

Below is the LWVB/N recommended issue to be studied for 2006 presented and passed at the annual meeting.

The League of Women Voters of New York State has long supported reform of laws, policies and mandates surrounding the criminal justice system in New York State. This includes but is not limited to drug reform, alternative sentencing, and reentry into the community.

I propose that a study group be established by the League of women Voters of Buffalo/Niagara to examine the situation that exists in the two local Erie County facilities involving the incarcerated population of women and their children who are located in Erie County New York. Further I propose that recommendations be developed that will improve the outcome for this population including but not limited to exploration and identification of best practices in areas of alternative to incarceration, discharge planning, service provision inside the facilities as well as upon release.

(Note at the annual meeting this proposal passed with a modification to include the male inmates in the population to be studied)