

Programming Ideas

Chapter MER NOW (Mothering) Meetings

Among the Chapter MER NOW (Mothering) Task Force's goals are education about and advocating for Mothers' Economic Rights. This subject matter casts a surprisingly wide net; it's not restricted to Work/Life issues but reaches into topics as diverse as the economics of mother's health, and the financial implications of early childhood education. You could comfortably program a few years worth of meetings with the research and literature currently available on mothering, feminism and the economics of motherhood.

- _____ a. Mothers' Rights and NOW, 30 years of commitment
- _____ b. Social Security is a Women's Issue - No More Zeros!
- _____ c. Motherhood and Taxes - a case for the unpaid caregiver tax break
- _____ d. Healthy Caregivers, Healthy Kids -- a case for universal healthcare
- _____ e. Mom Lit -- books on mothers' issues, feminism and the movement
- _____ f. The politics of Breast Milk -- a corporate-fed international crisis
- _____ g. The fundamentals of financial Marriage (in)Equity
- _____ h. Media, Marketing and Mothering -- Just (try to) say no.
- _____ i. Mothers of the Third Wave -- Making our mark on the women's movement
- _____ j. Race, Class and Motherhood -- feminism and finding common ground
- _____ k. The real story of Childcare Options in New Jersey
- _____ l. Occupation: Mother -- Keeping yourself ready for the salaried workforce
- _____ m. Labor Issues -- the economics of giving birth in New Jersey
- _____ n. Excuse Me? We Are Always Working! -- The "opting out" myth.
- _____ o. Mothering as a Radical Feminist act -- changing the rules
- _____ p. We are the future leaders -- mothers and the road to political action
- _____ q. Raising a global child -- Peaceful action grows from knowledge

- _____ r. Paid Family Leave -- NJ is *this* close to getting it!
- _____ s. Public Pre-K NOW! A case for fed/state-funded early education.
- _____ t. The current state of women's health research --Big Pharma and you
- _____ u. Reinventing Business -- A family-friendly work model
- _____ v. Who Sold Motherhood? How motherhood became martyrdom
- _____ w. Rocking the Cradle -- Hipmamas, Alt. Moms, and other radical breeders
- _____ x. Mercury Rising - Why we don't do tuna fish sandwiches anymore
- _____ y. We've come a long way, (with a) baby -- a brief history of women's rights in western civilization
- _____ z. Mother's Day!!! The Meeting of the Mothers --voices of the mothers' rights movement

This is a random list of possible topics for your Chapter Mothering NOW meetings. What format you use to hold these meetings in is really up to you. For some suggestions refer to the "Meeting Formats" section of this action kit. For further reference, please see the "Mothers Economic Rights Reading List", "Mothers Movement Organizations List" & "Work/Life Resource List".

We encourage your input in the development of new programming for MER TF meetings. Please contact us with your ideas and suggestions.

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