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Yvonne Wood is a founding member and past Chair of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women, and continues to serve on its Executive Committee. During her first career with the State of Tennessee, she was Director of the Federal-State Medicaid Program Integrity Unit, where she won two national awards for detecting Medicaid fraud and abuse. As Associate Director for Government Relations for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, and Director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, she contributed to and wrote several pieces of legislation acted into law, among which makes scholarships available to Tennessee’s most talented students, and a law mandating a two step pay increase to employees who successfully complete the CPS exam.

Wood Consultants	Owner & President , currently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A conference and event planning company
Speaking and Workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations internationally on women’s leadership. Click here. • Presentations nationally and regionally on women, leadership, mentoring and politics
Author	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “<i>Women’s Economic Listening Tours</i>” 1999-2001 • “<i>Long Term Health Care Alternatives for Tennessee’s Elderly</i>”, 1987 • “<i>Biennial Report of Tennessee Higher Education</i>,” 1985 • “<i>1979-1984 Master Plan for Higher Education</i>”, 1980 • “<i>The Volunteer State: Readings in Tennessee Politics</i>”, 1983 • “<i>The Importance and Impact of Three Significant Political Decisions Upon Higher Education in Tennessee</i>,” Published 1982. Nashville, Tennessee • Wrote legislation that entitles state support staff who achieves the CPS rating to receive a two-step salary increase. • Wrote legislation that established academic scholarships for Tennessee’s brightest students. • Recommended, developed and implemented the Teacher Loan Scholarship Program.
Awards and Distinctions	<p>"Spirit of Leadership Award" - CABLE, Nashville, 2009. Women of Achievement Award – YWCA, 2006 ATHENA International Award Nashville 2005 Woman Business Owner of the Year NAWBO Award, 2004 Pacesetter Award - Stennis Center for Women in Public Service Distinguished Community Leader in Tennessee, Metro Council, March 2003 House and Senate Joint Resolution, for meritorious service as Chair of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women January 2003 Two National Awards during her tenure with Medicaid for her work in detecting fraud and abuse in that program, resulting in the recover of millions of dollars.</p>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.Ed Vanderbilt University • BA University of Tennessee
Community Service	<p>Former President, , Board of Directors, ATHENA International Past President, CABLE, Tennessee’s largest and most established network of diverse professionals committed to connecting women and opportunity Treasurer, Tennessee Women’s Political Caucus Director, Tennessee Women’s Vote Project Neighborhood Coordinator, Cancer Fund drive and March of Dimes drive</p>