

Mission Statement

Women With A Vision's mission is to improve the lives of marginalized women, their families, and communities by addressing the social conditions that hinder their well being. We accomplish this through relentless advocacy, health education, supportive services and community based participatory research.

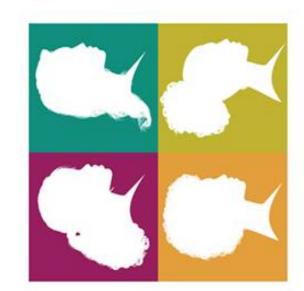
We envision an environment in which there is no war against women's bodies, in which women have a space to come together and share their stories. A place in which women empowered to make decisions concerning their own bodies and lives, where women have the necessary support to realize their hope, dreams, and full potential.

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Ending the Epidemic (EtE)

Our EtE Initiative is developing plan to improve prevention efforts, reduce transmissions of HIV, and improve access to quality care for people living with HIV (PLWH) across Louisiana. Our process is rooted in centering the voices and input of PLWH, communities of color, and others disproportionately impacted by HIV, stigma, and limited resources. Our team is engaging people around the state in conversation and following their lead on how to best serve their communities.

Sex Work Decriminalization

Our work to end the the criminalization and abuse of sex workers is rooted in practices of harm reduction and decriminalization. We are working with the city government to ensure that Mayor Cantrell's statement made in support of our work that, "the City of New Orleans will work to secure and uphold the human rights of all individuals," is upheld. Our Emerge Diversion Program is just one of our programs that works to reduce carceral harm to individuals alleged to engage in sex work through supportive services, and case management.

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Reproductive Justice

WWAV utilizes the Reproductive Justice (RJ) framework as part of a holistic approach to women's health. RJ is the right to have children, the right to not have children, and the right to parent the children we have in safe and healthy environments. This framework broadens the focus of mainstream reproductive rights movement for a broader analysis of economic, structural, historical and contemporary constraints on power. Under this framework, WWAV offers various community trainings, events, and workshops and works to push RJ policy in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the South.

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Integrated Voter Engagement (GOTV)

In January 2016, WWAV launched our Integrated Voter Engagement program called ENVISION|CHANGE aimed at increasing voter education, voter turnout, and civic participation amongst marginalized women and their families across Louisiana. To increase the engagement of this community, we focus on mobilization of unregistered and infrequent Black women voters. The program highlights the stories, concerns, and important issues impacting our communities, creating a space for Black women to envision and mobilize for change.

Harm Reduction & Drug Policy Reform

WWAV fights for drug policy grounded in science, compassion, health, and human rights. Our work is centered around and led by people who use drugs, trusted community gate-keepers, and our harm reduction rooted history. We offer harm reduction kits in the office daily and outreach on a bi-weekly basis.

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