**Talking Points for Meeting with Legislators**

* Contact office to ask for F2F meeting
  + “This is \_\_\_\_\_\_, I am with an organization called the American Association of University Women. We are launching an exciting new project encouraging young girls to get involved in politics, I would love the opportunity to discuss it with (legislator name) to enlist her participation.”
  + They may offer a mtg with a staff member instead. That is acceptable if our only option
  + Do not go into a lot of detail on this initial phone call, defer with “I’d really prefer to save the details for our meeting.”
* At the F2F:
  + Describe AAUW, COV, Mission
  + Describe Project (key points), Offer flyer
* How they can help
  + Give the topic presentation
    - Why did you decide to go into politics?
    - What does the city council/mayor/state legislator/Congressional Rep do?
    - What kinds of issues do you have to decide?
    - What issues do you confront that directly, or disproportionately, affect women/girls/students?
    - Was gender a factor in your campaign?
    - Is it a factor in getting your job done? Do women have a voice in (your legislative body)?
    - What advice would you give for a young woman thinking about entering politics at your level? (city/state/federal)
  + Offer ideas for hands-on project
  + Assist the girls in their workshop
    - Be accessible as they work through their problems, offer information/guidance
* Make the big ask: secure a summer internship
  + Will they agree to make something available?
  + How many could they take? All at once? Staggered?
    - E.g., “we can take 5 girls, 2 weeks each over the course of the summer”
  + What kind of opportunities would they have? (how would they be used?)
* Offer the date we have planned. If they are willing but not available on that date, ask them what would work better for them, but **only from our available dates.** We are locked into these dates with our facility.