



# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

At NCJWSTL, we are dedicated to tracking these legislative developments closely, focusing on bills that align with our mission of improving the lives of women, children, and families.

Please [click here](#) to view the bills NCJWSTL is following and whether we are in support or in opposition. The list will be continuously updated throughout session.

## Urge the Missouri Legislature to Pass the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill Now!



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**ACTION**  
**ALERT**

While we know there will be no shortage of attacks on women's health this session, the Missouri legislature also has an opportunity to pass a positive healthcare bill quickly - the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill ([SB 178](#) and [HB 398](#)).

Last year, a critical women's health bill was just one vote from final passage, but despite wide bipartisan support - including from House leadership - the bill failed to pass due to dysfunction in the Senate. Both sides of the aisle strongly support this legislation that would treat and prevent disease, including congenital syphilis; increase access to contraception; and improve Missourians' health and wellbeing.

Please [click here](#) to tell our lawmakers to **prioritize and pass the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill now!**

## THIS WEEK! What's Happened Since Amendment 3 Passed? A Legal and Legislative Update

**When:** Thursday, February 20, 5:30 - 6:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom

[RSVP Here](#)

Please join us on February 20th for an update on the reproductive healthcare legal and legislative landscape in Missouri. We are excited to have two dynamic speakers, Missouri State Senator Tracy McCreery and ACLU-MO's Director of Policy & Campaigns, Tori Schaffer, as they brief us on everything happening regarding Amendment 3's implementation and other repro rights happenings in the

Missouri Legislature.

Please [click here](#) to register. There is no cost, but you must be signed up to attend. The Zoom link will be sent out on the day of the event. This event is being hosted by ACCESSMO, NCJWSTL and Missouri Healthcare Professionals for Reproductive Rights.

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There is no cost to attend this virtual webinar, but registration is required.  
[tinyurl.com/access-feb20](https://tinyurl.com/access-feb20)  
HOSTED BY ACCESSMO, NCJWSTL, Missouri Healthcare Professionals for Reproductive Rights, and others.

## THIS WEEK! Defending Reproductive Freedom: Where we Are and Preparing for What's Ahead



**When:** Friday, February 21, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Where:** Zoom

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NCJW Ohio is facilitating a crucial discussion regarding the current landscape of abortion rights, both within Ohio and nationwide, particularly for those unable to participate in local Repro Shabbat events.

Given Ohio's recent passage of an amendment that mirrors Missouri's efforts to enshrine abortion rights, this dialogue promises to be particularly relevant and insightful for members of NCJWSTL. Participants can expect a thoughtful exchange of ideas that underscores the importance of staying informed and engaged in these pivotal discussions.

[Kellie Copeland, Executive Director of Abortion Forward](#) (formerly Pro-Choice Ohio) will discuss the battles being fought right now – both in our state and at the national level – and what's at stake for reproductive freedom in the months and years ahead.

*This event is free, but registration is required. Please [click here](#) to register.*

## Save the Date: Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Missouri Capitol



**When:** Wednesday, March 5

**Where:** Missouri State Capitol

NCJWSTL will be joining forces with our friends at Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their day at the Missouri Capitol. More information to come, but be sure and mark your calendars!

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

Protect Missouri's Libraries! Join the Right to Read Coalition by [clicking here](#).

For those who have already joined, thank you! Check our member list to see who supports us...and if you've already joined by [clicking here](#).



Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,000 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. The coalition opposes legislative, state policy or other efforts to restrict access to materials at public and school libraries.

Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community:

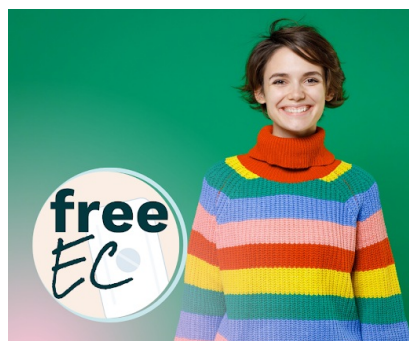
- Missouri ranked third nationally in 2023 for the number of books banned at school libraries.
- 60% of banned books in the U.S. include characters of color and discussed issues of race and racism or presented LGBTQ+ characters or themes.

Laws and policies enacted recently have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries. **We expect more censorship efforts in Missouri in 2025.**

Add your voice to thousands of Missourians to fight censorship and book bans!

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2025! 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 2025.

- **\$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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## Interesting Reading



With the stroke of a pen, efforts to create an equal playing field for all Americans irrespective of race and gender are being eliminated under the guise that they promote unfairness and incompetence.

There seems to be amnesia about whether this country has always provided and promoted equal access and equal opportunity to minorities and women in every aspect of American life.

Breaking news: the country has not.

[Click here](#) to read Janice Ellis's article from Missouri Independent, "Fear, Misguided Beliefs Fuel Backlash Against DEI and Black History."

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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