

Women's Bureau

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Women's Bureau Awards Grants to Help Women Affected by the Opioid Crisis Re-Enter the Workforce



The Women's Bureau awarded nearly \$2.5 million in grants to organizations in five states to help women affected by the opioid crisis. The 2019 Re-Employment, Support, and Training for the Opioid Related Epidemic (RESTORE) grantees will use the funds to offer skills development and employment services to women workers by fostering cooperative

relationships with key stakeholders that include public health and substance abuse treatment professionals and other human services and support services providers. [Learn more about the RESTORE grants.](#)

New Women's Bureau Blog: The Time Is Now for Women to Embrace Apprenticeships and Nontraditional Occupations



When we talk about women in the workplace, we often overlook the women who build our homes, our schools, and our roads. These women are construction workers, ironworkers, plumbers, and electricians. They have taken on occupations that require extraordinary grit and perseverance. They keep our economy running and growing while caring for their families. Read the full blog [here](#).

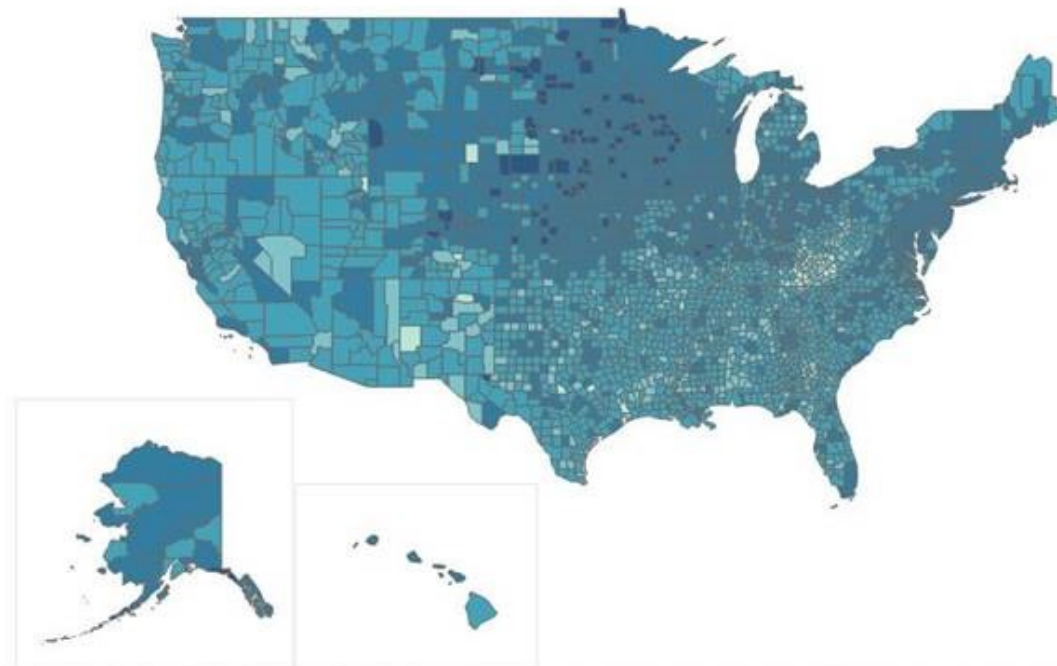
Military Spouse Listening Session



Women's Bureau Acting Director Erica Clayton Wright recently held a listening session with military spouses at the U.S. Coast Guard base in Alexandria, Virginia, focusing on increasing employment opportunities and reforming occupational licensing. with military spouses at the U.S. Coast Guard base in Alexandria, VA, focusing on increasing employment opportunities and reforming occupational licensing. Learn more here.

New Labor Force Participation Interactive Maps for All Women and Mothers

Labor force participation rate by sex



Note: Labor force participation rate for men and women ages 20 to 64. Estimates obtained from American Community Survey table S2301. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2013-2017. For more information on ACS 5-year data, please visit <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/guidance/estimates.html>. Map by the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor

The Women's Bureau released two new interactive maps showing data at the state and county level on Women's labor force participation and mothers' labor force participation by age of their children. Estimates are available for every county/county equivalent – more than 3,000.

Women's Bureau Announces New Results from Time Use Surveys



The 2017-2018 American Time Use [Access to and Use of Leave Module](#), released on August 29, and the [Job Flexibilities and Work Schedules Module](#), released on September 24, were both sponsored by the Women's Bureau. In 2017-2018, approximately 17 million women occasionally worked at home. Since the leave module last took place in 2011, the percentage of working women with access to paid leave increased from [58% to 65%](#).

[Learn more about the survey data on access to paid and unpaid leave, use of leave, schedules and job flexibility, and more.](#)

Women's Bureau Attends Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference



Five staff members from the Women's Bureau attended the Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dolores Bischof, Valerie Davis, Kelly Jenkins-Pultz, Angela Rizzolo and Mallory Trachtenberg joined nearly 2,800 tradeswomen, contractors, apprenticeship officials, labor leaders, community leaders, and government officials at the conference. Kelly Jenkins-Pultz moderated the “Respectful Workplaces” workshop on programs and strategies to prevent workplace harassment and violence. Women's Bureau staff also attended sessions on topics that include tradeswomen research, apprenticeship, the opioid crisis, safety and health for tradeswomen, supporting pregnant workers, and more. Pictured above are Women's Bureau’s Dolores Bischof and Valerie Davis with Allie Perez, founder of Texas Women in Trades. The Women’s Bureau works with Texas Women in Trades to help increase their membership and raise awareness about the value tradeswomen bring to the industry.

Georgia Trend Magazine Honors Women's Bureau Southeast Regional Administrator

as 2019 40 Under 40



Women's Bureau Southeast Regional Administrator Charmaine Davis was honored as one of Georgia Trend magazine's 2019 40 Under 40. Charmaine was selected from more than 400 nominations to be included as one of the 40 honorees. The magazine acknowledges Charmaine's commitment to women, families and economic justice, and her dedication to ensuring that people don't have to choose between their job and their family.

[Read the article.](#)

Women's Bureau Acting Director Erica Clayton Wright Named 2019 National Featured Honoree of SweetSuccess Summit




The SweetSuccess Summit, presented by WomenInBusiness.org, honored Women's Bureau Acting Director Erica Clayton Wright as the 2019 National Featured Honoree. The SweetSuccess Summit, held on October 19, is an opportunity for working women in the New York City tri-state area to network with other women in different sectors. While addressing

summit attendees, Erica encouraged women to use their "individual accomplishments to transform the workplace for all women and promote a culture that fosters innovation."

[Learn more about the SweetSuccess Summit.](#)

National Disability Employment Awareness Month Kicks Off Across the Nation

 NDEAM poster

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), and organizations across the country are encouraged to participate. Observed annually, NDEAM is a nationwide campaign that celebrates the contributions of workers with disabilities and educates about the value of a workforce inclusive of their skills and talents. This year's theme is "The Right Talent, Right Now."

[Learn how you can get involved.](#)



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