide confidential services.

**Legal Aid Manitoba**

**Poverty Law Unit**

402 - 294 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3C 0B9

Tel: (204) 985-5226

[www.legalaid.mb.ca](http://www.legalaid.mb.ca)

*Lori Makar*

[lomak@legalaid.mb.ca](mailto:lomak@legalaid.mb.ca)

Provides advocacy to women, men and families on RTB and EIA issues

**Legal Aid Manitoba**

**Public Law Unit**

300 – 287 Broadway  
Winnipeg, MB  
R3E 2E4  
Tel: (204) 985-8504  
[www.legalaid.mb.ca](http://www.legalaid.mb.ca)

**Legal Help Centre**

University Of Winnipeg  
Global College  
515 Portage Ave  
Winnipeg MB R3E 2E4  
General Inquiries: 988-7105  
[www.legalhelpcentre.ca](http://www.legalhelpcentre.ca)

*Karen Dyck*                      [Karen.l.dyck@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.l.dyck@gmail.com)

We work in partnership with the community to increase access to legal and social service systems for disadvantaged community members by providing referrals, legal help and public legal education and information.

**Low Income Intermediary Project**

Mezzanine - 280 Smith Street  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1K2  
Office Phone: 204-947-2220

*Harold Dyck*                      [liip@mail2world.com](mailto:liip@mail2world.com)

Director and EIA Community Advocate  
Don DeMeo  
Volunteer EIA Advocate

Provides EIA advocacy to men, women and families

**Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata, Inc. (Spence Community Care site)**

443 Spence Street  
Winnipeg, MB. R3B 2R8  
Ph.204- 925-0348 | Fax: 204-925-0308| [www.mamawi.com](http://www.mamawi.com)

*Amanda McKay*                      [amckay@mamawi.com](mailto:amckay@mamawi.com)  
Administrative Assistant

Our Community care site provides support in working with EIA workers and will advocate when necessary, but when there is an ongoing need for advocacy/support, we would provide Paula's contact information and encourage folks to meet with her.

We are a team of five women who attempt to assist everyone we can. We will provide advocacy to anyone in receipt of social assistance who requests help

**Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc. – Welcome Place**

521 Bannatyne Ave.

Winnipeg, MB R3A 0E4

P:(204) 977-1000 | Fax: (204) 956-7548| <http://www.miic.ca/>

*Marta Kalita*                      [martak@miic.ca](mailto:martak@miic.ca)  
Co-Manager, Settlement Services

*Carlos Vialard*                      [carlosv@miic.ca](mailto:carlosv@miic.ca)  
Co-Manager, Settlement Services

MIIC promotes and supports the protection and resettlement of refugees and offers a range of services that welcomes and assist refugee newcomers to their settlement and integration into Canadian society. See more info on our website at [www.miic.ca](http://www.miic.ca)

**Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities (MLPD)**

105- 500 Portage Ave.

Winnipeg, Manitoba

R3C 3X1

(204)943-6099

1-888-330-1932

Fax: 204-943-6654

[www.mlpd.mb.ca](http://www.mlpd.mb.ca)

Dianne Driedger      [diane\\_mlpd@shaw.ca](mailto:diane_mlpd@shaw.ca)

The MLPD is a united voice of people with disabilities, and their supporters, that promotes equal rights, full participation in society, and facilitates positive change through advocacy and public education.

**Mount Carmel Clinic**

886 Main Street

R2W 5L4

Phone: (204) 582-2311 | Fax: (204) 582-6006

<http://mountcarmel.ca/main.php>

Andrea Baigrie, BSW [andrea@mountcarmel.ca](mailto:andrea@mountcarmel.ca)

Offers advocacy services every Monday afternoon for women, men and families in the North Point Douglas/North End area

**Sage House (Mount Carmel Clinic)**

422 Dufferin Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R2W 2Y5  
943-6379

Provide advocacy services to women who are street workers.

**North End Community Renewal Corp.**

509 Selkirk Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R2W 2M6

Darrell Stavem [necrc@necrc.org](mailto:necrc@necrc.org); [tlc@necrc.org](mailto:tlc@necrc.org)  
Tenant/Landlord Cooperation  
927-2334

Primarily provides mediation in the area of tenant/landlord disputes; however, will advocate for men, women and families in the north end on EIA who require assistance with housing issues.

