

Resources for Women

The following organizations may be of interest to women.

9 to 5, the National Association of Working Women

655 Broadway, Suite 400
Denver, CO 80203
303.628.0925 and 1.800.522.0925
www.9to5.org

9 to 5 is a national organization with an office in Denver. They work on economic justice issues on behalf of women, such as the minimum wage issue. If you're having difficulty applying for benefits, or if you're denied benefits, 9 to 5 may be able to help you or tell you where you can get help.

Empowerment Program

1600 York Street
Denver, CO 80206
303.320.1989

Empowerment Program offers help with several services, including education, health (including HIV/AIDS infection), housing referrals, support services for women who have been incarcerated, and job search assistance. Contact them for current information and to make an appointment.

Mi Casa Resource Center for Women, Inc.

360 Acoma Street
Denver, CO 80223
303.573.1302

505 W. Abriendo Avenue
Pueblo, CO 81004
719.542.0091 or 866.844.0091

www.micasadenver.org

Mi Casa Resource Center for Women, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that works to help low-income women become self-sufficient. The organization targets Latinas, but you don't have to be Latina to qualify for their help. Mi Casa offers job training, placement services, career counseling, GED, English as a second language classes, entrepreneurial training, and small business planning.

- Mi Casa's Denver office has a construction program for women interested in entering the trades. Students completing this six-week program receive OSHA, CPR and flagger certification as well as college credit at Red Rocks Community College.
- Mi Casa's Pueblo office also serves Colorado Springs. This office primarily helps people who want to start their own business. It also offers computer training.

New Horizons Ministries

PO Box 505
Cañon City, CO 81215
719.275.5242

www.newhorizonsministries.net

New Horizons Ministries offers pregnant incarcerated women a place other than state foster care for their newborn child. They take power of attorney of the child, and then work with the mother on a re-integration schedule after her release. For this to happen, the mother must be able to provide a stable environment for her child after her release from prison. The goal of the organization is to reunite mother and child, which the organization is able to do 98% of the time. Contact them for more information.

Project WISE (Women's Initiative for Service and Empowerment)

3401 W. 29th Avenue
Denver, CO 80211
303.765.5879
www.denverprojectwise.org

Project WISE offers women individual counseling on issues such as domestic violence, low self-esteem, and abuse as a child. They also have a mentoring program and a program to teach women how to be leaders in their community.

- Their hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Friday. It's best to call first to make an appointment, but you may also drop by.
- There is a sliding scale fee for the individual counseling program if you don't qualify for TANF. Other than that, all other services are free.

Women's Bean Project, Inc.

3201 Curtis Street
Denver, CO 80205
303.292.1919

www.womensbeanproject.org

The Women's Bean Project offers a transitional job in gourmet food manufacturing where you can earn an immediate income while you learn the skills you need to get and keep a job. The Bean Project may also be able to arrange support services (professional clothing, help finding housing) and refer you to other organizations for services such as GED tutoring and counseling.

- Please note these jobs are not long-term employment. They are transitional jobs that typically last six months, and they're intended to teach you the skills you need to move into permanent employment.
- You're welcome to go the Bean Project and fill out an application for employment, Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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