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## Indiana Commission for Women



### ICW seeks Torchbearer nominations

The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) is seeking nominations for the **2010 Indiana's Salute to Women: The Torchbearer Awards**.

The Torchbearer Awards are the State of Indiana's most prestigious recognition of Hoosier women and will be announced at an event on March 2, 2010.

Indiana Torchbearers are those women who have been pioneers throughout their lives and have stepped forward as leaders by breaking down barriers to women's full

participation. These women have become true beacons of light by overcoming immense challenges with courage, perseverance and compassion that create a lasting legacy and become an inspiration for us all.



Nominations may be submitted by email or by post. Visit [www.in.gov/icw/2334.htm](http://www.in.gov/icw/2334.htm) to download the nomination form and guidelines. To submit your nomination online, email the completed form to [icw@dwd.in.gov](mailto:icw@dwd.in.gov). Electronically submitted nomination forms are due on or before Friday, December 4, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. EST. All hard copy entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, December 4, 2009.

For more information, assistance or a printed copy of the nomination form, contact Kristin Garvey, executive director, at (317) 233-6303 or [icw@dwd.in.gov](mailto:icw@dwd.in.gov).

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## Shriver Report looks at status of women

The **Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Changes Everything** describes how a woman's nation changes everything about how we live and work today. Now for the first time in our nation's history, women are half of all U.S. workers and mothers are the primary breadwinners or co-breadwinners in nearly two-thirds of American families. This dramatic shift from just a generation ago changes how women spend their days. It is creating a ripple effect that is "sparking a collective acknowledgement of the interdependence of men and women today." It is a social transformation affecting nearly every aspect of our lives - how we work, how we play and how we care for one another.

Included in the report is research by leading authorities on working families and the United States labor market, government, business, media and faith. The findings combine work of academics, economics and pollsters with a collection of diverse essays from famous and less well-known Americans as well as on-the-ground reporting from around the country.

The report is a beginning to a conversation on the new dynamics and we at ICW encourage everyone to join us in the equally important conversation for the future of women and girls throughout Indiana so that we can shape the vision of what our society will look like when women achieve full participation.

To download a PDF of the entire report, go to: [http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/10/pdf/awn/a\\_womans\\_nation.pdf](http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/2009/10/pdf/awn/a_womans_nation.pdf).

## Office of Women's Health unveils sexual violence primary prevention plan

On October 29, 2009, the Indiana State Department of Health presented strategic priorities developed for Indiana's first sexual violence primary prevention plan at a statewide summit. Over one hundred professionals and concerned community members attended to learn about these prevention efforts in Indiana.

For more information and links to the presentations and resources given, visit the Office of Women's Health at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/23820.htm>.

## Department of Veteran Affairs honors Hoosier women veterans

The Third Annual Hoosier Women Veterans Conference was held on

October 31, 2009, at the Indiana War Memorial. The conference was dedicated to educating women veterans on the benefits and services available to them. Plans will soon be underway for next year's conference. For more information on how to become involved, please visit the Office of Women Veterans at <http://www.in.gov/dva/2344.htm> or contact Kris Bertrand, Hoosier Women Veterans Coordinator at [kabertrand@dva.in.gov](mailto:kabertrand@dva.in.gov).

If you or someone you know is a Hoosier Woman Veteran, complete the [Women Veterans Registry](#) form so that you can be connected to information on the numerous resources and benefits available to you.

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