



# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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## Leading Through Uncertainty Conference - Save the Date



### Save the Date!

March 3-5, 2023

A conference around doing non-partisan advocacy in a partisan world.

Sheraton Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO

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#### Workshops will include:

- State Budgeting Strategy: Funding Our Priorities
- Get On Board: Why School Boards Matter
- Money Talks: Understanding Campaign Finance
- The Nonprofit ABCs: How to Get the Most Out of All Your Meetings
- Storytelling Strategy: The Personal is Political
- Purim's Persian Queen Esther: An Advocate Then, An Example Now

For additional information, view/download [this conference flyer!](#)

## Tell the Missouri Senate to Protect Trans Kids

At 10:00 AM tomorrow, the Missouri Senate Emerging Issues Committee will hear six transgender youth sports bans, some of which target children as young as KINDERGARTEN. These bills are:

- SB 2 (Hoskins R-21)
- SB 29 (Luetkemeyer R-34)
- SB 39 (Rehder R-27)
- SB 48 (Moon R-29)
- SB 87 (Brown R-26)
- SB 165 (Carter R-32)

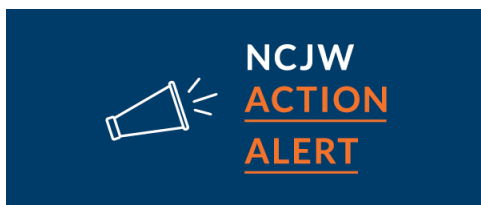
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NCJWSTL will be there to testify against these bills in person. We need YOU to contact

your Missouri Senator and tell them that sports are for everyone and that we play together for the love of the game and love of the team. **Failing to support transgender student athletes only perpetuates a culture of bias and puts kids in danger.**

Please [click here](#) to find your Senator's contact information and to access a script you can follow to insist that transgender youth have a place in team sports.

## Urge the Missouri Legislature to Reject School Vouchers



Our state legislature is back in session, and pro-voucher legislators (backed by out-of-state billionaires) are racing to pass private school voucher bills. Private school vouchers threaten public education and religious freedom by forcing taxpayers to fund religious education. They also lack accountability, fund discrimination, and don't even

improve student achievement. These are a few of the many reasons why we must oppose all private school voucher programs... and we need your help to do it!

Please [click here](#) to urge your Missouri legislators to reject all private school voucher bills and better serve all kids by using our taxpayer dollars to make our public schools stronger.

## Join MOCADSV for Capitol Advocacy Days

**When:** Wednesday, February 8, February 15 and February 22 | 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM CT

**Where:** Missouri State Capitol

[Click Here to Register for February 8](#)

[Click Here to Register for February 15](#)

[Click Here to Register for February 22](#)



**mocadsv**  
Missouri Coalition Against  
Domestic and Sexual Violence

Our coalition partners at the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV) are excited to announce that they will be holding three Capitol Advocacy Days this year. You are welcome to attend one or all three! Advocates from MOCADSV member agencies meet annually with legislators - virtually or in the Capitol - each week in February to put into practice the refrain of MOCADSV's legislative advocacy: "We change laws. We change lives."

Meetings occur between advocates, survivors, and members from every MOCADSV membership region with Missouri's 34 state Senators and 163 state Representatives.

Please [click here](#) for more information and to register.

## Running for Office 101



**When:** Saturday, February 4 | 8:15 AM - 2:30 PM

**Where:** Flynn Park Elementary | 7220 Waterman Avenue

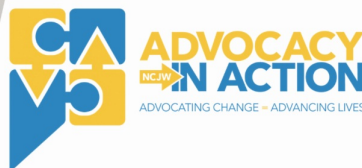
[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

When women run, women win! As part of the National Women's Political Caucus's effort to increase the number of women in elected positions, the NWPC-STL Training Institute is offering its annual Running for Office 101 training event. The NWPC-STL Training Institute offers programs designed to help prospective and new candidates for office, campaign staff, and campaign volunteers learn how to run a successful campaign.

