



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LOEWS VANDERBILT HOTEL
NASHVILLE, TN

November 9 - 11, 2026

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

8:00am-4:30pm **Conference Registration & Information Station**

12:00-1:30pm **Membership Meeting & Lunch**

Exclusively for elected women, this opening event will focus on harnessing our strengths, honoring the women of excellence nominated by their peers, voting on our conference resolutions, bylaws and 2027 Board of Directors, and connecting on our committee responsibilities.

1:30-2:00pm **Conference Opening Ceremonies & Keynote**

Introduction **Renee Dabbs**, NFWL Executive Director
Representative Lisa Subeck, Wisconsin State Legislature, NFWL Board

Welcome **Representative Karen Camper**, Tennessee State Legislature, NFWL Board & Conference Co-Chair
Senator Becky Massey, Tennessee State Legislature, NFWL Conference Co-Chair
Councilwoman Courtney Johnston, Metro Council, Nashville

2:00-2:30pm **Beyond Awareness: Strengthening Consumer Protections Against Financial Scams**

Explore how policymakers, financial institutions, and communities can move beyond awareness to strengthen consumer protections, prevent financial exploitation, and better equip individuals to recognize, report, and recover from scams.

Moderator **Senator Becky Massey**, Tennessee State Legislature, NFWL Conference Co-Chair

Speakers **Jordan Fuhr**, Executive Director for Cyber Resiliency and Human Defense, Wells Fargo
Richard Littlehale, TN Bureau of Investigations

2:30-3:00pm **Prisons, Technology, & Your State**

How are emerging technologies transforming corrections, improving safety and operations, and creating new opportunities for rehabilitation and workforce development, and what should state policymakers consider as these tools evolve?

Introduction **Representative Sandra Scott**, Georgia State Legislature, NFWL Board

Speaker **Ashley Furst**, Senior Manager Strategic Initiatives, Aventiv Technologies

- 3:00-3:30pm **State Leadership on Hepatitis B: Closing Gaps in Prevention and Treatment**
This session will highlight state-level opportunities to strengthen hepatitis B prevention, expand access to screening and vaccination, and close gaps in diagnosis and treatment.
- Introduction** **Senator Gayle Harrell**, Florida State Legislature, NFWL Board
- 3:30-4:00pm **Innovation & Care Across the States: Alzheimer's Policy Update**
It is estimated that seven million Americans are living with Alzheimer's and these patients, families and caregivers beyond. How is innovation making change, and what are the state policy supports to consider?
- Introduction** **Representative Kim Schofield**, Georgia State Legislature
- 4:00- 4:15pm **Networking Break**
- 4:15-5:15pm **Technology, Innovation, & Workforce Roundtables**
Elected women will have the opportunity for small group discussions on a variety of topics. Please sit at the table that interests you and be ready to move for the three 15-minute engaging rounds. You won't get to all 10 tables, but you will have time to network at the end to be sure you have the info you need.
- Introduction** **Delegate April Miller**, Maryland State Legislature, NFWL Board
1. Broadband Expansion, Rural Connectivity, & Innovation Beyond
 2. Overview of Wireless Policy for 2027
 3. Digital Equity & Affordability in the AI Era
 4. Innovative Solutions to the Housing Crisis
 5. Innovation & AI in the States
 6. Supporting Tech Policy for Local Nonprofits
 7. Healthcare Innovation in 2027
 8. TBD
 9. TBD
 10. TBD
- 5:30pm **Bipartisan Choir Rehearsal**
Music brings people together! Join us for a quick practice of some American classics to perform for our friends at the Installation Dinner.
- 6:30 **Group Departure for Offsite Event**
- 7:00-8:30pm **Networking Reception & Dinner**
The Parthenon in Nashville celebrates the city's nickname as "Athens of the South" and NFWL invites all attendees to join us as we celebrate the excellent women among us, and enjoy this historic landmark focused on connecting people of all ages with art, architecture, and history

