



# Jeanne Kohl-Welles

## Quick Facts

**Birth:** October 19, 1942  
Madison, Wisconsin

**Death:**

**Occupation:** Sociologist, Lecturer

**Party Affiliation:** Democrat

**Years served:** 1992-94 (H)  
1994-present (S)

**Office:** Representative, Senator

**District:** 36 (King County)

### Personal:

- University of California, Irvine, Administrator, Assistant Dean of Students, Coordinator of Women's Programs
- U.S. Department of Education, Education Equity Specialist
- U.W. Faculty in Sociology and Women Studies
- Assistant Professor, Pacific Lutheran University
- Writer
- Program Manager, Project Equity (Desegregation Assistance Center, Region IX, U.S. Department of Education)
- Lecturer, California State University, Long Beach and Fullerton
- Los Angeles Community College District
- Teacher, Los Angeles Unified School District
- Commentator, KPLU-FM (NPR affiliate)
- Married, 5 children

### Education:

- California State University, Northridge, B.A., M.A. in Education
- University of California, Los Angeles, M.A. in Sociology, Ph.D. in Sociology of Education
- Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University – Senior Executives in State and Local Government

### Community Service:

- Queen Anne Community Council
- YouthCare Advisory Board
- Queen Anne Helpline Board
- Greenwood Senior Center Advisory Board
- Committee for Children
- Bus Barn Shelter Oversight Committee
- Aloha Inn Transitional Housing Advisory Committee
- University of Washington Center for Women & Democracy Delegation Leader to Sweden and Baltics (2003)
- Fannie Mae Foundation Fellowship (2001)

- Center for Policy Alternatives: Flemming Fellow (1999)
- Western Policy Leaders Forum Advisory Committee (1996-2000)
- Eleanor Roosevelt Global Leadership Fellow (2002 Legislative Exchange with Chile) and Advisory Committee (2000-03)
- Work and Family Leadership Advisory Committee (1998-2001)
- Center for Women Policy Studies – Policy Council
- Foreign Policy Institute Fellow; Japan Society/Center for Policy Alternatives – U.S.-Japan Exchange on Women in Public Policy (2000)
- Washington State Humanitarian Delegation to Cuba (2001)
- Seattle Girls' School Advisory Board Member
- Friends of Discovery Park
- Queen Anne Historical Society
- People for Puget Sound

### **Affiliations:**

- JLSC
- NCSL Women's Network
- Center for Policy Alternatives
- Fleming Fellow
- Bayview Manor Board
- Ballard Rail Group
- Washington Women United Board
- National Education for Women's Leadership Program (NEW Leadership) Honorary Advisory Board, Washington State University
- Rainier Institute, Board of Directors
- Smart Tools Academy Advisory Board
- University of Washington Rural Girls in Science Advisory Board
- Nutrition Education Network of Washington, Steering Committee member
- University of Washington Women's Center Community Advisory Board
- Groundswell
- Mothers Against Violence in America
- Washington CeaseFire
- Mountaineers Club
- American Association of University Women
- Committee for Children Board
- Queen Anne Community Council Board
- King County Council Task Force on Responsible Gun Ownership
- Kingdome Renovation Task Force
- Stop Youth Violence Advisory Committee
- Woodland Park Zoo Commission
- Puget Sound Educational Service District Postsecondary Education Task Force

### **Awards:**

- Good Deeds Recognition, Washington Conservation Voters (2004)
- Marching toward Equity Award, Washington Federation of Teachers (2001)
- Humane Hero Award, PAWS (2001)
- Award for Outstanding Service & Advocacy on Behalf of Women in Washington State, Colleges Women's Programs Council (2001)
- Legislator of the Year, Washington Student Lobby (1999)
- Child Care Champion, Child Care Works of Washington (1998)
- Washington Defenders Association and Washington Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys Advocate of the Year (1995, 1996)
- Woman of Achievement Award, Business and Professional Women-Washington State (1995)
- YouthCare Advocate of the Year (1995)

### **Legislative & State Service:**

- Appointed to the House on January 13, 1992 to serve Larry Phillips unexpired term.
- Elected to the Senate on November 8, 1994 to serve Ray Moore's unexpired term.

- LEAP (Legislative Evaluation Accountability Program)
- Sentencing Guidelines Commission
- Joint Task Force on Criminal Background Check Processes
- Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee
- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Education Technology Advisory Committee
- K-20 Network Board
- Children's Legislative Oversight Committee
- Public Stadium Authority Advisory Committee
- Child Care Coordinating Committee
- Legislative Committee member, Washington State Coalition for Homeless Youth Task Force
- Reinvesting in Youth Steering Committee

**Committees:** (1993) Environmental Affairs, vice-chair; Transportation; Higher Education (1995) Higher Education, vice-chair; Human Services and Corrections; Rules; Transportation (1997) Higher Education, ranking minority member; Human Services and Corrections; Ways and Means (1999) Higher Education, chair; Education; Human Services and Corrections; Ways and Means (2001) Higher Education, chair; Education; Human Services and Corrections; Ways and Means (2003) Higher Education, ranking minority member; Economic Development, assistant ranking Member; Rules

**Leadership, Positions & Appointments:**

- House Majority Whip 1993-94
- Joint Legislative Systems Committee, Chair
- Governor's Task Force on Higher Education
- Governor's Fire Protection Task Force
- Seattle Monorail Authority Board, ex-officio

**Sources:**

- "Grass-roots activist blooms," by Annie Capestany, *The Seattle Times*, January 27, 1992.
- "State Legislative Races -- 36Th District," *The Seattle Times*, November 01, 1994.