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We Are AFSCME



AFSCME is the nation's largest and fastest growing public services employees union with more than 1.6 million working and retired members. AFSCME's members provide the vital services that make America happen. We are nurses, corrections officers, child care providers, EMTs, sanitation workers and more. With members in hundreds of different occupations, AFSCME advocates for fairness in the workplace, excellence in public services and prosperity and opportunity for all working families.

AFSCME is a union comprised of a diverse group of people who share a common commitment to public service. For us, serving the public is not just a job, it's a calling. An important part of our mission is to advocate for the vital services that keep

our families safe and make our communities strong. We also advocate for prosperity and opportunity for all of America's working families. We not only stand for fairness at the bargaining table — we fight for fairness in our communities and in the halls of government.

How AFSCME Works

AFSCME has approximately 3,400 local unions and 58 councils and affiliates in 46 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Every local writes its own constitution, designs its own structure, elects its own officers and sets its own dues.

The International Union, based in Washington, DC, coordinates the union's actions on major national issues such as privatization, fair taxes and health care. The International also provides resources to councils and local unions for organizing, bargaining, political action and education, and administers members-only benefits. Every two years, delegates to AFSCME's International Convention decide on the union's basic policies. Every four years they elect the International Union's President, Secretary-Treasurer and 35 regional vice presidents.

Questions & Answers About AFSCME



(http://www.afscme.org/union/body/AFSCME-WMAH-QA-Booklet.pdf)_Get more questions answered in this informational booklet (http://www.afscme.org/union/body/AFSCME-WMAH-QA-Booklet.pdf)_.

AFSCME's Special National Bodies



United Nurses of America

The 60,000-member United Nurses of America (UNA) fights to ensure that professional nurses retain their rightful voice in the health care system as astute caregivers and advocates for quality care.

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AFSCME Corrections United

AFSCME Corrections United (ACU) gives 85,000 corrections officers and personnel a vehicle dedicated to the problems of working in the nation's prisons. ACU is a powerful lobbying force at state and federal levels on such issues privatization, safety and health, staffing levels and survivor benefits.

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AFSCME Retirees

More than 240,000 men and women belong to AFSCME Retirees, a nationwide program that enable them to fight effectively for common goals such as preserving Social Security and improved retirement benefits.

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Child Care Providers Together

Child Care Providers Together was founded and is run by home-based child care providers, who believe every child deserves the best early care and education. By joining together in CCPT, providers gain more control over their work, access to benefits and greater respect as professionals.

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