WOMEN'S RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Women's Health and Reproductive Justice

- 1. Our Bodies Ourselves <u>http://www.ourbodiesourselves.org/</u>
- Description: Our Bodies Ourselves (OBOS), also known as the Boston Women's Health Book Collective (BWHBC), is a nonprofit, public interest women's health education, advocacy, and consulting organization. Beginning in 1970 with the publication of the first edition of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, OBOS has inspired the women's health movement by: Producing books that make accurate health and medical information accessible to a broad audience by weaving women's stories into a framework of practical, clearly written text, Identifying and collaborating with exemplary individuals and organizations that provide services, generate research and policy analysis, and organize for social change, Inspiring and empowering women to become engaged in the political aspects of sustaining good health for themselves and their communities.
- Feminist Health Center <u>http://www.feministhealth.org/home/</u> Description: We believe that every woman has the right to her dignity, her dreams, and her destiny. Our vision is of a world in which a woman's dignity is respected, her dreams are hers to fulfill, and her destiny is in her own hands. Our mission is to empower our clients and community through provision of reproductive health services, advocacy and educational outreach.
- 3. Feminist Women's Health Center <u>http://feministcenter.org/</u> Description: The Feminist Women's Health Center provides accessible, comprehensive gynecological healthcare to all who need it without judgment. As innovative healthcare leaders, we work collaboratively within our community and nationally to promote reproductive health, rights and justice. We advocate for wellness, uncensored health information and fair public policies by educating the larger community and empowering our clients to make their own decisions.
- 4. Feminist Women's Health Center Washington <u>http://fwhc.org/</u> Description: Established in 1979, FWHC is a nonprofit organization that promotes and protects a woman's right to choose and receive reproductive health care. FWHC (of Washington State) was founded in Yakima, WA by Beverly W. and Deborah L. to bring reproductive choice to women in the large rural area known as Central Washington. We were modeled upon the early feminist clinics in Los Angeles. Today only 14 nonprofit abortion-providing feminist health centers remain across the country.
- 5. Abortion Access Project <u>http://www.abortionaccess.org/</u> Description: With the goal of ensuring all women, in every area of every state, in any legal or regulatory context, are able to access safe abortion, we focus our efforts on chronically underserved communities. With a team of organizers living and working across the country, we are positioned to respond to the shifting terrain around abortion where it is most needed—on the ground—by engaging, training, and supporting health care providers to make abortion services available.
- 6. Advocates for Youth <u>http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/</u>

Description: Established in 1980 as the Center for Population Options, Advocates for Youth champions efforts to help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health. Advocates believes it can best serve the field by boldly advocating for a more positive and realistic approach to adolescent sexual health.

- 7. Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice <u>http://www.reproductivejustice.org/</u> Description: ACRJ promotes and protects reproductive justice through organizing, building leadership capacity, developing alliances and education to achieve community and systemic change. We believe reproductive justice will be achieved when all people have the economic, social and political power and resources to make healthy decisions about our gender, bodies and sexuality for ourselves, our families and our communities. We are working toward the day that the culture and policies in this country support families that we have built and chosen to be strong and thrive.
- 8. Black Women for Reproductive Justice <u>http://bwrj.org/welcome.html</u> Description: BWRJ's overall goal through its Health Education component is to educate Black women and girls about basic reproductive health issues. BWRJ believes that women and girls must first have a basic understanding about their bodies in order to be clear about the areas of policy and advocacy that need changing. There is an ongoing need to help women and girls understand basic things like their menstrual cycles, family planning, pregnancy options, self-breast care, etc. In addition to providing health education directly to women, BWRJ is responding to the demand from women to learn how to share the information with other family members and friends.
- 9. Center for Reproductive Rights <u>http://reproductiverights.org/</u>
 - Description: Reproductive freedom lies at the heart of the promise of human dignity, self-determination and equality embodied in both the U.S. Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Center works toward the time when that promise is enshrined in law in the United States and throughout the world. We envision a world where every woman is free to decide whether and when to have children; where every woman has access to the best reproductive healthcare available; where every woman can exercise her choices without coercion or discrimination. More simply put, we envision a world where every woman participates with full dignity as an equal member of society.
- 10. Choice USA http://www.choiceusa.org/
 - Description: Choice USA envisions a world where all people have agency over their own bodies and relationships *and* the power, knowledge and tools to exercise that agency. Choice USA builds this vision by engaging young people in creating and leading the way to sexual and reproductive justice for all by providing training, field mobilization and national leadership for a youth-driven agenda. Young women, people of color and low-income women represent the majority in this nation, and have long called for a movement that bridges health, rights and social justice and is, thereby, comprehensive enough to include the pressing issues their communities face.
- 11. Law Student for Reproductive Justice http://lsrj.org/

