



Registration is open! 24th ANNUAL STATE DIRECTORS CONFERENCE & 9TH ANNUAL HEALTHCARE SUMMIT

We are excited to announce that registration for our 24th Annual State Directors Conference and our 9th Annual Healthcare Summit is officially open! The conference will take place in Washington, D.C. from October 3-6. Click the button below to register and join us in our nation's capital.

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WIG GETS SUNNY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Our National Legislative Conference in San Francisco was a huge success! We loved hosting over eighty female state legislators from all over the country to discuss important topics in policy today. From employment practices, to treatment for diabetes, to education policy, and beyond- we learned a lot and hope you did too. Special thanks to Congresswoman (and former state legislator) Jackie Speier for her video. And congratulations to Business Council Chair Lynn Butler for receiving the first Private Sector Award!



Resources from the event will be

available on our website soon.



L to R: WIG Chair Senator Nancy Todd; Deputy Director, Marshall Space Flight Center, Jody Singer; WIG Executive Director Lucy Gettman

Empowering a Generation: To the Moon, Mars, and Beyond

We were pleased to host Jody Singer, Deputy Director of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama as our keynote speaker for our conference!

Singer is one of the highest ranking women at NASA and manages one of the largest field installations, including nearly 6,000 civil service and contractor personnel and an annual budget of \$2.5 billion. Singer's perspective on working in a male-dominated field, the importance of trusting your team, and utilizing mentors was helpful for an audience of female legislators. Singer exemplifies the importance of women in STEM fields!



CALLING ALL LEGISLATORS: WIG HAS SOME NEW TOOLS FOR YOU!



Our "State Strategies to Assist Employees with Mental Health and Substance Use Issues Stay at Work/Return to Work" toolkit focuses on initiatives to improve employment outcomes for those with mental health and/or substance use disorders. Check out the [toolkit here!](#)

And, just in case you're craving more information on employment initiatives, the latest episode of our [SEED podcast](#) was just released! Join Maryland Delegate, Sheree Sample-Hughes to discuss "Employer Perspectives for Improving Employment Outcomes for People with

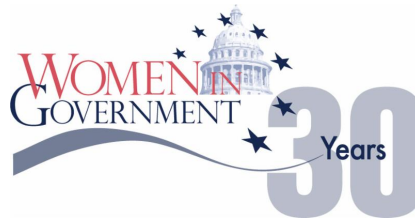
SPOTLIGHT: REPRESENTATIVE GILDA COBB-HUNTER

This month, WIG would like to highlight the work of Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, of the 66th district in South Carolina.

She recently championed a bill that included **Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs)** to lift working class families out of poverty. As the first African American woman to be elected in her county, she is making waves in South Carolina on multiple fronts. We love an economically-minded WIG!



Read more about her great work [here!](#)



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