



Missouri Legislative Session Preview with Your NCJWSTL Advocacy Team



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Wednesday, January 12, 2022
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

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Where: Zoom Meeting

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Are you curious about what to expect during the upcoming Missouri legislative session? Would you like an opportunity to weigh in on our policy priorities for the upcoming session and be an active participant in discussing what the 2022 session might bring our way?

If you answered yes, please join us as we kick off the year in advocacy with our legislative preview event, where we will discuss policy priorities for the upcoming MOLEG session with Amy Kuo Hammerman, State Policy Advocacy Chair, Heather Silverman, Director of Policy and Evaluation, and Jen Bernstein, Advocacy Manager.

The 2022 session should be an exciting one and we would love to give you a sneak preview.

Please [click here](#) to RSVP and receive your login information. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

January Lunch & Learn: Human Trafficking in the Covid Era and Beyond



Thursday, January 20, 2022
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Linda McQuary, MSW, LCSW

When: Thursday, January 20 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom Meeting

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NCJWSTL is honored to welcome Linda McQuary, MSW, LCSW, Coalition Director of the Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation (CATE), to our January Lunch and Learn.

In honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, Linda will discuss how to prevent and respond to human trafficking during the COVID era and beyond.

McQuary is responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluation activities associated with CATE. She holds a Master of Social Work from St. Louis University. She began her career working to protect child abuse victims in both rural and urban areas of Missouri. Her passion for protecting vulnerable populations transitioned from direct services to a trauma-informed leadership position, building, training, and facilitating multidisciplinary teams involved in the investigation, prosecution, and service provision of child abuse victims. Most children served by these multidisciplinary teams experienced sexual abuse, including victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

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Urge Your Legislators to Prioritize Contraceptive Equity



Last Wednesday marked the start of the 2022 Missouri legislative session. If 2021 taught us anything, it's that **birth control is not a bargaining chip** – Missouri residents across the political spectrum strongly support greater access to contraception. **That's why we're going on the offense this session.**

According to a new public opinion poll conducted by *The Right Time initiative*, 76% of Missourians believe the state legislature should increase access to birth control. [We must let our lawmakers know that we are in the 76%.](#)

We are asking our elected officials to pass the following legislation:

- Annual-Supply Birth Control (an NCJWSTL bill);
- Pharmacist-Dispensing of Birth Control; and
- The Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act.

When signed into law, these bills will significantly increase access to contraception, improving health equity and reproductive health outcomes.

[Click here](#) to sign the petition urging your legislators to prioritize contraceptive equity

this session.

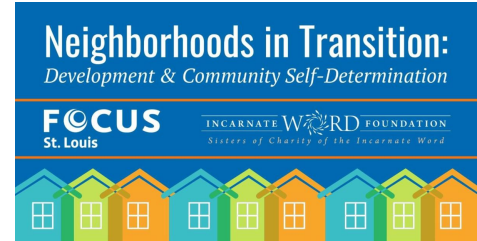
Neighborhoods in Transition: Development and Community Self-Determination Webinar

When: Wednesday, January 26 | 12:00 – 1:30 PM CT

Where: Zoom Meeting

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Neighborhoods form the unique tapestry of our St. Louis region. Many of these neighborhoods are in transition, whether they are dealing with population loss or gain, rapid gentrification, vacancy and dereliction, large-scale development, or simply seeking to build community alignment.



But who is making the decisions about the future of these communities? There are a variety of ways in which a neighborhood can organize to influence the shape of their own community, including neighborhood associations, community development corporations, and creating strategic development plans built on neighborhood needs.

This [Focus St. Louis](#) discussion forum will bring together active residents, organizers and development professionals to explore how our region is being shaped by neighborhoods taking control over their own future and the challenges and opportunities they face.

Please [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

Take Action: Join the A-List

Now more than ever you will want to make sure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2022!

Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

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Interesting Reading



We have reached the point where the US Supreme Court has become one of the greatest threats to public health and welfare in this country. The conservative majority on the US Supreme Court has honed a new, radical approach to religious liberty, the significance of which cannot be overstated.

[Click here](#) to read Katherine Franke's article from *The Nation*, "What Conservative Justices Talk About When They Talk About Religious Liberty."

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