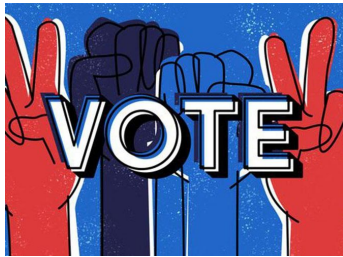




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**Reminder: Municipal Elections are tomorrow!** The [Vote 411 website](#) is a great resource to answer any questions you might have, as it is committed to ensuring voters have the information they need to successfully participate in every election.

For any Election Day problems, make sure to call 1-866-OUR-VOTE. Don't forget to make your voice heard!

## Help Protect Trans Kids! Tell Your Missouri State Senator to Vote NO on SB 843

**SB 843**, Senator Mike Moon's dangerous health care ban targeting transgender youth, has PASSED out of the Senate Seniors, Families, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee.

This bill seeks to ban life-saving, medically necessary and affirming health care for transgender youth. The bill outlines several specific avenues of safe, developmentally appropriate comprehensive care for transgender and gender-expansive youth that would be banned and whose providers would face punishable consequences.

This bill overlooks standard best practices backed by the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) and other mainstream medical associations and penalizes healthcare professionals for doing their jobs — making collaborative decisions with parents and families that help affirm, celebrate, and save the lives of our most vulnerable young people.

Please contact your Senator TODAY by [clicking here](#) and help protect Missouri's trans youth.

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TRANS  
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## Champions Strategy Sessions on Supporting Public Schools

**When:** Tuesday, April 12 | 10:00 - 11:30 AM CT or  
Wednesday, April 27 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

[Register Here](#)

In the past year, attacks on public education have increased - from protests against vaccines and masking to



attacks on curriculum and particular books.

**All of this is part of an accelerating campaign to privatize public education statewide.**

In order to organize against privatization, MO Jobs with Justice has launched *Champions Strategy Sessions on Supporting Public Schools*. In these Strategy Sessions, they will focus on:

- Sharpening our understanding of the privatization agenda
- Equipping all stakeholders with the tools, language, and skills to act effectively and defend our communities, schools, and workers
- Engaging the voice of community opinion leaders to oppose privatization schemes

MO Jobs With Justice has been a longtime NCJWSTL coalition partner and always provides worthwhile programming. *We will be there, won't you join us?*

To register for one of the Strategy Sessions, please contact the Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley at [teresa@mojwj.org](mailto:teresa@mojwj.org) and let her know which Strategy Session you would like to attend.

## Contact Senators Blunt & Hawley TODAY and Urge Them to Confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to SCOTUS!

NCJWSTL is thrilled with the news that President Biden nominated [Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson](#) to the United States Supreme Court. If confirmed, Judge Jackson would be the first Black woman in history to sit on the Court.

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson has a wealth of experience having served as a federal district court judge in Washington, DC since 2013 and circuit court judge on the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit since 2021, our nation's second-highest court. A former public defender, assistant special counsel on the US Sentencing Commission, and law clerk for Justice Stephen Breyer, Jackson has a record of supporting reproductive healthcare, civil rights, disability rights, labor rights, and other issues.

**Now the work begins.** We need you to contact Senators Blunt and Hawley **TODAY** and urge them to confirm Judge Brown to the Supreme Court! You can do so by [clicking here](#), or by calling their offices:

**Senator Blunt:** (202) 224.5721  
**Senator Hawley:** (202) 224.6154

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org).

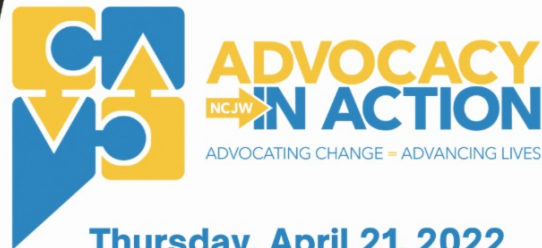
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## April Lunch & Learn: Crime Victim & Child Abuse Prevention Advocacy with Jeff Dion



**Thursday, April 21, 2022**  
**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT**

*Jeff Dion*

**When:** Thursday, April 21 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom Meeting

[RSVP Here](#)

April is designated as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, both nationally and in Missouri. It is a month to highlight and make an extra effort to create awareness about the importance of strengthening families and preventing child abuse and neglect. As one of the founders of the Child Abuse Prevention Program at JFS, NCJWSTL is proud to amplify this vital issue.

For our April Lunch and Learn, we are excited to welcome Jeff Dion of the Zero Abuse Project. Jeff is an attorney, survivor, and nationally recognized victim advocate. He comes to the Zero Abuse Project after more than twenty years with the National Center for Victims of Crime, where he served as Director of the National Crime Victim Bar Association. He has led efforts to reform civil statutes of limitation to expand access to justice for victims of child sex abuse.

From 2002 to 2010, Jeff served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Virginia Criminal Justice Services Board, where he chaired the Victim Services Advisory Committee. He has received numerous awards including the 2006 Ronald Wilson Reagan Public Policy Award presented by the U.S. Department of Justice for outstanding innovation and commitment to crime victim legislation. He earned his undergraduate and a law degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, and an Executive Certificate in Nonprofit Management from Georgetown University.

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

## 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.

***Together we can make a difference!***

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2022.



- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
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## Interesting Reading



More than a year after Poland enacted a near-total abortion ban, the first Polish abortion rights activist to be charged with breaking the law will stand trial this week. Justyna Wydrzyńska, an organizer at Poland's Abortion Dream Team (ADT), gave a pregnant woman experiencing domestic violence medication abortion pills in February 2020, and now faces up to three years in jail. Are we next?

[Click here](#) to read Kylie Cheung's article from Jezebel, "Polish Woman Faces Jail Time for Sending Pregnant Domestic Violence Victim Abortion Pills."

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