Description: Law Students for Reproductive Justice is a national nonprofit network of law students and lawyers. Our organization educates, organizes, and supports law students to ensure that a new generation of advocates will be prepared to protect and expand reproductive rights as basic civil and human rights. We are committed to ensuring access to medically accurate, ageappropriate, culturally competent sex and sexuality education, as well as comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including prenatal care, postnatal care, contraception, abortion services, and alternative reproductive technologies for women and men, free from coercion, discrimination and violence. We seek active involvement from our members with diverse backgrounds and experiences who are interested in advancing reproductive justice in their local communities and throughout the world. We strive for a diverse advocacy network with regard to race, sex, ethnicity, nationality, immigration status, religion, sexual orientation, disability, socioeconomic status, age, gender identity, marital status, and political affiliation.

12. Medical Students For Choice http://www.ms4c.org/

Description: Medical Students for Choice is dedicated to ensuring that women receive the full range of reproductive healthcare choices. MSFC recognizes that one of the greatest obstacles to safe and legal abortion is the absence of trained providers. As medical students and residents, we work to make reproductive health care, including abortion, a part of standard medical education and residency training.

- 13. MergerWatch <u>http://www.mergerwatch.org/index.html</u> Description: MergerWatch is dedicated to the principle that health care should be guided by accurate medical information and the patient's own religious or ethical beliefs. In medical decision-making, the patient's rights must come first.
- 14. NARAL Pro Choice America <u>http://www.prochoiceamerica.org/</u> Description: We are made up of pro-choice women and men across the United States. Together, we protect a woman's right to choose. We lobby Congress to convince your elected representatives to support your right to choose. We organize women and men to make sure that lawmakers hear from the pro-choice people they represent. We connect what happens in Congress or in the states to how it affects your ability to make private decisions, like choosing legal abortion. We work with our state affiliates to advance ideas that are good for women's freedom. We fight back against the bad ideas that threaten our privacy. NARAL Pro-Choice America uses the political process to elect lawmakers who share our pro-choice values and defeat candidates who don't.
- 15. National Abortion Federation <u>http://www.prochoice.org/</u> Description: The National Abortion Federation (NAF) is the professional association of abortion providers in North America. We believe that women should be trusted to make private medical decisions in consultation with their health care providers. NAF currently offers quality training and services to abortion providers and unbiased information and referral services to women.
- 16. National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health <u>http://latinainstitute.org/</u> Description: Latinas face a unique and complex array of reproductive health and rights issues that are exacerbated by poverty, gender, racial and ethnic

discrimination and xenophobia. These circumstances make it especially difficult for Latinas to access reproductive health care services, including the full range of available reproductive health technologies and abortion services. We believe that in order to substantially improve the reproductive health of Latinas and protect their rights to exercise reproductive freedom, NLIRH must locate reproductive health and rights issues within a broader social justice framework that seeks to bring an end to poverty and discrimination and affirms human dignity and the right to self-determination.

- 17. National Network of Abortion Funds <u>http://www.nnaf.org/</u> Description: The National Network of Abortion Funds works to make sure that all women and girls can get the abortions they seek. We view the right to abortion as a fundamental human right, essential for women's equality, health, and dignity.
- 18. Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health <u>http://www.prch.org/</u> Description: PRCH is a doctor-led national advocacy organization. We use evidence-based medicine to promote sound reproductive health policies. We believe in reproductive choice for everyone.
- 19. Planned Parenthood Federation of America <u>http://www.plannedparenthood.org/</u> Description: Planned Parenthood believes in the fundamental right of each individual, throughout the world, to manage his or her fertility, regardless of the individual's income, marital status, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or residence. We believe that respect and value for diversity in all aspects of our organization are essential to our well-being. We believe that reproductive self-determination must be voluntary and preserve the individual's right to privacy. We further believe that such self-determination will contribute to an enhancement of the quality of life and strong family relationships.
- 20. Pro-Choice Public Education Project <u>http://www.protectchoice.org/</u> Description: PEP is a national reproductive justice organization that works to engage and inform organizations, young women, transgender and gender nonconforming young people, ages 16-25, especially those whose voices are not heard in spaces where sexual and reproductive health and rights are addressed. We do this through research, leadership development, movement building, raising unheard voices, and changing the conversation. The Pro-Choice Public Education Project is dedicated to engaging young women on their terms around the critical issue of reproductive justice, and is guided by a Young Women's Leadership Council along with a team of dedicated staff.
- 21. SisterSong http://www.sistersong.net/

