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**GET CONNECTED.**

**You are invited to join the Girls Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania.**

**What is the Girls Coalition?**

The Girls Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania is an emerging network of providers, parents, funders and a diverse group of community stakeholders who are dedicated to improving the lives of the girls in our region. We bring together people and resources to educate, advocate and network on behalf of girls.

**What topics do you focus on?**

As agents of change, we tackle issues of common interest about and relevant to girls. Each year, we choose a theme to frame our efforts, research, energy and advocacy.

The theme for 2008 is **Fostering Health and Well-being in Girls**, an exploration of the current intellectual, emotional, spiritual, social, physical and economic health of girls. While many events centered on fostering health and well-being will follow throughout 2008, this is not the exclusive topic of the Girls Coalition's effort.

**Who can join?**

Anyone who cares about girls can become a member. We are actively encouraging professionals who serve girls to join, but parents and girls themselves can also belong. Ultimately we intend to be a very diverse network, including professionals in human services, education, health, politics, criminal justice, child welfare, business, the arts, community leaders, parents and girls. Most events are open to the public.

**Why join?**

The members of the Girls Coalition want to draw attention to issues facing girls and share resources with a network concerned with emboldening girls. By connecting people around shared goals, we will create regional dialogue, foster connections and nurture new and innovative partnerships to create a more promising future for girls.

**How do I get involved in the Coalition?**

If you'd like more information about the Girls Coalition, or if you would like to become a member, please contact us at [info@girlscoalitionswpa.org](mailto:info@girlscoalitionswpa.org) or 412.322.6233.

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**What are the Annual Membership Fees?**

Membership is affordable. Annual dues are:

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| Student                                 | \$10  |
| Individual/Adult                        | \$25  |
| Organization (budget under \$1 million) | \$50  |
| Organization (budget over \$1 million)  | \$100 |

**What are the benefits of joining the Coalition?**

- Your organization featured in our Resource Directory of Girl-Serving organizations
- Your events posted and promoted on the Girls Coalition website
- Ability to reach Girls Coalition members with eblasts about your organization's monthly events and special opportunities
- Opportunities to learn about the latest information, resources, and trends about girls
- Receiving advanced notice for all Girls Coalition professional development and educational events
- *Connecting and collaborating with a network of like-minded agencies on projects, and amplify the regional profile of girls and girls' issues*

**How did the Girls Coalition get started?**

Southwestern Pennsylvania is fortunate to have many wonderful opportunities for girls. Some agencies (like the Girl Scouts and the YWCA) provide services specifically for girls and other agencies serve youth (both boys and girls). But before the Girls Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania was formed, there was no formal way for staff and leaders of these agencies to share information about programs, new research, or training opportunities. The Coalition fills that need while providing a centralized way for this region to advocate for girls in policy discussions.

In January 2007, FISA Foundation learned that other girls coalitions in Boston and Seattle had become strong advocates and resources in their communities. FISA Foundation called together a group of local leaders who care about girls, and there was overwhelmingly affirmation and excitement about the possibilities for creating a new network in Pittsburgh. Today, a steering committee of girl-serving agencies, funders and community leaders plan and develop the organizational structure, strategy, communications and events for the Girls Coalition.