**North End Women's Centre**

394 Selkirk Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R2W 2M2  
Ph: 204-632-5721 | Fax: 204-586-9476 | [www.newcentre.org](http://www.newcentre.org)

Dawn Etheridge [dawn@newc.mb.ca](mailto:dawn@newc.mb.ca)  
Social Change Agent  
204- 589-7347 (bus)  
204- 586-9476 (fax)

North End Women's Centre is for women and their children from all over Winnipeg. No woman is turned away.



### **North Point Douglas Women's Centre**

221 Austin Street North

Winnipeg, MB

R2W 3M8

Ph: 204-947-0321

Fax: 204-957-8978

[www.northpointdouglaswomenscentre.org](http://www.northpointdouglaswomenscentre.org)

Christie Paul Neighbourhood Resource Coordinator

Email: [christie@npdwc.org](mailto:christie@npdwc.org)

The North Point Douglas Women's Centre works with residents (women, their families and also men) and local groups to build community through partnerships, information sharing and advocacy. Some of their services include helping people to meet their basic needs and often includes dealing with provincial EIA program.

### **Oak Table Community Ministry**

(Saint Augustine's United Church)

Mailing address:

444 River Ave.

Winnipeg, MB.

R3L 0C7

Phone:

(204) 284-2250 ext 3

Fax: (204) 452-3098

Patricia Baker, Community Minister [oaktable@mymts.net](mailto:oaktable@mymts.net)

Glenda Knoll, Volunteer Co-ordinator [oaktablevolcoord@gmail.com](mailto:oaktablevolcoord@gmail.com)

Zach Fleisher, Summer Events Co-ordinator [oaktablewpg@gmail.com](mailto:oaktablewpg@gmail.com)

Oak Table Community Ministry has operated a drop in centre in the Osborne-Mayfair area since 1981. 60-80 guests attend daily for a free lunch and to access the services Oak Table provides.

We offer art classes, haircuts, and chiropractor service to our guests as well as access to resources such as income assistance, nutrition, public health referrals and spiritual care.

We also offer occasional special activities, including a summer beach trip and a New Year's Feast. Additionally, we also assist our guests in completing forms and applications, as well as providing phone, computer and newspaper access. We also attend meetings with and advocate for guests as requested.

Oak Table Community Ministry is a charitable organization, reliant on individual and group contributions (financial or in-kind) and volunteer commitment. We work with a wide variety of partners in the community.

Drop In Hours:  
Monday to Thursday 1:30 – 3:30pm  
Drop In Location:  
109 Pulford Street

**Osborne House**

Inquiries: 204-942-7373  
Crisis Line: 204-942- 3052  
Fax: 204-956-1412  
[www.osbornhouse.org](http://www.osbornhouse.org)

*Karen van Leusden*                      [karenv@osbornehouse.org](mailto:karenv@osbornehouse.org)  
PO Box 397  
Winnipeg, MB  
R3C 2H6  
Ph: 942-7373, ext.301  
Fax: 956-1412

Provides advocacy to women and children who have left Osborne House and are re-establishing their lives

**PATH Employability Centre** (North End Renewal Corp)

627 Selkirk Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R2W 2N2  
Ph. 204-927-2303 Fax: 204-582-2801  
[www.necrc.org/?page\\_id=105](http://www.necrc.org/?page_id=105)

*Cathy Montgomery*                      [cathy@necrc.org](mailto:cathy@necrc.org)  
PATH Milestones Counselor

Both PATH programs (Milestones and Job Search) provide all our clients with EIA advocacy and assistance as needed.

## **Resource Assistance for Youth (RaY)**

125 Sherbrook Street

Winnipeg, MB R3C 2B5

Tel: 204-783-5617 Fax: 204-775-4988 [www.rayinc.ca](http://www.rayinc.ca)

*Erica Chatelain*

Ext. 205

[echatelain@rayinc.ca](mailto:echatelain@rayinc.ca)

Advocacy Specialist working with youth struggling with the systems EIA is one of the main systems Erica works with.

*Kylee Tremblay*

Ext. 202

[ktremblay@rayinc.ca](mailto:ktremblay@rayinc.ca)

As the Homeless Outreach Mentor, Kylee works with chronically homeless young people and therefore is often advocating for youth with regards to EIA.

