The National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education was formed in 1975 by representatives of national organizations concerned about the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's failure to issue regulations implementing Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments prohibiting sex discrimination in education. The group was successful in mobilizing strong support for the publication of the Title IX regulations and has continued to be a strong force in the development of national education policy.

Approximately 50 national, non-governmental organizations work together through the Coalition on a broad range of issues affecting the rights and opportunities of women and girls in elementary, secondary, postsecondary and vocational education. Its participants include:

- women's advocacy groups
- traditional women's membership organizations
- educational associations
- civil rights groups
- public policy groups, and
- other national organizations concerned about education.

The Coalition has been particularly active in promoting better enforcement of Title IX, opposing Congressional efforts to dilute Title IX's coverage and effectiveness, advocating the passage of new legislation to ensure women's rights to equal educational opportunity, monitoring agencies in the departments of Education, Labor and Justice responsible for civil
rights enforcement, and supporting federal programs -- including the Women's Educational Equity Act and the Vocational Education Act -- which provide federal funds and incentives for eliminating sex discrimination, bias and stereotyping from educational programs.

The Coalition's work is carried out entirely at this time by volunteers from its participating organizations, including its elected officers and permanent and ad hoc task forces working in such areas as legislation, civil rights enforcement and program development and implementation. Current officers and task force chairs and the organizations they represent are:

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Carol Bros, Vice-Chair, National Women's Political Caucus, 202 347-4456.

Jean Miller, Secretary-Treasurer, National Women's Political Caucus, 202 254-5706.

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