



WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

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## OUR WORK

*Women's Foundation promotes equity and  
opportunity for women of all ages.*

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**RESEARCH. SOLUTIONS. RESULTS.**

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## Research

*Status of Women in Kansas*

*Status of Women in Missouri*

*Civic Engagement Barriers*

*Project Diane*

*Paid Family Leave*

*Occupational Licensing*

DR. NEELI BENDAPUDI

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# **Status of Women in Kansas**

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# Key Indicators

*Child Care*

*Health*

*Aging & Economic Security*

*Employment & Income*

*Civic Leadership*

**BARBARA O'BRIEN**

*Writer & Curator*

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## Child Care

*Child care costs  
are 31% of female  
median earnings.*

KAREN HERMAN | *A Founding Leader*

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## Health

*14.11% of working age women had no health insurance*

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## **Aging & Economic Security**

39% of single-mother households are in poverty

Women age 65+ are twice as likely to be in poverty

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## **Income & Employment**

79 cents to the dollar that  
men make for the same work

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# **Civic Leadership**

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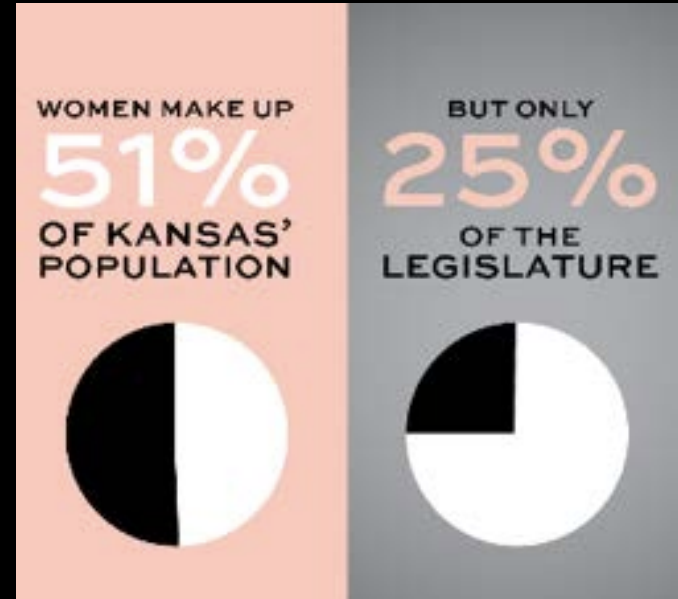
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## Leadership: The Proportion of Women Representation in Public Office

Women compose approximately 51% of the state's population...

...but only 24.8% of the 2016 Kansas State Legislature was comprised of women.

...only 31% of candidates on the November ballot were women.



# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BARRIERS RESEARCH

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Finding:

*Women don't serve on civic boards and commissions...  
because they haven't been asked.*

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# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH

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Solution:

*Appointments Project*

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*“ When women are asked,  
women serve;  
I’m a perfect example.”*

**AMBER HACKETT**

*Appointments Project: Parks & Recreation Board  
Commissioner*

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# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH RESULTS

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## Appointments Project

87 appointments and counting...

Opportunities:

Topeka, Olathe, Wichita, Atchison

Pittsburg, Greensburg

State of Kansas

Partnership: League of KS

Municipalities

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For more information, please visit:  
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# Policy Priorities

Sexual Harassment

Paid Family & Medical Leave

Reducing Occupational Licensing Barriers

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**Results = Systemic Change**

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