*Stephanie Reid*

Ext. 203

[sreid@rayinc.ca](mailto:sreid@rayinc.ca)

Works closely with young people struggling with mental health concerns, sometimes diagnosed but usually not. Tim often works to advocate for disability benefits for these young people.

Resource Assistance for Youth (RaY) works with young people up to the age of 29. Many of those RaY advocates for are youth who have exited CFS and have no further supports. RaY works with homeless and street-involved youth, many of whom are struggling with mental health difficulties and/or a lack of pertinent life skills that allow for them to enter the workforce. In theory, all RaY staff is youth advocates and should be able to navigate the EIA system, although the above mentioned staff are the key EIA advocates at the agency.

## **St. Amant**

440 River Road

Winnipeg, Manitoba

R2M 3Z9

Tel: 204-256-4301 Fax: 204-257-4349

[www.stamant.ca](http://www.stamant.ca)

*Michael Edwards* [medwards@stamant.mb.ca](mailto:medwards@stamant.mb.ca)

St. Amant Team Leader

Supported Independent Living Community Residential Program

Provides support for persons living with physical, psychological and intellectual disabilities

**Salvation Army (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor- Stanley st. entrance).**

324 Logan Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3A 0L5  
R3A 0L5  
Phone (204) 946-9141  
Fax: (204) 946-9167  
[www.salvationarmy.ca](http://www.salvationarmy.ca)

*Mandy Marsland*      [wkrp\\_mandy@mymts.net](mailto:wkrp_mandy@mymts.net)  
Supervisor  
Work Readiness Program (WKRPP) and  
Stages Education Program (STEP)

Provide EIA advocacy services for clients who are participating in the above programs.

**SEED Winnipeg Inc.**

80 Salter Street  
Winnipeg, MB R2W 4J6  
Ph: 204-927-9935  
Fax: 204-927-9930      [www.seedwinnipeg.ca](http://www.seedwinnipeg.ca)

Laura Gordon RSW [laura@seedwinnipeg.ca](mailto:laura@seedwinnipeg.ca)  
Social Worker  
Ph: 204-927-9937

SEED's mission is to reduce poverty and assist in the renewal of primarily inner city communities by providing capacity building services that assist low-income individuals, groups, organizations and economically distressed neighbourhoods to improve their social and economic vitality.

**Siloam Mission**

Princess St.  
Winnipeg, MB.  
R3B 1M3  
Phone: (204) 956-4344  
Toll Free: 1-866-648-4673  
Fax: (204) 956-0956  
[www.siloam.ca](http://www.siloam.ca)

Amy Reinink  
Manager of Transition Services      [amy.reinink@siloam.ca](mailto:amy.reinink@siloam.ca)  
Siloam Mission alleviates the hardships of the poor and homeless, assists in transitioning them into self-sufficient and generous lifestyles, and advocates nationwide on their behalf.

## **Social Planning Council of Winnipeg**

300-207 Donald St.  
Winnipeg, MB.  
R3C 1M5  
Phone: (204) 943-2561  
Fax: (204) 942- 3221  
[www.spcw.mb.ca](http://www.spcw.mb.ca)

Marianne Cerilli  
Program and Policy Analyst

[mcerilli@spcw.mb.ca](mailto:mcerilli@spcw.mb.ca)

Our MISSION is to provide leadership in improving social conditions through effective solutions, progressive public policy, community development and partnerships.

## **SPEAK (Suicide Prevention Education Awareness Knowledge)**

Klinik Counseling Services  
Klinik Community Health Centre  
870 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3G 0P1  
Ph. 204-784-4090 Fax: 204-772-7998  
Toll Free: 1-877-838-3610

Jessica Burton [jbarton@klinik.mb.ca](mailto:jbarton@klinik.mb.ca)  
Administrative Assistant

Work with the mandate of Klinik specifically with Survivors of Suicide and their families. Provide education, peer support, advocacy, referrals, and community education. Run a continuous intake peer support group at Klinik the last Monday of every month except for Christmas and some other holidays if they fall on that date. Services are free to everyone.

Also provide information packages and training programs for suicide prevention. Member of CASP, Winnipeg Suicide Prevention Network, Manitoba Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative, we are accredited through AASP and are funded through the Province of Manitoba Health and Healthy Living and Spiritual Care. Geographical area is Winnipeg and all of Manitoba. SPEAK belongs to a National Network for Prevention.