Description: The SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective is a network of local, regional and national grassroots agencies representing five primary ethnic populations/indigenous nations in the United States: African American, Arab American/Middle Eastern , Asian/Pacific Islander , Latina , and Native American/Indigenous . The Collective was formed in 1997 and initially funded by the Ford Foundation to educate women of color and policy makers on reproductive and sexual health and rights, and to work towards the access of health services, information and resources that are culturally and linguistically appropriate. We achieve these goals through public policy work, advocacy, service delivery and health education within our communities on the local,

national and international levels. Members of the Collective includes organizations in the mainland United States, as well as Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

- 22. Spark Reproductive Justice Now <u>http://sparkrj.org/content/</u> Description: SPARK is a statewide community based and centered reproductive justice organization based in Atlanta, GA. Our Mission is to collaborate with individuals and communities to build and sustain a powerful reproductive justice movement in Georgia. We do this by: Developing and sharing a radical analysis in order to shift culture; Mobilize in response to immediate threats and; Organize for long term systemic change.
- 23. Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom <u>http://www.syrf.org/web/guest/home</u> Description: Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom (SYRF) educates, organizes and empowers youth and young adults (ages 16-30) to put their faith into action and advocate for pro-choice social justice.
- 24. Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice <u>http://www.rcrc.org/</u> Description: The Mission of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice brings the moral power of religious communities to ensure reproductive choice through education and advocacy. The Coalition seeks to give clear voice to the reproductive issues of people of color, those living in poverty, and other underserved populations.
- 25. The Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center <u>http://www.nativeshop.org/</u>

Description: The Native American Community Board (NACB) works to protect the health and human rights of Indigenous Peoples pertinent to our communities through cultural preservation, education, coalition building, community organizing, reproductive justice, environmental justice, and natural resource protection while working toward safe communities for women and children at the local, national, and international level.

26. Feminist Abortion Network http://feministnetwork.org/

Description: The Feminist Abortion Network supports the continued success, excellence, and strength of feminist health care providers. FAN seeks to provide feminist perspectives and leadership to help frame the women's reproductive health and justice movement. FAN is committed to the mission of helping women making fully informed health decisions and having access to caring, comprehensive, quality health services.

27. Women's Health Specialists <u>http://www.womenshealthspecialists.org/</u> Description: We have a vision: A world where women control their own bodies, reproduction and sexuality. The Feminist Women's Health Center / Women's Health Specialists is dedicated to providing women-controlled health care and advocating for all options for all women. The philosophy of Women's Health Specialists is to promote positive images of women and provide our clients with a new perspective of their bodies and health. We give women the tools to evaluate their authentic health care needs - images of women not based on a societal myth, but based on women's reality and experience. We provide women with health information so they can become knowledgeable about their normal life stages. Our goal is to empower women through support, education, self-help and services so that they can make the best health care decisions for themselves. 28. Guttmacher Institute http://www.guttmacher.org/

Description: The Guttmacher Institute advances sexual and reproductive health worldwide through an interrelated program of social science research, public education and policy analysis. For nearly four decades, Guttmacher has demonstrated that scientific evidence — when reliably collected and analyzed, compellingly presented and systematically disseminated — can make a difference in policies, programs and medical practice.

- 29. Glad Rags <u>http://www.gladrags.com/</u> Description: Live more sustainably with GladRags washable menstrual pads and menstrual cups. We feature the Moon Cup, the Keeper Cup, the Lunette, The DivaCup, and Sea Sponge tampons. Reusable menstrual pads are comfortable and easy to use. Join our thousands of customers who have decided to make a lower carbon footprint every month!
- 30. Feminists for Choice <u>http://feministsforchoice.com/</u>

Description: Feminists For Choice is a collective of women's rights advocates that was founded in the Spring of 2009. The name is a very deliberate statement that feminism is inherently linked to the right a woman has to control her own body.

31. Trust Women http://www.trustwomenpac.org/

Description: Trust Women PAC is a national political organization executive director Julie Burkhart founded to carry on the vision that Dr. George Tiller had for women of the world. The organization was formed to protect physicians – his colleagues – who are continuing on in his footsteps, and to work in states that have been neglected, to our detriment, by pro-woman organizations due to the overwhelming anti-choice environment within those states.

All Descriptions Were Taken From the Websites Listed