



ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!

NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with the [Missouri Family Health Council](#) (MFHC) to distribute **FREE emergency contraception kits!** This effort is vitally important in the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade, especially in states like Missouri where abortion is illegal. Everyone should have the right to determine when and if they wish to start a family, and emergency contraception is vital in preventing unwanted pregnancies.

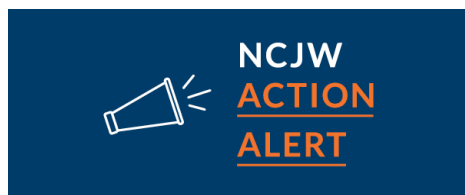


Also known as the morning-after pill, or by the brand name Plan B, the emergency contraception pill is an over-the-counter form of birth control that can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex to avoid pregnancy. The goal of this effort is to reduce geographic and financial barriers Missourians face in accessing emergency contraception pills.

While supplies last, MFHC, NCJWSTL and other partner organizations are offering free EC kits to anyone of any age. **Feel free to stop by the NCJWSTL office to pick up your kit - for you or a loved one.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. You can also order an emergency contraception kit by mail by [clicking here](#).

Tell Your Member of Congress to Protect Trans Lives



The attacks on the freedom and dignity of trans people and their families are just starting. One-third of the country (including Missouri) has passed laws that criminalize and ban access to gender-affirming care. The next stage of the fight for basic LGBTQ freedoms is coming, and it affects everyone – even in states that haven't seen any anti-trans attacks.

A new bill has been introduced by the most extreme anti-LGBTQ Members of Congress that would criminalize the health care trans people need. While such a law is beyond the pale, it won't be the last. Any national ban on gender-affirming care would be devastating. **You and your elected Members of Congress are our last line of defense against this national threat.**

We must stop any effort to criminalize trans people and the families and communities

who love us. Send your message loud and clear.

Please [click here](#) to tell your Member of Congress to protect trans people from discrimination.

THIS WEEK! NCJWSTL Night at the New Jewish Theater Production of Gloria A Life



When: Thursday, June 8 | 7:30 PM

Where: New Jewish Theater at the JCC | 2 Millstone Campus Dr., St. Louis, 63146

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

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 Pittman 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.

Abortion and the Initiative Petition Process

When: Monday, June 12 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM CT

Where: Private home - upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email with the event location.

[RSVP Here](#)

ABORTION AND THE BALLOT INITIATIVE PROCESS

Monday, June 12, 2023
6 to 7:30 pm



JOIN US, TAKE ACTION, & GET UPDATES ON:

- Attacks on the ballot initiative process
- Efforts to add a right to abortion into the Missouri Constitution
- How we can help

More information:
accessmissouri@gmail.com

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THE SPEAKERS

Tori Schaefer
ACLU MO



**Richard
Von Glahn**
Jobs with
Justice



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Harnessing our United Strength: Mobilizing, Staying Informed, and Advocating for Reproductive Rights and Healthcare

When: Wednesday, June 14 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM CT

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

Join representatives of NCJW San Francisco, NCJW St. Louis, NCJW Scottsdale and NCJW Inc. for a cross-sectional NCJW Zoom event. This unique program will feature experts from across the country who will speak about efforts to protect reproductive rights. Hear from different NCJW sections about what they are doing to secure reproductive healthcare access and justice for all.



We are especially excited that NCJWSTL's State Policy Advocacy Chair, Amy Kuo Hammerman, will be one of the featured speakers. Additional speakers include Representative Eric Swalwell of California, award-winning investigative journalist Civia Tamarkin, Shira Zemel, Co-Director of NCJW, Inc.'s abortion access campaign. You won't want to miss this opportunity to speak with advocates from all over the country!

This event is free of charge, but you must register to attend by [clicking here](#).

June Lunch and Learn - The State of LGBTQ+ Rights in



Thursday, June 15, 2023
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Greg Razer

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

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, in commemoration of the Stonewall Uprising. In past years, it felt to many like equality and inclusion for the LGBTQ+ community became a non-issue, but if this year's Missouri legislative session taught us anything, this is not the case. Members of the Senate made it their mission to target trans youth (at the expense of other important legislation) and passed two extremely harmful bills targeting trans children and their families.

In honor of Pride Month, we are excited to welcome Senator Greg Razer, who is the only openly gay member of the Missouri State Senate. As a once-suicidal teen struggling with his sexuality growing up in southern Missouri's cotton country, Razer especially feels a kinship with transgender youth who are targeted in our state. He spent the entire session standing up for these kids and worked relentlessly to try and stall these bills. We are excited to hear from him what we can do as community volunteers to support trans youth and how we can plan for future legislative attacks against the LGBTQ+ community.

Prior to his election to the legislature, Razer was a field organizer for PROMO, the state's major LGBTQ+ advocacy organization, and worked on the campaign staff of Senator Claire McCaskill.

Please [click here](#) to register for the June 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 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.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color

[Click here](#) to see the A-List flyer.

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Interesting Reading



A Tennessee woman who was denied an emergency abortion for her life-threatening ectopic pregnancy ultimately became infertile and was forced to have an emergency hysterectomy to save her life. The woman, Mayron Hollis, gave birth prematurely through a cesarean delivery, but for the last several months now, her infant has been in and out of the hospital as Hollis' staggering medical bills continue to pile up. This is absolutely horrifying and unconscionable.

[Click here](#) to read Kylie Cheung's article from Jezebel, "Tennessee Woman Denied Abortion for Ectopic Pregnancy Was Left Infertile."

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