Useful Web Resources:

www.ohchr.org/english/law/crc.htm#art25
Text of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

www.right-to-education.org
Focus on the Legal Challenges to the Right to Education.

www.cfw.org
Chicago Foundation for Women

www.cies.us
Comparative & International Education Society

www.actionaid.org
Girls’ Education Program

www.cedpa.org
Girls’ Education Program

www.worlded.org
Girls’ and Women’s Education program

www.globalactionforchildren.org
Basic Education Campaign / Emphasis on Girls

Girl’s Rights are Human Rights!

The Center for the Human Rights of Children
www.luc.edu/chrc
BASIC EDUCATION: IT’S A HUMAN RIGHT!

The RIGHT TO EDUCATION is explicitly stated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in 1948:

“Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages. Elementary education shall be compulsory...” (Article 26)

The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the child GUARANTEES this right.

In Reality:

Around the world, girls are less likely to access school and less likely to remain in school once they are in.

Around the world, too many girls are discriminated against, just for being girls. They are prevented from attending school out of religious, cultural, and/or economic choice. When a poor family has to choose between a son or a daughter attending school, too often the daughter loses out. When a family can afford to send all children, some girls are kept at home to perform household duties rather than being sent to school.

GENDER DISCRIMINATION = LESS GIRLS IN SCHOOL

LEARN MORE:

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GIRLS AND EDUCATION:

1. BASIC EDUCATION IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT.
2. ALL CHILDREN, INCLUDING ALL GIRLS, HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION.
3. OF ALL THE WORLD’S CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL, THE MAJORITY ARE GIRLS.
4. 2/3 OF THE 781 MILLION ILLITERATE ADULTS ARE FEMALE.
5. POVERTY AND GENDER DISCRIMINATION ARE THE TWO LEADING REASONS WHY GIRLS ARE NOT IN SCHOOL.

The Center for the Human Rights of Children
www.luc.edu/chrc

WE CAN DO OUR SHARE TO GIVE GIRLS A BETTER FUTURE!

There are many things we can do as individuals

STUDENTS: You can volunteer some of your time to mentor a girl in your college’s area. Look up your local social service organizations and tell them you’d like to help a girl with her education. Help her deal with her problems at school, and stay in school. As a college student, you are an amazing role model!

PROFESSORS: Teach your students about the disparities in education here in your own city and abroad, and encourage them to make education possible for students who are younger and less fortunate. Emphasize the gender barriers and help them think analytically and creatively about how to help girls stay in school. Ask your students to write a paper on a barrier to education for girls!

RESEARCHERS: Dedicate some of your time to increasing your understanding of girls’ barriers to education and to disseminating your knowledge around campus and in the community at large!

ADMINISTRATORS: Pay attention to the needs of female students in your efforts to recruit and retain students AND faculty!

Brochure-RevD4.indd 2
9/6/09 10:42 PM