

**Ontario Association of Women's Centres (OAWC)
Women's Equality Advocacy Resource Guide**

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Regional Organizations

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<p>City for All Women Initiative (CAWI) Initiative: une ville pour toutes les femmes (IVTF) http://www.cawi-ivtf.org This initiative promotes gender equality and inclusion for the diversity of women in the City of Ottawa.</p>	<p>Need for municipal governments to use a gender equality lens in decision making Need for women friendly programs and services that respect diversity.</p>	<p>Women's Perspectives on Inclusive Municipal Governance http://www.cawi-ivtf.org/pdf/PeachPaper.pdf (Provides information on the importance of inclusion of women in municipal decision making, criteria necessary for inclusive decision making, and minimum standards for citizen engagement mechanisms). Also available in French.</p>	<p>Gender Equality Guide http://www.cawi-ivtf.org/pdf/GenderEqualityGuidePilotFeb2006.pdf (A tool to ensure that municipal services and programs address inequality and utilize the perspectives and contributions of the full diversity of women). Also available in French.</p> <p>Consultation Guide http://www.cawi-ivtf.org/EN/GenderCity/ConsGuide.html (Describes best practices and steps municipal governments can use to ensure meaningful participation by the full diversity of women in the community). Also available in French.</p>	<p>Suzanne Doerge, Project Coordinator info@cawi-ivtf.org 613-526-5240</p>

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City for All Women Initiative (CAWI) Initiative continued			Women's Civic Participation Kit http://www.cawi-ivtf.org/EN/Resources/tools.htm A tool to provide women with knowledge and skills for bringing their concerns to the attention of municipal decision makers. Also available in French. This link includes Our Views Matter! A brochure on ways to influence municipal government, available in English, French, Somali, Spanish, Kinya-wanda, Arabic and Chinese.	

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<p>The Metropolitan Action Committee on Violence Against Women and Children (METRAC) http://www.metrac.org METRAC is committed to research, public and professional education, promoting improvements in support services and advocacy systems, and generating changes in policy and legislation.</p>	<p>Community Safety – Ensuring communities are free from the fear or threat of violence and discrimination.</p>	<p>Why Women's Safety? http://www.metrac.org/programs/safe/why.htm (Web page with facts about women's perceptions of safety in public places and information on the incidence of violence).</p>	<p>Safety Audit Kit http://www.metrac.org/programs/safe/resource.htm (A kit containing the tools to organize a safety audit in a community).</p>	<p>safety@metrac.org 416-392-3137</p>
	<p>Gender-based sexual and racial violence among youth.</p>	<p>Frequently Asked Questions on Violence, Girls and Young Women. http://www.metrac.org/new/faq_vio.htm (Provides statistics on risk and information on how to help).</p>	<p>Replay Violence Prevention Video Game http://www.metrac.org/programs/info/replay.htm (A video game that teaches anti-violence.)</p>	<p>outreach@metrac.org 416-392-4760</p>
<p>Toronto Women's City Alliance (formerly Toronto Women's Call to Action) http://www.twca.ca The Toronto Women's City Alliance is a diverse group of women who have been organizing to advance gender equity in Toronto.</p>	<p>Inclusion of women in municipal decision making.</p>	<p>Women, Equity and Cities – Some Key Resources http://www.twca.ca/documents/WomenEquityCities.pdf (A list that includes the alliance's own publications as well as relevant national and international resources).</p>	<p>Resource Kit http://www.fcm.ca/english/policy/toolkit.pdf (Best practices, tools and for increasing the involvement of women in municipal decision making. Recommended and used by the Toronto Women's City Alliance, this kit is produced by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities). Also available in French.</p>	<p>info@twca.ca 416-596-0833</p>