



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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Were you unable to attend our recent event Language of Abortion event? One of the big takeaways was the importance of talking about abortion openly. NCJW has put together a guideline of best practices when discussing abortion that you can find by [clicking here](#).

Legislation Watch - Take Action Today!

It's the final week of the 2023 legislative session! NCJWSTL is closely monitoring the following legislation this week and we are asking you to take action:

HB 282 - Currently, it is a crime to be on a bus with a dangerous weapon or carry a weapon in a terminal. HB 282 would allow a concealed carry permit holder to lawfully carry firearms on public transportation. It would also lower the age requirement to obtain a conceal carry permit from 19 to 18.

HB 282 passed out of the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee last week. Please [click here](#) to contact your Missouri Senator and tell them to vote NO on HB 282 if and when it comes to the Senate floor.



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Camp Indigo Point Gay'la THIS THURSDAY!



When: Thursday, May 11 | 6:00 PM CT

Where: Saint Louis University: Il Monastero | 3050 Olive Street St. Louis, MO 63103

[RSVP Here](#)

Camp Indigo Point is a residential summer camp for LGBTQ+ youth entering grades 2nd-11th located just outside of St. Louis. It seeks to provide LGBTQ+ youth the chance to experience a community of peers in a fun, exuberant, affirming environment. After the relentless attacks against trans youth during this Missouri legislative session, a place for LGBTQ+ youth to find joy and happiness is needed now more than ever.

Join Camp Indigo Point for an evening learning and engaging with the magic of camp and opportunities to support camp dreams at their first annual Gay'la!

The event is free of charge, but make sure to bring cash or a credit card if you want to

buy silent auction items or participate in the raffle and games. Dress code is sparkles and rainbows - as colorful and vibrant as you want to be!

Please [click here](#) to register for what should be an amazing event! If you are unable to attend the Gay'la, but would like to make a donation to Camp Indigo Point, please [click here](#).

TOMORROW! Rally Against Harmful Insurance Policies

When: Tuesday, May 9 | 3:00 PM CT

Where: Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield | 1831 Chestnut Street St. Louis, MO 63103

We came together to make the Affordable Care Act law. We came together to expand Medicaid in Missouri. Now we're coming together to fight private insurance corporations, to stop their practices of denying care to our communities while they're raking in record profits for their shareholders and CEO's. We're sharing stories and working to build a healthcare system that puts Care Over Cost. Tomorrow we're taking our concerns directly to the source of these problems.



Please consider joining our coalition partners at Jobs With Justice and a delegation of leaders to hold insurance corporations accountable for their greedy business practices.

Jobs With Justice is also asking people to share their stories of any negative experiences as a result of Anthem/Blue Cross Blue Shield or Elevance acting as your insurance provider. Please [click here](#) to share your story.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

May Lunch and Learn - Legislative Session Wrapup with Amy Kuo Hammerman and Mandy Hagseth



Amy Kuo Hammerman
NCJWSTL State Policy
Advocacy Chair



Thursday, May 18, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT



Mandy Hagseth
The Missouri Family Health
Council's Director of Policy
& External Affairs

When: Thursday, May 18 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

The 2023 Missouri legislative session will come to an end on May 12th. It became evident early in the session that as usual, NCJWSTL would be in the position of defending against a slew of legislation designed to harm women, children and families in our state. From the relentless attacks on trans kids to the attempts to undermine the initiative petition process, it has certainly been a doozy of a session. It can often be very difficult for the layperson to navigate its intricacies.

For our May Lunch and Learn, we are absolutely thrilled to welcome NCJWSTL State Policy Advocacy Chair Amy Kuo Hammerman and The Missouri Family Health Council's Director of Policy and External Affairs Mandy Hagseth. Both have been a constant presence in Jefferson City this session and will provide an insider's view on everything that happened in the Capitol this year.

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

Disarming Antisemitism With ADL's Cheryl Drazin



When: Thursday, June 1 | 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Where: NCJWSTL Office | 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd. or via Zoom

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As hate crimes and mass shootings continue to spread across the US with little legislative reform, it becomes increasingly important to stay informed and connected with others. June is Gun Violence Awareness Month, and NCJWSTL is honored to host Cheryl Drazin from the Anti-Defamation League to speak on the connection between antisemitism and gun violence.

As Vice President of ADL's Central Division, Cheryl Drazin and her team work daily to fight antisemitism and all forms of hate in the Austin, Heartland, Michigan, Midwest, Mountain States, Plains States/CRC, Southwest and Texoma regional offices.

As a Texan, she closely watched last year when an armed man, making antisemitic statements, entered the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, TX while members celebrated Shabbat morning services. This terrifying attack certainly wasn't the first act of violence based in antisemitism; and, as many experts warn, it might not be the last.

Please join us for a special program to learn more about how we can push back against this violence. There is a direct connection between antisemitism and gun violence and Cheryl will share her perspectives based on the work that ADL had done throughout the Midwest.

Please RSVP to attend either in person or on zoom - both options are available - by [clicking here](#). Space at the NCJWSTL office is limited so make your reservation today. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call the NCJWSTL offices at 314-993-5181.

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to the community at no cost in partnership with ADL Heartland.

Save the Date: NCJWSTL Night at the New Jewish Theater Production of Gloria A Life

When: Wednesday, June 8 | 7:30 PM

Where: New Jewish Theater at the JCC | 2 Millstone Campus



NCJWSTL and the New Jewish Theater are excited to team up for a special performance of Gloria A Life with a discussion after the performance with the play's actors facilitated by NCJWSTL President Nancy Litz and NCJWSTL CEO Ellen Alper.

Decades after Gloria Steinem began raising her voice for equality and championing the voices of others, her vision is as urgent as ever. In this exploration of the iconic feminist's legacy and the women who inspired and fought alongside her (including Dorothy Pitman Hughes, Flo Kennedy, Bella Abzug, Coretta Scott King, and Wilma Mankiller) the first act tells her story, and the second

invites the audience to share their own. Gloria: A Life embodies Steinem's philosophy that conversation is a catalyst for change as it celebrates one of the most inspiring women of our time.

This will be an amazing event that you won't want to miss!

Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets. Use discount code **NCJW!** to get \$5 off each ticket for the June 8th performance.

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 2023! 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, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2023.

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



On April 26, the House passed Speaker Kevin McCarthy's debt ceiling bill, the "Limit, Save and Grow Act." If enacted, the bill would create new work reporting requirements, stripping Medicaid coverage from adults unable to document eighty hours of work or community service per month.

Work reporting requirements are unnecessary, harmful and ultimately counter to the goals of the Medicaid program.

[Click here](#) to read Thomas Waldrop, Rebecca Vallas and Kimberly Knacksted's article from The Century Foundation, "Three Reasons Congress Should Reject Medicaid Work Requirements."

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