## **Spence Neighbourhood Association**

615 Ellice Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB  
R3G 0A4  
Fax: 204-775-1802  
[spenceneighbourhood.org](http://spenceneighbourhood.org)

*Almera Oduca* [row@spenceneighbourhood.org](mailto:row@spenceneighbourhood.org)  
Homeless Outreach Mentor  
Tel: 204-783-4141  
Cell: 204-979-0069

Provides advocacy services to persons or families who are homeless, to find housing and interact with EIA.

**Taking Charge!**

276 Colony Street. R3C 1W3  
Winnipeg, MB  
R3C 0G3  
Tel: 204-925-1681  
[www.takingcharge.org](http://www.takingcharge.org)

Provides EIA advocacy support for Taking Charge! participants. She visits twice a month for a total of about 3 hours a month, and is also available at her CFCS office and by telephone. Taking Charge! participants are all sole parents on EIA from Winnipeg.

*Chris Higgins* [chiggins@takingcharge.org](mailto:chiggins@takingcharge.org)  
Program Facilitator  
Paving the Way

**West Broadway Community Services Inc.**

**West Broadway Community Ministry**

102-222 Furby Street  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2A7  
Tel: 204-774-8685  
[www.westbroadwaycm.org](http://www.westbroadwaycm.org)

*Lynda Trono*  
*Community Minister*

Community mentors who assist with EIA issues:

*Lynne Somerville* [lynnementor@live.com](mailto:lynnementor@live.com)  
Lynne is the most proficient with EIA issues. Lynne is available from 1:00-4:00  
Wednesdays and Thursdays

*Todd Donohue* [toddmentor@live.com](mailto:toddmentor@live.com)  
Mentor at West Broadway Todd available Monday and Friday 1:00- 4:00

*Kay Shewfelt Boyd* [kaymentor@gmail.com](mailto:kaymentor@gmail.com)  
Kay is our other mentor. Kay is available from 1:00-4:00 Mondays.

The Ministry primarily serves people who live in the West Broadway area of the city, but does not strictly adhere to geographical areas.

**West Central Women's Resource Centre  
Community Mentor HOMES Program**

640 Ellice Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0A7  
Ph: 204-774- 8975  
Fax: 204-783-3173

[www.wcwrc.ca](http://www.wcwrc.ca)

*Mgozi Nwosu*                      [homes@wcwrc.ca](mailto:homes@wcwrc.ca)

Homes Program coordinator

H.O.M.E.S. offers coaching and self-advocacy mentoring and advocacy for women and their families on housing and economic security, as well as resource referral.

Geographical Area: focus on the West End but people from other parts of town are not turned away, particularly if there is no similar program in their neighborhood.

**Winnipeg Harvest**

1085 Winnipeg Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R3E 0S2

[www.winnipegharvest.org](http://www.winnipegharvest.org)

*Harold Dyck*

*EIA Advocate and Trainer*

Harold can be reached at his LIIP office

Ph: 204-947-2220

*Morgan Thomas*                      [morgan.thomas@winnipegharvest.org](mailto:morgan.thomas@winnipegharvest.org)

Referrals Coordinator

Provides advocacy and information about EIA to Winnipeg Harvest clients

Catherine Wirt,

Director of Client and Community Relations EIA and residential tenancy advocacy.

[catherine.wirt@winnipegharvest.org](mailto:catherine.wirt@winnipegharvest.org)

**Women's Health Clinic**

419 Graham Avenue, Unit A  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0M3  
Phone: 204-947-1517  
Toll-free: 1-866-947-1517  
Fax: 204-943-3844  
TTY: 204-956-0385

[www.womenshealthclinic.org](http://www.womenshealthclinic.org)

Sharon Young [sharon@womenshealthclinic.org](mailto:sharon@womenshealthclinic.org)

We are a feminist, community health clinic in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Since 1981, we have offered a range of services to women of all ages. Through our Teen Clinic and the Provincial Eating Disorders Prevention & Recovery Program we also offer some services to males.

Our holistic approach to health emphasizes prevention, education and action. We encourage clients to learn all they can about what contributes to their health and well-being so they can make informed choices. We offer:

- health and wellness services that are client-centred, non-judgmental and fully confidential
- health education to community and professional groups
- resources and information
- advocacy on women's health issues