



## **Mission and Purpose**

Washington Women's Employment & Education (WWEE) is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization providing job-readiness and computer skills training along with housing and support services to low-income residents of Pierce and King counties in Washington state. The mission of WWEE is to assist low-income individuals to gain the skills, the knowledge, and the courage to be self-supporting.

In 1982, four Pierce County women noticed a rising tide of unemployed and under-employed women in their community. They saw single parent households struggling to make ends meet, reliant on government subsidies for basic needs. These female heads of household were trapped in dependence by their lack of marketable skills, unable to realize their dreams and goals and they had nowhere to turn for the services and training they needed. Rather than standing idly by and watching families spiral into long-term generational poverty, these four courageous and visionary women took action, founding Washington Women's Employment & Education (WWEE) to close this gap in services, enhance the employability of low-income women and increase the participation of women in the workforce. Nearly thirty years later, WWEE has program locations in both King and Pierce counties and has assisted more than 15,000 families in their quest to successfully gain independence from public assistance.

WWEE empowers women and their families to stop the generational cycle of dependency on government assistance and grants them the opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty and into economic stability. WWEE's programs break down barriers to self-sufficiency through education and training.

## **Transforming Lives from the Inside Out**

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