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Arkansas Women's Commission  
2022 Subcommittees

**Research and Writing**  
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This subcommittee is responsible for formally capturing the minutes of Commission meetings, tracking research requests from the Chair, sourcing available research that responds to the Chair's needs and for identifying research projects that may require further engagement from a research institution. This subcommittee is responsible for coordinating focus groups that are responsive to requests from the Chair and is also responsible for drafting the report to the Governor and General Assembly, including working with vendors as necessary and appropriate to accomplish this task.

**Impacts of COVID-19**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
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This subcommittee is responsible for reviewing existing research related to the specific impact of COVID-19 on women in Arkansas, including its impact on their physical and mental health; their life expectancy; their participation in the workforce; their participation in workforce development and education; and their access to government services. This subcommittee will identify experts in relevant fields to present information to the Commission. This subcommittee will bring requests for additional research on these topics to the Chair and will draft recommendations that further Arkansas women's advancement in these areas.



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**Labor Force Participation and Barriers to Entry and Retention**

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
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This subcommittee is responsible for reviewing existing research related to labor force participation of Arkansas women, especially single mothers, and the real or perceived barriers to their entry into the labor force, including in the areas of K-12 education, recruitment, and workforce development and education. This subcommittee will give specific attention to the real or perceived barriers to Arkansas women entering high-demand career paths such as STEM fields and / or small business creation (entrepreneurship). This subcommittee will identify experts in relevant fields to present information to the Commission. This subcommittee will bring requests for additional research on these topics to the Chair and for drafting recommendations that further Arkansas women's advancement in these areas.

**Family Caregiving**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
GAYATRI AGNEW

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This subcommittee is responsible for reviewing research related to the continuing challenges Arkansas women face regarding child and elder care. This subcommittee will specifically study the economic impact of child and elder care on Arkansas women and provide information to the Chair regarding the child and elder care economy in Arkansas. This subcommittee will identify experts in relevant fields to present information to the Commission. This subcommittee will bring requests for additional research on these topics to the Chair and will draft recommendations that further Arkansas women's advancement in these areas.