



Interested in getting involved in our abortion rights work? [Click here](#) to put your name on the volunteer list and as we develop opportunities for direct action to support clients/patients at local clinics.

Women's Inequality Day is August 26th!

August 26th, the anniversary of the certification of the 19th Amendment, is often known as [Women's Equality Day](#). Yet with our voting and reproductive rights under attack, women today have fewer rights than we've had in decades. This year, we're partnering with the League of Women Voters, YWCA, and other organizations to observe **Women's Inequality Day** by demanding that our government not only represent us but include us as equals. This includes passing voting rights legislation, adding the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, and restoring our reproductive freedoms. Women hold the power to create a more perfect democracy!



Join us all day on social media using the hashtag #WomensInequalityDay and follow NCJWSTL on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) on August 26th!

Add Your Name: I Support Evidence-Based Programs To Make Schools Safer



Many kids in the St. Louis Metro area will be heading back to school this week. Parents, students, and teachers should not have to live in fear of gun violence.

We need proven solutions to make schools safer.

Crisis identification and assessment programs are one example. They intervene at the earliest warning signs of potential violence and divert students who would do harm to themselves or others to appropriate resources. Secure storage notification policies are another available option. They let schools send home information about secure firearm storage, which helps keep kids safe at home and in school.

These programs do not rely on discipline or the criminal justice system to stop gun violence. And when properly implemented, they prevent undue harm to students of color

and/or students with disabilities. We must make sure that students have everything they need to grow and thrive—instead of arming their teachers and militarizing their schools.

Please [click here](#) to add your name to show you support crisis identification and assessment programs, and secure storage notification policies that support students, make schools safer, and save lives.

Meet the Janes - The Heroes of Abortion Before Roe v. Wade Film Screening



When: Thursday, September 15 | 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM CT

Where: Ethical Society of St. Louis | 9001 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117

[Click here](#) to register

In the spring of 1972, police raided an apartment on the South Side of Chicago. Seven women were arrested and charged. The accused were part of a clandestine network. Using code names, blindfolds, and safe houses to protect their identities and their work, they built an underground service for women seeking safe, affordable, illegal abortions. They called themselves Jane. **Now that we live in a post-Roe world, *The Janes* helps us envision the enormous potential for collective action to ensure abortion access.**

Prior to the screening, award winning journalist Charles Jaco will give a brief introduction about his time spent with the real Janes. At the conclusion of the film, Stacey Newman of ProgressWomen will provide information on how you can take action.

The program is free, but [registration is required by clicking here](#). **There will be NO walk-ins allowed at the event. Proof of COVID vaccination or negative test is also required to enter.** Masks are optional, but highly encouraged. For questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

September Lunch & Learn: Legal Missouri and Other Ballot Initiatives

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Sharon Geuea Jones, Founding Member
Jones Advocacy Group

Learn More About What's on the Ballot
Thursday, September 15, 2022
12:00 PM CT | Zoom



John Payne, Campaign Manager
Legal MO



When: Thursday, September 15 | 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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Legal MO, the initiative that would legalize marijuana for personal use for those 21 years old or older and allow individuals convicted of non-violent marijuana-related offenses to petition to be released from incarceration and/or have their records expunged will be on the ballot in November. What does this mean?

Recent research shows that Black people are 2.6 times more likely than whites to be arrested for marijuana possession in Missouri. And marijuana possession arrests during that same time period accounted for 50 percent of all drug arrests in Missouri, placing the state just outside the nation's Top 10 for the highest cannabis possession arrest rates.

To help illustrate the issue further, NCJWSTL is teaming up with JCRC to welcome John Payne, Campaign Manager of Legal MO and Sharon Geuea Jones, the founding member of the Jones Advocacy Group. Payne graduated with a degree in history from Washington University in Saint Louis in 2005. In 2018, he managed the successful campaign to legalize medical marijuana in Missouri. As an attorney and lobbyist, Geuea Jones has advocated on behalf of her clients in the Missouri General Assembly, at the ballot box and in the courts since 2002. In conjunction with the Missouri NAACP and the Missouri Educational Equity Partnership, she is leading the "Let Them Learn" coalition in Jefferson City.

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

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.

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Interesting Reading



A Florida court has denied a parentless 16-year-old permission to have an abortion because she's not "mature" enough. Previously, they denied a 17-year-old an abortion because her GPA was too low.

The state is forcing these teens to give birth.

[Click here](#) to read Caitlin Cruz's article from Jezebel, *"Florida Court Decides 16-Year-Old Is Not 'Mature' Enough to Have an Abortion, Must Give Birth."*

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