

Women's Resource Center Timeline

1971

"Changing Consciousness of American Women" conference is the catalyst for developing a resource center for women.

1973

WRC opens doors in space donated by Grand Rapids Community College.

1974

WRC offers educational scholarships to mature women as a career growth strategy.
Innovative "Management Skills for Women" seminar is launched.

1975-1979

WRC pioneers "Career Development Program for Women" and implements "Displaced Homemaker Program".

1980-1989

Sexual Harassment Prevention training provided to local corporations.
Minority Women's Outreach program is created.
Single Parent Program begins.
The Working Women's Clothes Closet is established.

1990-1999

WRC breaks occupational stereotyping with "Women in Skilled Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Program" and focuses on opening doors to nontraditional jobs.

New employment programs offered for women who are homeless, receiving welfare and are survivors of domestic violence.

2000 - 2006

Workplace Initiative Project launched to facilitate change in the workplace.
New services to facilitate career advancement of working women offered.

2006-2008

WRC affirms strategic direction to serve economically and socially disadvantaged women.

New gender-specific self-sufficiency programs targeting low-income single mothers, female ex-offenders and women living in poverty are piloted.