



“The fellowship was a core part of my graduate education helping me to fully engage with other women of similar interests; meet and learn from visiting scholars; and prepare for the adventure awaiting me in the New York City public policy arena. I loved it!”

- Andrea Anthony
Executive Director, Day Care Council of New York, Inc.

“As a leader in New York state for one of the nation’s largest addiction services systems, I attribute the opportunities I have been afforded to all I learned through the Fellowship. Engaging in public policy and networking with government officials advanced my skills and abilities.”

- Karen M. Carpenter-Palumbo
President/CEO of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP)



“The Fellowship was the most meaningful experience of my academic career. Through intensive course work, professional development seminars, networking opportunities, and a fitting placement, the Fellowship provided a comprehensive context for understanding New York State’s public policy process.”

- Jasmin S. Brandow
Senior Court Analyst
New York State Unified Court System

Statement of Purpose:

Through research, policy analysis, education and training, the CWGCS advances excellence in public service and promotes gender-sensitive public policy that is shaped by women's perspectives.

The CWGCS serves as a training ground for women seeking leadership in public policy. It is a think tank for collecting, analyzing and synthesizing data and trends that document and predict the state of women’s representation in leadership.



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...a unique opportunity to participate in the public policy process of New York State government...

Placement Spotlight

2010 Fellowship Placement of the Year
NYS Office of Children & Family Services
Division of Child Care Services

The NYS Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) serves New York's public by promoting the safety, permanency and wellbeing of our children, families and communities.

The Division of Child Care Services (DCCS) is responsible for regulating over 20,000 child care providers in homes and centers, and another 53,000 informal providers exempt from formal regulation. In addition to the core work of the Division, to monitor the regulations for the basic health and safety of children while they are in care, the agency has embarked on a field test of QUALITYstarsNY, a quality rating and improvement system dedicated to improving the quality of care that children experience.

“The Division of Child Care Services at OCFS benefitted from participation in the 2010 Fellowship Program with the contributions made by our two very capable Fellows. Abby Ramsarran and Chandra Williams jumped right in and offered their unique perspectives which added to the outcomes of the projects to which they were assigned. We recommend this opportunity to other state agencies and hope to be able to participate again in the future.”

- Janice M. Molnar, Ph.D.
Deputy Commissioner,
Division of Child Care Services



Filling the pipelines of women's leadership

The Fellowship on Women & Public Policy is an intensive leadership development program designed to maximize the skills and contributions of women to achieve excellence in public service. The fellowship prepares women for leadership roles in public policy by fostering the knowledge and promoting the skills necessary to become accomplished public service leaders.

The Fellowship provides:

- * **Field experience and academic coursework in public policy and advocacy**
- * **Professional development program that includes seminars, conferences, policy field trips and community service projects**
- * **Mentoring network comprised of over 300 alumnae fellows and other accomplished public service leaders**

Who is eligible?

The Fellowship program, which begins in January and ends June 30, is open to graduate students matriculated in a New York State accredited college or university and to mid-career professionals who have successfully completed 12 graduate credits in any academic discipline. All applicants must have three years of work experience in order to be considered.

Award and application

Fellows are full-time graduate students at Rockefeller College with policy-related field placements for thirty hours a week from January through June. The Fellowship offers a \$10,000 stipend and tuition assistance for academic coursework. Health plans are available.

Applications and more information about the Fellowship on Women & Public Policy are available at: www.albany.edu/womeningov.

Applications are due by *September 1*.



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