If you have ever thought of running for office, now is the time to jump in!

Tickets are \$25 and include lunch and printed training materials. [Purchase your ticket in advance here.](#) For more information, please [click here.](#)

## February Lunch and Learn - Tackling Conspiracy Theories and Disinformation



Thursday, February 16, 2023  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Sarah Fenske

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

**Where:** Zoom

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With an abundance of misinformation and non-factual reporting, it can be challenging to decipher what is factual information and what is not. Misinformation is nothing new. Newspapers have been accused of printing fake news stories since they began. But now misinformation can reach a global audience within seconds via social media platforms.

Without factually correct information guiding their decision-making processes, everyone from children to seniors are likely to form incorrect opinions and views of the world around them.

To help us navigate this landscape, we are thrilled to welcome Sarah Fenske as our February Lunch and Learn speaker. Fenske served as host of St. Louis on the Air from July 2019 until June 2022. Before that, she spent twenty years in newspapers, working as a reporter, columnist, and editor in Cleveland, Houston, Phoenix, Los Angeles, and St. Louis.

She won the Livingston Award for Young Journalists for her work in Phoenix exposing corruption at the local housing authority. She also won numerous awards for column writing, including multiple first place wins from the Arizona Press Club, the Association of Women in Journalism (the Clarion Awards), and the National Society of Newspaper Columnists.

**Please [click here](#) to register for the February Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) or call 314.993.5181**

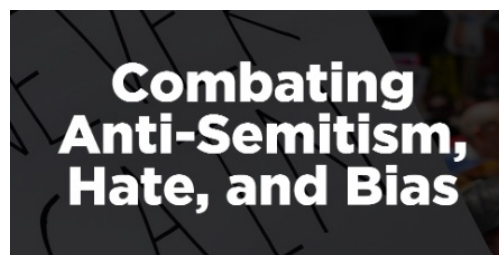
## Fighting Bigotry and Hatred with Jordan Kadosh from the ADL

**When:** Tuesday, February 21 | 10:00 AM CT

**Where:** The Mirowitz Center at Covenant Place | 8 Millstone Campus Drive

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Why has racist and antisemitic rhetoric become so normalized? Learn answers to tough questions about bigotry, hatred, and misinformation with ADL (Anti-Defamation League) Heartland's Regional Director, Jordan Kadosh. This free program – part of our "Fighting Bigotry & Hatred" series – is co-sponsored by ADL Heartland, Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, and the National Council of Jewish



Women St. Louis, and is provided in conjunction with FEL (Friends Enjoying Life), an organization supported by the Mirowitz Center.

There is no cost to attend, but RSVP is required. You may register online by [clicking here](#) or emailing Susan Kemppainen at [skemppainen@mirowitzcenter.org](mailto:skemppainen@mirowitzcenter.org).

NOTE: Masks are highly encouraged for this in-person program, but not required.

## 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.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
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## Interesting Reading



When Missouri lawmakers put the words "Almighty God is the author of life" into the section of law stating the General Assembly's intent for abortion regulations, they crossed the line separating church and state, a lawsuit filed Thursday in St. Louis charges. NCJWSTL was instrumental behind the scenes in the lawsuit's formulation and we are excited to work with local religious leaders to overturn Missouri's abortion bans.

[Click here](#) to read Rudi Keller's article from the Missouri Independent, "Lawsuit Seeks to Overturn Missouri Abortion Ban as Violation of Religious Rights."

***Want to help people seeking access to reproductive healthcare in our region?***

***Here is an opportunity to make a "hands-on" difference in someone's life...***

NCJWSTL has partnered with local clinics to provide direct support services to patients. Help us help women in our region by ordering from our [Amazon Wish List](#). These items will be stocked at the clinics for patients in need. NCJWSTL volunteers will coordinate and deliver everything to the clinics.

- Please [click here](#) for the NCJWSTL Clinic Wish List.
- Please make sure that NCJWSTL is the shipping address when you place an order (295 N. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141).

***\*Thanks in advance for your help and support\****

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