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**Vice President Biden to Address Female Leaders  
on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. ET**

**YWCA Will Be “Shaking It Up” During 2012 Annual Conference, May 3-5**

**Washington, D.C.** – Vice President Joe Biden will address 400 women leaders gathering in Washington, D.C., on Friday, May 4 at 1:15 p.m. ET during the national YWCA USA Annual Conference. He will discuss the historic Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), landmark legislation to prevent and end violence against women and girls.

This year’s YWCA USA Annual Conference, themed “Shaking It Up,” will focus on the unique role of the YWCA nationally and in communities across the country in addressing empowerment and equality issues and in providing programs for women’s health, safety and workforce development. The conference, which will also celebrate the history and future of the YWCA as a national organization, takes place from May 3-5, 2012.

More information is added regularly to the YWCA USA Annual Conference webpage:

[www.ywca.org/conference](http://www.ywca.org/conference)

**Schedule of Events**

Thursday, May 3

All Day

**Capitol Hill Day:** Policy Briefing, Meetings at Congressional Offices, Special White House Panel

Friday, May 4

*All events to be held at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom on Capitol Hill  
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001*

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| 8:45-10:00 a.m.                             | <b>Opening Plenary:</b> The Intersection of Racism and Women’s Empowerment in the 21st Century with Clarence Page, Marie Wilson, Victoria DeFrancesco Soto, Lisa Page, and Mercedes Marquez. |
| 10:30-11:45 a.m.                            | <b>Conference Workshops:</b> Women’s Political Leadership, Social Media Empowerment, Exploring the Wealth Gap, Funding Innovations & more.   |
| <b>**1:15-1:45 p.m. ET</b><br>SPECIAL NOTE: | <b>Luncheon featuring Vice President Joe Biden</b><br>Security requirements and logistical directions for media are forthcoming.   |
| 1:45-3:30 p.m.                              | <b>General Session:</b> Innovations in Nonprofit Management with Steve Rothschild and Susan Packard Orr.   |
| 3:30-5:00 p.m.                              | <b>Closing Plenary:</b> Strong Foundation. Fearless Future.  |
| 7:30 p.m.                                   | <b>Women of Distinction Gala Awards Dinner</b><br>Honoring: Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, Lt. Col. Tammy Duckworth, Francie Pepper and Elouise Cobell.  |

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Saturday, May 5

*All events to be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill  
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001*

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.    **YWCA Annual Meeting Closing Brunch:**  
Celebrating Legacy and Leadership

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YWCA Twitter: @YWCAUSA    Conference hashtag: #ywca2012

YWCA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/YWCA-USA/127821707877>

YWCA Blog: <http://www.ywcablog.com>

## About the YWCA

The YWCA is the voice for every woman. For over a century, the YWCA has spoken out and taken action on behalf of women and girls. The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Over 2 million people participate each year in YWCA programs at more than 1,300 locations across the U.S. Worldwide, the YWCA serves more than 25 million women and girls in 125 countries.

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