

## About SPAC

The State Public Affairs Committee of the Junior Leagues of New Jersey is a statewide, non-partisan committee made up of delegates from each of the eight Junior Leagues of NJ – representing 3,000 members. SPAC delegates join together to take action on select state and national public issues. Specifically, SPAC advocates for initiatives and legislation to improve the quality of life for women and children; improve the quality of education; and improve the environment.

***The Junior League:  
Women Around the  
World  
As Catalysts for Lasting  
Community Change***

The Junior League is an international organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

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## SPAC represents the following Junior Leagues of New Jersey:

- Bergen County
- Elizabeth-Plainfield
- Greater Princeton
- Monmouth County
- Montclair-Newark
- Morristown
- Oranges & Short Hills
- Summit

## Current Legislative Priorities:

- **Human Trafficking**
- **Violence Against Women**
  - *Domestic Violence*
  - *Sexual Assault*
  - *Anti-Stalking*
- **Childhood Obesity**
- **Cord Blood Donations**
- **Foster Care**
- **Environmental Issues**
  - *Pesticide Use on School Grounds*
  - *Water Bottle Reduction/Recycling*

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## State Public Affairs Committee



In 2010, SPAC was honored with a Joint Legislative Resolution, which praised Junior Leagues for 40 years of advocacy



## Human Trafficking

For many years, SPAC has been advocating on behalf of trafficking victims and serves on the statewide Human Trafficking Task Force.



*Acting US Attorney, Ralph Marra Jr., gave the 2009 keynote speech*

SPAC organized conferences at Kean University in 2009 and 2010 to draw attention to this issue. Senators Tom Kean, Jr. and Sandra Cunningham spoke in 2009 and afterwards sponsored legislation to publicize the NJ 24-hr hotline and victim-centered law enforcement training.



The 2011 United Nations Association of New York Distinguished Leadership Award was presented to all Junior Leagues for Human Trafficking advocacy work



*Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose, a former SPAC Delegate, with today's SPAC*

## Childhood Obesity

Along with Junior Leagues in four countries, SPAC seeks to promote healthy eating habits through the "Kids in the Kitchen" program.



SPAC's advocacy culminated in the enactment of March as "Childhood Obesity Prevention Month" in NJ.

## Violence Against Women

Combating violence against women has been a long-held position of SPAC. We support legislation that seeks to empower victims of domestic violence, stalking and sexual assault.



## Cord Blood Donation

In 2005, New Jersey was the first to create a statewide, publicly funded umbilical cord blood bank - NJCBB. Cord blood stem cells treat many life-threatening diseases like leukemia and sickle cell anemia. SPAC works to raise awareness about donating umbilical cord blood amongst diverse communities and also to ensure the survival of the NJCBB.



*SPAC Delegates with NJCBB staff*

## Environment

Because children are sensitive and vulnerable to toxins in the environment, SPAC advocates for limiting pesticide use on school grounds and playing fields. SPAC members are also researching plastic water bottle reduction/recycling.

## Foster Care

SPAC has a history of advocating for foster care children. In 2011, SPAC hosted two forums to discuss foster care placement review practices.