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026

7:30am-4:30pm **Conference Registration & Information Station**

8:00-8:45am **Networking Breakfast**

- 8:45-9:15am **Workforce Development**
Dive into innovative approaches to workforce development, from skills training and education to creating pathways into in-demand careers across different industries and explore how states can partner with employers and educators to strengthen their workforce.
- 9:15- 9:45am **Beyond the Price Tag: Examining the Long-Term Impact of Most Favored Nation (MFN) Drug Pricing Policies on Patients, Providers and the Biopharmaceutical Companies**
How can elected women learn more about drug pricing policies and their potential long-term impact on patients, healthcare providers, and the biopharmaceutical industry? Hear from healthcare and policy experts about what these changes could mean for access, affordability, and the delivery of care.
- Speakers** **Kathy Oubre**, Chief Executive Officer, Pontchartrain Cancer Center
Courtney Cox, Managing Director, The Moore Agency
Sharon Lamberton, MS, RN, Deputy Vice President of State Policy and External Outreach
- 9:45-10:15am **Menopause & Diabetes**
Menopause is an important, and often overlooked, stage of women's health that can have lasting implications for overall well-being and chronic disease risk. This conversation will explore the connection between menopause and diabetes, including prevention, early detection, and access to quality care.
- 10:15-10:45am **Health Access**
This conversation will explore how state and local leaders can identify and address gaps in access, affordability, prevention, and quality of care. Elected women will hear practical approaches for strengthening health outcomes in their communities and ensuring more women can access the care and resources they need.
- Introduction** **Representative Annie McDaniel**, South Carolina State Legislature
- Speaker** **Bea Mina**, Director, Strategic Marketing Planning - Patient Health Innovation, Merck
- 10:45-11:15am **Foster Care, Youth, & Healthcare**
- 11:15-11:45am **Healthcare Policy**
- 11:45-12:15pm **Maternal Mental Health**
Explore the challenges surrounding maternal mental health and the state policies, resources, and support systems that can help mothers access care before, during, and after pregnancy.
- 12:30-1:00pm **Concurrent Workshops**
- Workshop I: Healthcare Policy**
- Workshop II: Small Businesses & Community Support**
- 1:00-1:30pm **Networking Lunch**
- 1:30-2:00pm **Human Trafficking Hotline**
How can elected women support human trafficking victims, expand the awareness of the hotline, and support the local safety net that is available when a survivor calls.
- 2:00-2:30pm **Networking Break**

2:30-3:00pm **Concurrent Workshops**

Workshop I: Workforce & AI Policy

Workshop II: Telecommunication Policy

3:00-3:15pm **Stretch Break**

3:15-4:15pm **Caregiving & Healthcare Policy Roundtables**

1. Alzheimer's Policy Outlook for 2027
2. Schizophrenia Lived Experience, Patient & Caregiver Resources, & State Policy Reforms
3. The Sandwich Generation & Caregiving Policy
4. Innovation in Medicine
5. Plastics & Our Health
6. Psychedelics-inspired Medicine, Healthcare Innovation & the Future
7. Improving Patient Care
8. TBD
9. TBD
10. TBD

4:15- 5:00pm **Documentary Screening – Tampons & Taxes**

Eliminating the tampon tax has garnered bipartisan support across the country, with members of both political parties introducing legislation and signing bills into law to eliminate it. This story dives into how that bipartisan support was established, and how this bill passed in one key state.

Introduction **Representative Annie McDaniel**, South Carolina State Legislature

Speakers **Senator Margie Bright Matthews**, South Carolina State Legislature
Senator Tameika Isaac Devine, South Carolina State Legislature
The Honorable Katrina Shealy, Former South Carolina State Legislature

5:00pm **On your own**

6:30-7:00pm **Installation Reception**

Enjoy time to connect with attendees and celebrate our conference success.

7:00-8:30pm **Installation & Dinner**

Speaker **Senator Diane Allen**, New Jersey State Legislature

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

7:30-11:00am **Conference Registration & Information Station**

8:00 – 8:30am **Networking Breakfast**

8:30-9:45am **OpenAI Academy: AI Tools for Elected Women**

Learn how elected women can use AI to work smarter, from preparing briefings and communications to organizing information and exploring new ideas. This practical session will introduce resources from OpenAI Academy and offer approachable ways to build AI skills and bring them into your day-to-day work. Open AI Academy.

9:45-11:00am **Policy Roundtables**

1. Schizophrenia Lived Experience, Patient & Caregiver Resources, & State Policy Reforms
2. Rainy Day Funds & State Budgets
3. Education Policy
4. FIRE & Free Speech
5. The Crown Act
6. FMLA & Your State
7. TBD
8. TBD

11:00-11:30am **Veterans Policy & Discussion**

11:30a-12:00pm **Innovative Childcare Policy**

12:00-1:30pm **Student Scholarship Winner Celebration**

Enjoy one of our favorite events as we celebrate five young Tennessee women recipients of our 2026 Student Scholarship Award. You will love being a part of this recognition of future leaders.

1:30pm **Wrap Up & Conclusion**