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## Tell Congress to Take Immediate Action to Increase Investment in Title X

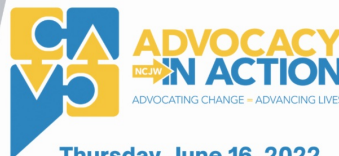


Following years of political attacks and chronic underfunding, Title X (10), the nation's family planning program is struggling to keep services available in communities across the country. With so much on the line right now for abortion rights and comprehensive reproductive health access, we need Congress to make a significant investment in the Title X family planning program immediately.

**For more than 50 years Title X has provided a critical pathway to preventive health care for millions**, but this essential public health program cannot keep pace with a growing demand for care with fewer resources. To make it right for people who rely on Title X for high-quality family planning and sexual health care, Congress must take immediate action to increase investment in Title X.

[Click here](#) to sign the petition if you believe that Congress must put our fundamental rights first and fully fund Title X!

## THIS WEEK! June Lunch & Learn: LGBTQ+ Inclusion Matters



Thursday, June 16, 2022  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Katy Erker-Lynch

**When:** Thursday, June 16 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

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June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, in commemoration of the Stonewall Uprising. It may feel to many like equality and inclusion for the LGBTQ+ community is a non-issue in this day and age, but if this year's Missouri legislative session taught us anything, this is not the case. The conservative caucus made it their mission to target trans youth in Missouri, and only due to the hard work of our coalition partners like Missouri's LGBTQ+ advocacy group PROMO (and the Senate infighting) did these bills go nowhere.

**In honor of Pride Month, we are excited to welcome PROMO's Executive Director, Katy Erker-Lynch, who will guide us on how to help build a truly inclusive community.** Like so many young, queer Missourians, Katy left the state at 18 and headed west for school, in search of a vibrant queer community. Returning to Missouri as an adult, Katy envisions a Missouri where all community members are valued, have the tools to thrive, and are given a seat and voice at the tables where decisions are made – a Missouri with thriving, vibrant queer communities.

**We will also have an opportunity to hear from representatives from Metro Trans Umbrella Group and the local peer support hotline for LGBTQ+ youth, SQSH.**

Please [click here](#) to register for the June Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call (314) 993.5181

## Abortion Rights - The Doctors' Perspective



### Abortion Rights: The Doctors' Perspective



Dr. Colleen McNicholas,  
Chief Medical Officer, Planned  
Parenthood of the St. Louis Region  
and Southwest Missouri

Learn More About What Doctors Are Facing  
Wednesday, June 22, 2022  
6:30 PM CT | Zoom



Dr. Jennifer Smith,  
OBGYN, Consultants in  
Women's Healthcare



**When:** Wednesday, June 22 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM CT

**Where:** Zoom

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Did you know? The debate over access to abortion not only impacts patients. It impacts doctors and their ability to counsel patients on a variety of reproductive health issues. Legislation in Missouri and in other states attempts to criminalize the action of doctors working in the best interest of their patients. And this is likely to get worse when the Dobbs decision, which could overturn Roe vs. Wade, comes down.

To help us learn more about what doctors will soon be facing, NCJWSTL and JCRC are excited to welcome Drs. Colleen McNicholas, Chief Medical Officer of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri and Jennifer Smith, OBGYN at Consultants in Women's Healthcare.

Dr. McNicholas brings more than 12 years of experience as an obstetrician-gynecologist with a strong track record of high-quality patient care and impactful reproductive health advocacy. Before joining Planned Parenthood she was an attending physician at

Washington University School of Medicine.

Dr. Smith, a graduate of UCLA, moved to St. Louis to attend medical school at Washington University in 1995, and has been in St. Louis ever since. She has been a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists since 2006 and has served on the board of the St. Louis Maternity Hospital Society.

To RSVP or if you have questions, contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call the office at (314) 993.5181.

## Save the Date - PrideFest is BACK!



**When:** Sunday, June 26 | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM CT

**Where:** 10th and Market, Downton St. Louis (exact start location TBD)

After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, NCJWSTL is once again proud to help spearhead the Jewish Community contingent in the annual St. Louis Pride Parade!

We will stand together in solidarity, to celebrate and speak out with our collective voice. We have a strong history of coming together as a community and are excited to bring everyone together again to get involved!

**We look forward to having a strong Jewish community presence.**

Please [click here](#) to sign up for the parade and, if you'd like, to purchase t-shirts. 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!**

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

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St. Louis Jewish Light during 2022.

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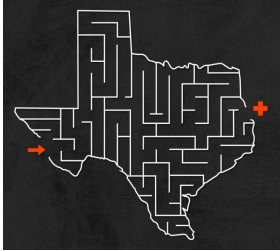
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## Interesting Reading

Texas clinics have been transformed into what are essentially



somber travel agencies. Since September of last year, when SB 8 took effect, an average of nearly 1,400 Texans traveled out of state for abortion care each month, a figure nearly equivalent to the number that traveled every year between 2017 and 2019, according to the Texas Policy Evaluation Project. Some are forced to travel hundreds, even thousands, of miles for an abortion, causing a “domino effect” by delaying care for others at health clinics across the country (including those across the river in

Illinois).

[Click here](#) to read Mary Tuma's's article from Mother Jones entitled "The Texas Abortion Ban Has Turned Clinics Into Travel Agencies."

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