



**ADVOCACY
IN ACTION**
ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

The 2026 Missouri Legislative Session has begun. 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 Congress to Stop ICE's Attacks on Our Communities

An ICE agent killed Renee Nicole Good, a 37-year-old Minneapolis mother, shooting her three times in the head through her car window. This is a reckless, horrific shooting that should have never happened.

This recent killing is not an isolated incident, but the devastating and predictable result of ICE's lawless operations and abuse of power. For months now, communities in Chicago, Charlotte, Los Angeles, and beyond have watched in horror as federal agents have arrested U.S. citizens, dragged children from their beds in the middle of the night, and smashed car windows during immigration raids.

We can't wait around while ICE harms more people.

Please [click here](#) to urge Congress to put an end to these reckless immigration raids, and oppose any bill that would add to ICE's already massive budget.



Have You Ever Considered Running For Office?

When: Friday, January 30 and Saturday, January 31

Where: Lindenwood University Spellman Center

[Register Here](#)

Rise and Run is an empowering, practical nonpartisan training for women who want to make change through public service, whether you're ready to run for office, considering it and want to learn more, or hoping to support someone else's campaign. You'll get a clear look at what it really takes to launch and run a successful campaign, along with concrete tools and guidance you can use right away.

This training is a great fit for all women who want to get more politically engaged. Wherever you are in the process, Rise and Run will help you take the next step with confidence.

RISE & RUN
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YOU'VE GOT TO GET INTO THE "ROOM
WHERE IT HAPPENS."
FIND OUT HOW TO RUN FOR OFFICE &
TAKE A SEAT AT THE TABLE.



January 30-31, 2026
Lindenwood University
Spellmann Center



[Click here](#) to register. The first 50 registrations are free. Coupon code for comped registration is **RISEANDRUN26**. For more information, please contact Dr. Barbara Hosto-Marti at bhosto-marti@lindenwood.edu.

Save the Date: Repro Shabbat 2026!



Reproductive freedom is a Jewish value, and we're going to celebrate it!

NCJWSTL is excited to once again partner with local synagogues for our annual Shabbat celebration that honors the Jewish value of reproductive freedom. It takes place annually on *Parshat Mishpatim*, the reading of which contains the verses commonly referenced as the foundation of Judaism's approach to reproductive health, rights and justice.

Please [click here](#) for more information. If you would like your congregation to participate, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org and she will be happy to reach out to them.

Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



We're beginning to organize around a critical issue: **protecting abortion rights in Missouri**. You may have heard that the Missouri Legislature is bringing abortion rights back to the ballot under the same name, **Amendment 3**. We anticipate a strong misinformation campaign from the opposition, and we need to be strategic in order to fight it. Although the new measure likely won't appear on the ballot until August or November 2026, [now is the time to act](#).

We are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock on doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots. If you're interested in getting involved, please [click here](#) to sign up. **It's going to take all of us.**

For any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

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

Protect the First Amendment! Join the Right to Read Coalition

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

Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,200 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. NCJWSTL is a founding coalition member.

- Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community.
- Missouri laws and policies have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries.
- President Trump's Executive Order threatens to eliminate \$3 million of Federal funds for Missouri's libraries.



Get the latest information at [MO Right to Read – Supporting Missouri's Libraries](#).

Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!



NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with Beacon Reproductive Health Network 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, Beacon Reproductive Health Network, 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.

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 2026! 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 2026.

- **\$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.

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

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



Interesting Reading



In 2015, the Planned Parenthood clinic in Columbia reached out to every OBGYN in Missouri with a request. Would any of the doctors be willing to help provide abortion services?

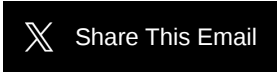
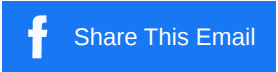
The responses were similar, said Emily Wales, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Great Plains, which operates the Columbia location.

“Could this affect my practice?” the physicians asked. “Could this put me at risk?”

[Click here](#) to read Anne Spoerre and Kevin Hardy's article from the Missouri Independent, "Abortion Trial Details How Laws Drove Providers From Missouri Planned Parenthood Clinics."

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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