



NCJW Wants to Hear From You: Share How You are Impacted By the Budget

The budget passed by Congress and signed by the President is a moral failure that betrays our values and abandons the most vulnerable among us. Instead of helping the millions of families in need across the country, our leaders have stripped resources from those with the least and handed them to those with the most — one of the most harmful wealth transfers in history.

We Want to Hear From You:

Share How You are Impacted By the Budget

ncjw National Council of Jewish Women

This budget will have devastating consequences for those already struggling to make ends meet, especially women, children, and families.

We know that you, your family, your neighbors, and your community may rely on programs like Medicaid and federal food assistance gutted in the new budget. We want to hear from YOU about how your life and the lives of your loved ones are impacted. Please share your story with us.

Please [click here](#) to share your experience — and help NCJW shed light on the real people enduring the consequences of these harmful policies. Please note, you are welcome to remain anonymous.

Urge Congress to Support the Bipartisan Trafficking Survivors Relief Act

TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS RELIEF ACT

Survivors of human trafficking deserve support and resources — not unjust criminalization.

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A hopeful step to better assisting survivors through legal issues would be the passage of the Trafficking Survivors Relief Act, [HR 1379](#). Introduced by MO House Rep Ann Wagner to the US House and cosponsored by Representatives Ted Lieu and Robert Garcia, the bill seeks to provide federal criminal record relief related to non-violent offenses.

Survivors would be offered a legal defense if they were coerced into criminal activity. As of today, over 16 other reps signed on to co-sponsor the bill. The passage of a national bill addressing criminal records relief would be a

huge milestone towards the continued implementation of survivor-centered and trauma-informed policy.

Survivors typically face decades of legal issues after their ordeal. Criminal records will hinder them from access to everything from job opportunities to housing. Records relief will change the lives of survivors and help them continue to thrive on their journey of healing.

Please [click here](#) to urge your members of Congress to support HR 1379.

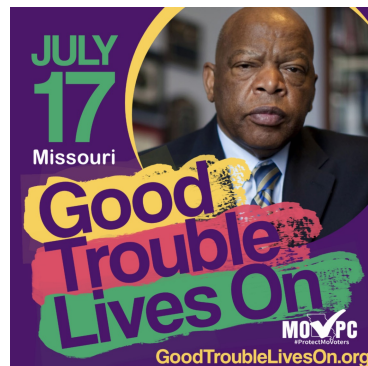
THIS WEEK! John Lewis Day of Action - Good Trouble Lives On

When: Thursday, July 17 | 5:15 - 7:15 PM

Where: Old Courthouse STL

[RSVP Here](#)

On July 17, Missouri advocates will join with others nationwide to honor the anniversary of the passing of civil rights hero John Lewis. Across the country, we will take to the streets, courthouses, and community spaces to carry forward his fight for justice, voting rights, and dignity for all.



[Good Trouble Lives On](#) is a national day of nonviolent action to respond to the attacks posed on our civil and human rights and to remind politicians that in America, the power lies with the people.

From voter suppression bills like the SAVE Act to the criminalization of protest, the politicians are launching a full-scale attack on our civil and human rights. But we know the truth: in America, the power lies with the people, and we're rising to prove it.

This is more than a protest; it's a moral reckoning. A continuation of the movement Lewis helped lead, and a new front in the struggle for freedom.

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

Tornado Relief Efforts Continue



The St. Louis Public School District was heavily affected by the devastating tornado that hit some of the most vulnerable areas of our community; several school buildings have been closed due to damage, and many families have been displaced or are still living without electricity and other basic needs.

☐ We are collaborating with the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation to support the families of SLPS! Please join us in collecting supplies for students and families. ☐

Please join us in purchasing supplies for students and families. We are seeking donations of NEW items only:

1 - From our **Amazon Wish List**, have the supplies sent to our address at 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141.

2 - Contribute a **monetary donation** or mail a check to the address above, and we will purchase what is needed.

If you have questions, please reach out to Renée Sigel-Hearst, Director of Community Impact, at **rsigel-hearst@ncjwstl.org**.

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**.

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 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.

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

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Join the A-list [here](#).



Interesting Reading



The Brennan Center's 2025 survey of local election officials finds that a majority of election officials are concerned about recent federal cutbacks to election support, including election security programs. Eighty-seven percent of respondents said it was important for state and local governments to help fill the void these cuts have created. Also high on the list of officials' concerns are potential efforts to interfere in their ability

to run elections, including through politically motivated investigations.

[Click here](#) to read Ruby Edlin and Lawrence Norden's article from the Brennan Center for Justice, "Survey Finds Election Officials Want More Support Amid Federal Cutbacks and Ongoing Threats."

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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Transform Our Community**

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