



The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. (“JLA”) is committed to advocacy as it relates to Georgia’s women and children, especially those living in under-resourced communities, and outlines the following areas of focus:

- I. **Equity:** JLA supports policies and initiatives that remove barriers to success because of a person’s age, race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity; including, but not limited to efforts related to:
 - A. Promoting the well-being of communities which have been historically marginalized and faced discrimination in Atlanta and the rest of our state.
 - B. Addressing the root causes of generational poverty.
 - C. Environmental protections necessary for the health and well-being of Georgia's citizens.
 - D. Increasing access to healthy and affordable foods in communities with high poverty rates and/or incidence of food insecurity.
 - E. Increasing access to affordable, safe and stable housing.
 - F. Increasing supplier diversity among public and private contracts.
 - G. Criminal justice reform measures aimed at ensuring equity throughout the legal process and working to keep families intact.
 - H. Education on and access to voter registration and voting locations, including mail-in voting.

- II. **Education:** JLA supports policies and initiatives that strengthen education in Georgia, including, but not limited to efforts related to:
 - A. Ensuring all students reach critical education milestones.
 - B. Addressing the literacy gap for all Georgia students with evidence-based interventions.
 - C. Improving access to and funding for Quality Rated preschool and early learning programs.
 - D. Creating and sustaining constructive extended-learning programs, including before- and after-school programming, summer learning programs, vocational training and adult learning programs.
 - E. Promoting family and community engagement in schools.
 - F. Supporting access to family literacy programs.

- III. **Health:** JLA supports policies and initiatives that promote the health and well-being of Georgia’s women and children, including, but not limited to efforts related to:
 - A. Improving access to and increasing funding for high-quality, comprehensive, and preventative mental and physical health care.
 - B. Access to comprehensive health education, training, research, diagnosis and support.

The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. (JLA) is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women’s leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. This document represents the position of JLA, which also participates in advocacy as a part of the Junior Leagues of Georgia State Public Affairs Committee (SPAC).

- C. The appropriation and authorization of funds, which support the operation of state agencies and county health departments throughout Georgia.
 - D. Building an enhanced statewide trauma network that helps ensure that patients are treated in a timely manner in the most appropriate trauma care setting.
 - E. The awareness of and education through nutritional and fitness programs.
 - F. The expansion and funding of programs that promote prenatal and postpartum health of infants and mothers, including physical and mental health care.
 - G. Providing access to and the promotion of accurate public health guidance and evidence-based intervention.
 - H. Promoting and advocating for policies that reduce bias in healthcare settings due to a person's age, race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin or ethnicity.
- IV. **Aid and Protection:** JLA supports policies and initiatives that offer aid and protection to Georgia's women and children, including, but not limited to efforts related to:
- A. Accessible, affordable and high-quality child care for all families.
 - B. Collaborative efforts between public agencies that are involved with and have an impact on children.
 - C. The protection of women and children from emotional and physical violence, and assistance for those who have been victims of these crimes.
 - D. Eliminating hunger and homelessness.
 - E. Ending commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking (CSE/HT).
 - F. Increasing education and awareness of CSE/HT.
 - G. Programs supporting the victims of CSE/HT.
 - H. Increasing education and awareness of financial literacy issues.