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Let Our People Vote: Jewish Community Virtual Phone Bank

When: Tuesday, April 26 | 5:00 - 8:00 PM CT

Where: From the comfort of your own home

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In recent years, Missouri voters have collectively proposed and passed policies that have raised the minimum wage, legalized medical marijuana, and expanded eligibility for healthcare to 300,000 Missourians - all through the initiative petition process.

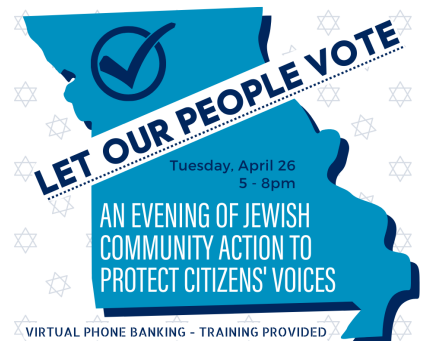
This century-old tradition is a right Missourians have exercised across the political spectrum.

Unfortunately, this important democratic tool is currently under attack.

We need your help to ensure the people continue to have the power to pass important policies for our communities.

[Join us for a Jewish Community initiative petition phone bank](#) and help educate our community on the importance of not letting the Missouri Legislature undermine our power as citizens!

Training will be provided to all participants. [Please click](#) here to register.



ACT NOW! Save the Family Planning Safety Net



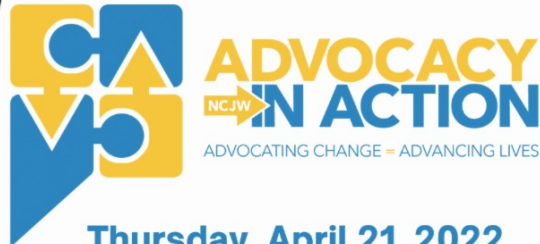
Last week, NCJWSTL testified against several bills in the **[Senate Seniors, Families, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee](#)** aimed at gutting reproductive rights in Missouri. Many of these bills included provisions that would bar Planned Parenthood from providing non-abortion services like birth control, well-people exams, and STI testing and treatment through the state Medicaid program. Not only does this hurt patients and all safety-net providers, but it's also unlawful, putting all of MO HealthNet at risk.

We need all qualified providers working together to meet Missourians' healthcare needs and patients, not the legislature, should be able to choose where they receive services.

We anticipate a vote on these bills very soon, [so please do not delay](#).

Please [click here](#) to contact the members of the Seniors, Families, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee and urge them to NOT advance these bills.

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.

Tell Your State Senator: Protect our Public Schools! Vote NO on HB 1552 and SB 869

No matter what we look like, where we come from, or what's in our wallets, all Missourians want our kids to get the best education possible.



But today, certain politicians fuel divisions so they can take resources away from our schools while they let the wealthiest few get away with not paying their fair share. They then blame parents, teachers, and students to distract from these failures.

Missouri ranks 49th in the nation in state support for public schools. Now is not the time to further siphon off that limited support and give it to unaccountable charter schools. Instead of cutting the already insufficient level of support for students, let's fully fund our classrooms and protect a local school system that works for our children and their teachers, not for special interests.

Please [click here](#) to tell your senator to vote NO on HB 1552 and SB 869.

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.



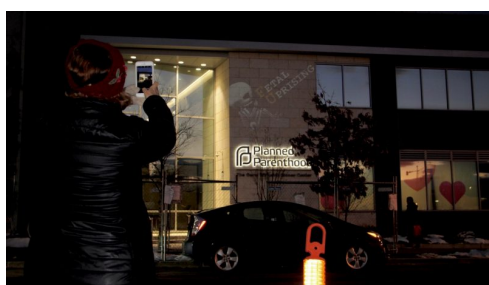
- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
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- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color and includes a special gift.

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Interesting Reading



The Department of Justice recently announced the indictment of nine people in connection to a "clinic invasion" of a Washington, D.C., reproductive health care center in 2020. The FBI found five fetuses in the Capitol Hill home of one of those charged: anti-abortion activist Lauren Handy. Journalist Robin Marty wrote about Handy and the radical anti-abortion activist movement of which they are a part in 2019.

[Click here](#) to read Robin Marty's article from Right Wing Watch, "Meet the Farm Team of the Radical Anti-Abortion Activist Movement."

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