

Hillary Clinton: Too small to fail



"It's important for us to come together and take stock of where we stand and what more needs to be done in advancing the great unfinished business of the 21st century - advancing rights and opportunities for women and girls.

Now this is unfinished around the world, where too many women are still treated at best as second-class citizens, at worst as some kind of subhuman species. We need to make it known once and for all, that women's rights are human rights!" – Hillary Clinton

Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton is an American politician and diplomat who was the 67th United States Secretary of State from 2009 to 2013, serving under President Barack Obama. As the wife of former President Bill Clinton, she was also the First Lady of the United States from 1993 to 2001.

In 1978, she became the first female chair of the Legal Services Corporation and went on to be named the first female partner at Rose Law Firm in 1979. She was twice listed as one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America. As First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1981 and 1983 to 1992 with husband Bill as Governor, she successfully led a task force to reform Arkansas' education system.

In 1994, as First Lady of the United States, her major initiative, the Clinton Health Care Plan, failed to gain approval from the U.S. Congress. However, in 1997 and 1999, Clinton played a key role in advocating the creation of the State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Adoption and Safe Families Act, and the Foster Care Independence Act.

Hillary Clinton has always believed that women are not victims, but rather agents of change, drivers of progress and makers of peace. She has always believed in the empowerment of women and the importance of starting this empowerment from an early age. Giving cognizance to that, she has launched a new Early Childhood Initiative aimed at improving the lives of young children, her first venture since joining the Foundation created by her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

Mrs. Clinton opened the launch by outlining her priorities in her new role with the Clinton Foundation. They include working on issues such as improving early childhood education and development, promoting the rights of women and girls in the United States and around the globe and helping spur economic growth.

The former Secretary of State announced a partnership called "Too Small to Fail" on the sidelines of the Clinton Global Initiative America Conference in Chicago. Clinton will partner with Next Generation, a nonpartisan group that promotes scientific research about early childhood development.

"Our country's future depends on healthy kids and loving families. They're the building blocks of a strong and prosperous society," Clinton says in a 4-minute video describing the initiative. The new project aims to help parents improve learning and health, and to get businesses to help improve conditions for families. It will promote new research on children's brain development and the role of nutrition and health on the development of kids.

The former First Lady and New York sen-

ator has been involved in early childhood development throughout her career. After law school, she worked as an attorney for the Children's Defense Fund, a children's advocacy group. Her 1996 best-selling book, "It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us," addressed ways that families and community groups can partner to help children develop.

Clinton remains a heavy favourite for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016 if she decides to run for the White House again. She ended her tenure as President Barack Obama's Secretary of State in February this year and is working on a book about her time at the State Department and delivering paid speeches around the country.

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