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Client Organizational History

Women's Outreach Center

The Women's Outreach Center focuses on fostering social justice, fighting for gender equality and advocating for the LGBTQ community through resources, programs and events held year round. The Women's Outreach Center (WOC) provides trainings and presentations to host seven programs (One Sooner, Step In Speak Out, Sooner Ally, Greek Ally, Sexperts, D8ME, OU Advocates) and provides resources for 11 different subjects: Breast Health, Child Care, Dating and Domestic Violence, Eating Disorders, LGBTQ, Sexual Assault, Sexual Health, Single Parent, Stalking, Voting and Working Women.

Among its many services and commitment to the university, the organization also holds a rich background to its somewhat recent history. The Women's Outreach Center (WOC) was first founded on the University of Oklahoma's campus in 1999 after a women's interest needs assessment was held, suggesting an organization that provided resources and information for women and the LGBTQ community. The program later earned more credibility and took off the ground after Molly Shi Boren put her support behind the organization. In 2011, the Women's Outreach Center adapted new strategies and allowed itself to become more weighted throughout campus after the office of civil rights pushed forward Title IX, through the Department of Education. As a major part of the Women's Outreach Center is centered around sexual assault and the prevention of violence against

women, Title IX encouraged these programs and their success. In 2015, the Women's Outreach Center looks to uphold it's many values that fight for social justice.