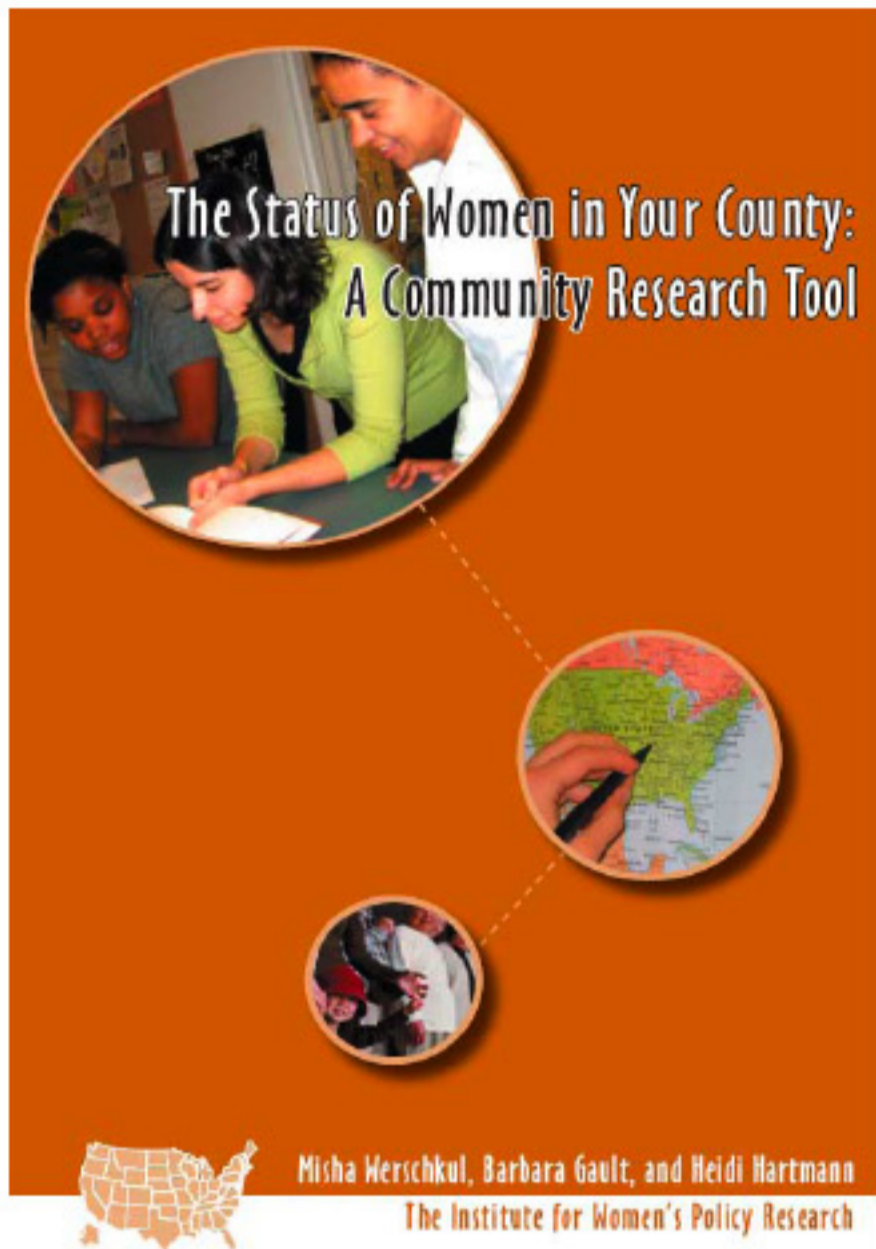


Project Summary -- The Status of Women in Marin County A Community Research Tool

The Marin Women's Commission has initiated an extensive project to complete a Needs Analysis for women in Marin County. As part of this Needs Analysis, we wanted to review pertinent economic and social statistics for women in Marin County. Following the recommended guidelines in the "*Status of Women in Your County: A Community Research Tool*", published by the Institute for Women's Policy Research, we hired two students from Dominican University to gather the data for this analysis.



The students, Jennifer Williams and Natalie Plaza, utilized online research as well as direct phone and email contact with the following sources of information:

- Data available online from the U.S. Census Bureau
- Marin County website
- "Health of Women and Children in Marin County, 2000-Fact Sheet"
- Data provided by Angela Nicholson, Marin County Equal Employment Officer
- Data provided by other county offices

The research in this tool matches the state-level indicators used in the "*Status of Women in the States*" reports published by the Institute for Women's Policy Research. The information on women's status is organized into six topic areas, as follows:

- Basic Demographics
- Employment and Earnings
- Social and Economic Autonomy
- Health and Well-Being
- Reproductive Rights
- Political Participation

In addition to the Marin County data, comparable data for California is included, where available, to benchmark the county statistics against the state averages.

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