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Dr. Leslie R. Wolfe is President of the Center for Women Policy Studies, the Nation's first feminist policy institute, founded in 1972. The Center's mission today is what it was at its founding – to improve women's lives and ensure women's human rights through enlightened public policy.

A hallmark of the Center's work is the multiethnic feminist lens through which we view all issues affecting women and girls. The Center's **Contract With Women of the USA®** sets out 12 key principles for women's human rights and equality, derived from the 1995 UN Platform for Action adopted in Beijing. With its national network of women state legislators in all 50 states, the Center works to transform these principles into public policy. See www.centerwomenpolicy.org for more about the Center's signature programs).

Before joining the Center in 1987, Dr. Wolfe served as: Director of the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA) Program in the U.S. Department of Education; Director of the Project on Equal Education Rights (PEER); Deputy Director of the Women's Rights Program at the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Education in the former Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Dr. Wolfe has served on the Boards of Directors of Women's Policy, Inc., the U.S. Committee for UNIFEM, the National Council for Research on Women, the Montgomery County, MD Commission on Women, the Board of Trustees of Montgomery Community College (Montgomery County, MD), and the Policy Advisory Board of the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund; she also has served as chair of the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education.