



**Pittsburgh for CEDAW**  
Convention for the Elimination of All  
Forms of Discrimination Against Women



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## What is CEDAW?

The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is an international treaty adopted by the UN in 1972. 189 countries had signed and ratified the treaty by 1989, with the exception of the U.S. However, many cities and local governments have passed ordinances to enact CEDAW and gender equity principles. Pittsburgh was the 6th local government to pass an ordinance in 2016.

## Why do we need CEDAW in Allegheny County?

- In Allegheny County in 2017-2018, the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh served 7500+ women and children
- In 2018, 8 victims died related to domestic violence in Allegheny County and 85 women in Pennsylvania died overall (PCADV 2018 Fatality Report)
- 14% of all females in Allegheny County live below the poverty line
- 10% of working women use public transportation to commute
- 55% of poor households in Allegheny County are run by single mothers (2017 American Community Survey)
- The mortality rate for black infants increased in 2016 to 14.9 deaths per 1,000 births resulting in a rate 4.5 times higher than white infants (2015 Allegheny County Mortality Report)

## What can Allegheny County Do?

Allegheny County should pass an ordinance to establish a gender equity commission to pursue CEDAW principles including: healthcare, the prevention of violence against women and girls, economic development, education, and delivery of services to women, girls and persons of diverse gender identity and expression.

