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Join us for NCJWSTL's Amendment 3 Campaign Kickoff!

**CAMPAIGN
COFFEE
KICKOFF EVENT**



- ✓ Get your "Vote YES" yard signs.
- ✓ Learn how you can get involved.
- ✓ Stop at our on-site photo booth to share your support.

**SEPTEMBER 8
9 AM - 11 AM**

NCJWSTL Office
295 N. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63141

When: Sunday, September 8 | 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Where: NCJWSTL | 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, 63141

Join in on NCJWSTL's Campaign Coffee Kickoff event to End the Abortion Ban!

We'll be handing out yard signs to encourage **Vote Yes on Amendment 3** and provide information on how you can get involved to help **end the abortion ban in MO!** Plus, don't miss our on-site photo booth, where you can capture and share your support with your social networks.

Missourians should have the freedom to make their own personal health decisions, without interference from politicians.

Please feel free to drop in anytime between 9:00 - 11:00 AM. There is no need to RSVP. For more information, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Looking for more ways to get involved in the effort to pass Amendment 3? [Click here](#) for volunteer opportunities.

Tell Congress: Pass Federal Spending Bills that Support All Communities

NCJW envisions an America where each of us has what we need to be healthy, live with dignity, and share our growing prosperity. Unfortunately, this is not the vision of many in Congress who continue

Take action:

Ensure federal spending bills support all communities!

TELL CONGRESS TO PASS
A BUDGET WITHOUT HARMING
VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES



National Council of Jewish Women

to use the government funding process to undermine, instead of support, the security and health of our communities.

Some lawmakers have spent months holding up government functioning to further their harmful agenda through the Fiscal Year 2024 spending bills: attacking access to abortion; cutting programs that support women and children; threatening the health and safety of the LGBTQ+

community; undermining efforts to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion; and taking aim at those experiencing poverty.

Moreover, Members of Congress are conditioning critical aid funding for Ukraine with changes to border policy that could dismantle our asylum system entirely, threatening the safety of countless refugees relying on the US for resettlement. Congress has a responsibility to ensure the most vulnerable are receiving the critical care and support they need to live healthy, safe lives.

Please [click here](#) to urge your lawmakers to pass spending bills free from harmful and hateful language and program cuts.

September Lunch and Learn: How You Can Help End Missouri's Cruel Abortion Ban



Thursday, September 19, 2024
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Alex Cook

When: Thursday, September 19 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Where: Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

After turning in over 380,000 signatures (15,000 from NCJWSTL alone!), the Right to Reproductive Freedom initiative is OFFICIALLY on the ballot as [Amendment 3!](#)

NCJWSTL and our coalition partners believe that politicians should not be involved in personal decisions. Patients and their doctors should decide what's right for their unique situation. Decisions around pregnancy, including abortion, birth control and miscarriage care are personal and private and should be left up to patients and their families. **But here in Missouri, politicians are making those decisions for us. We can put a stop to this on November 5th.**

For our September Lunch and Learn, we are excited to welcome Alex Cook, Director of Organizing and Campaigns at Abortion Action Missouri. Alex is an experienced community organizer and is passionate about building power for gender, racial and economic justice. If you have attended any abortion rights rally in the past few years, you have likely heard Alex motivate the crowd - he is an incredibly engaging speaker and this Lunch and Learn is not to be missed.

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

NCJWSTL ELECTION GUIDE

END MO ABORTION BANS, VOTE YES ON 3

NCJWSTL believes that all Missourians should have access to the full range of reproductive healthcare, including abortion. Right now, Missouri has a TOTAL ban on abortion, without exceptions for rape and incest survivors. Regardless of how one personally feels about abortion, politicians should not be forcing their beliefs on patients and doctors. Government shouldn't be involved in personal healthcare decisions.



IMPORTANT NOVEMBER ELECTION DATES

September 24 Absentee voting with an excuse opens
October 9 Last day to register to vote (5:00 p.m.)
October 22 No-excuse in-person absentee voting opens
October 23 Last day to apply for a mailed absentee ballot (5:00 p.m.)
November 2 Board of Elections office open for absentee voting
November 4 Last day for voting an absentee ballot in person at the Board of Elections
November 5 ELECTION DAY, Polls open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



SUPPORT HEALTHY FAMILIES



NCJWSTL believes that all Missourians should not have to choose between a paycheck and being healthy. We support paid sick leave for all Missourians. **Vote yes on A.**

WHAT ELSE IS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT?

In addition to all President, Senate, statewide races, and Missouri House races, you might have a state senate race and a local race. NCJWSTL does not take a position on candidates. **NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on Amendment 7**, which would ban rank choice voting.

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ADD YOUR NAME and Help Us Oppose Censorship of Our Public Libraries

For those who have already joined, thank you!

To protect libraries throughout Missouri, including those at public schools, NCJWSTL has helped convene a statewide coalition of individuals and organizations called Right to Read. The coalition will oppose any legislative, state policy or other effort to restrict access to materials at public libraries; the coalition has the utmost confidence in trained, experienced librarians and educators to evaluate and select materials in the libraries' collection.



Did you know?

- As a result of a Missouri law enacted in August 2022 restricting some types of materials in public schools, **librarians fearful of criminal prosecution have removed nearly 300 titles** from school library shelves.

- Under an administrative rule imposed by Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, all public libraries must have submitted by July 31 how they will comply with the vaguely written rule. **Failure to comply could result in loss of state funding**, which comprises a significant portion of small libraries' budgets.
- Missouri is among the nation's top book banning states, **especially regarding restricting access to books about gender, sexuality and race in public schools.**

More attempts will likely be made in the 2024 Missouri legislative session to suppress First Amendment rights. Free and open access to materials at our public libraries is an essential aspect of our democracy.

Please [click here](#) to add your name as an individual member of the coalition. For more information, please e-mail the coalition at righttoreadcoalition@gmail.com.

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](#).

Take Action & Join the A-List

Now more than ever you will want to ensure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2024! 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 2024.

- **\$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.

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[Click here](#) to see the latest A-List Ad.
 Join the A-list [here](#).



Interesting Reading




With millions in expanded tax credits and direct state funding going to anti-abortion groups, the nonprofit Coalition Life has expanded its operations beyond Missouri. Because there are no abortion clinics in Missouri, Coalition Life operates largely outside clinics in other states where the procedure is still legal. The group's website says it operates at one location in Kansas and five in Illinois including in Fairview Heights, about 13 miles east of St. Louis.

[Click here](#) to read Jeremy Kohler's article from the Missouri Independent, "Missouri Outlawed Abortion, and now it's Funding an Anti-Abortion Group That Works in Other States."

Not yet a member of NCJWSTL? [Click here](#) to become part of a growing network of courageous and compassionate individuals who improve the lives of women, children, and families every day. You don't have to be a woman or Jewish to join!

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