

# WIG at Work

September 2018

## NEW PODCAST!!!

Head over to our website to be the first to listen to our newest podcast out TODAY!!

Join Elaine O'Hara and Monica Mercer, MD as they talk about the importance of flu vaccination, key learnings from last flu season and vaccine production.

[Listen to the Podcast](#)



## 24th Annual State Directors Conference & 9th Annual Healthcare Summit

**ANNOUNCING....**



**Join us for a Women, Politics, and the 2018 Election Cycle Discussion with:**

**Atima Omara**, President and Founder, Omara Strategy Group

**Susannah Wellford**, President and Founder, Running Start

**Betsy Fisher-Martin**, Executive Director, Women and Politics Institute at American University

**REGISTER**

#WIGDistrict2District

### Legislator Registration Fees:

\$30 for one conference

\$50 for both conferences

\*\*All other attendees please contact Laura Blake at [lblake@womeningovernment.org](mailto:lblake@womeningovernment.org) for conference support and all registration options.

Celebrating Our 30th "Pearl" Anniversary



## PEARLS OF WIGDOM

### State Rep. Jen Benson (D-MA)

“When I was first approached to run for my district’s open State Representative seat, my immediate instinct was to say “No.” I was happy with the work I was doing for my community as a school committee member, and I didn’t want to subject myself to the pressure, criticism, and judgment I knew I would face as a working mother and a woman in elected office. I had all but decided against the idea, when my daughter, Hannah, said to me, “Mom, you have to run. Regular people have to be willing to do this. Regular people need to be heard.” Ten years later, I continue to be inspired by my then 13-year-old daughter’s words.”

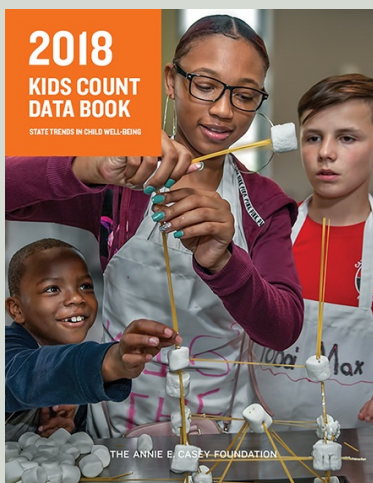


## COURAGE TO RUN

WIG had the pleasure of being a champ for the **#Couragetorun5K** on September 16th in Washington DC! We had a great time celebrating the historic number of women running for office this fall.

Congrats to everyone on **#TeamWIG** (both near and far) who participated.

**Let's all GO, FIGHT, WIN this November!**



## 2018 KIDS COUNT DATA

Our friends at the Annie E. Casey Foundation have come out with their Annual Kids Count Report. See where your **state** stacks up across a wide range of issues from early childhood education, economic well-being, and overall health.

[Download the Report](#)

## STATE EXCHANGE ON EMPLOYMENT AND DISABILITY

In case you missed it... check out our latest resource tool on **State Strategies to Assist Employees with Mental Health and Substance Use Issues Stay at Work/Return to Work.**

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## GET GOVERNING MAGAZINE

Women In Government and *Governing* have teamed up to offer you a complimentary subscription to *Governing* magazine. Through *Governing's* Women in Government Leadership Program, they are making a deliberate and strategic effort to invest in programs and resources that support elected women in government.

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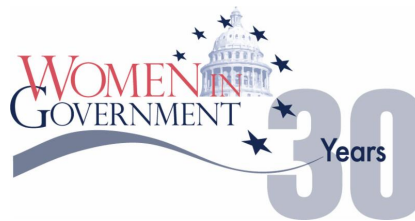
- Check out WIG's Companion Toolkit:  
State Strategies to Assist Employees with Mental Health and Substance Use Issues  
Stay At Work/Return To Work



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