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Website: [www.dkgusforum.org](http://www.dkgusforum.org)  
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<https://facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657>

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## Advocacy Tips

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Contact your legislator and confirm your appointment prior to the meeting.  
Look and dress professionally.  
Present three to five points clearly, concisely, and persuasively.  
State the purpose for the meeting.  
Listen carefully and gain insight from the aide or legislator.  
Use accurate facts and figures.  
Appeal to the legislator's experience or background to make a point.  
Explain how the legislator's decision will affect you as an educator/woman.  
Leave your contact information and a copy of your talking points.  
Offer yourself as a resource for information on a program of interest.

## Contacting Your Legislators

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**Let Your Voice Be Heard** on issues concerning women, children, and education.

Call toll free at **866-327-8670** or use the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at **202-224-3121**.  
Ask for your congressional representative by name.  
Visit **www.house.gov** for House of Representatives and **www.senate.gov** for U.S. Senate.  
Track the progress of bills at **www.govtrack.us**  
Know the bill number and expedite your search by going to **www.congress.gov**

## Advocacy Websites

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**American Association of University Women**  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**American Federation of Teachers**  
[www.aft.org](http://www.aft.org)

**Children's Defense Fund**  
[www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)

**Department of Education**  
[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

**Institute for Women's Policy and Research**  
[www.iwpr.org](http://www.iwpr.org)

**League of Women Voters**  
[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

**National Education Association**  
[www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org)

**National Alliance on Mental Illness**  
[www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)

**United States Congress**  
[www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov)

**Substance Abuse & Mental Health Admin.**  
[www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

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### Advocating for Women, Children and Education



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