



# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

**The 2026 Missouri Legislature is in session.** 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.*

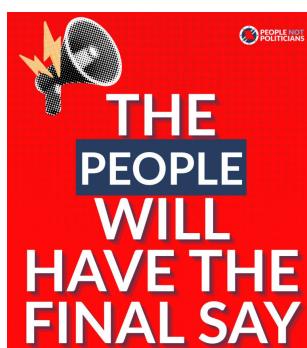
## Tell Hoskins and Hanaway to follow the MO Constitution

The Missouri Constitution clearly states "any measure referred to the people shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise." (Article III 52(b))

When Missourians submitted 305,968 signatures to the Missouri Secretary of State to put HB1, politicians' gerrymandered map, to a vote of the people, the map should immediately be paused and not go into effect.

But Missouri Secretary of State Denny Hoskins and Missouri Attorney General Catherine Hanaway don't like following the Missouri Constitution. Unelected AG Hanaway claims the map has gone into effect, and SOS Hoskins has gone along with her claim that the map went into effect on Thursday, December 11, 2025.

Missourians' voices must be heard. [Click here](#) to add your name to the petition below urging Hoskins and Hanaway to follow the Missouri Constitution and listen to the will of the people.



## Tell Congress: Pass the Women's Health Protection Act



Ever since the Supreme Court struck down *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, our freedoms have been endangered by a nationwide patchwork of restrictive policies that impede abortion access and disproportionately harm already impacted communities. The ability to exercise bodily autonomy and receive essential health care should not depend on one's zip code or income.

[The Women's Health Protection Act \(WHPA\)](#) would restore the nationwide right to abortion throughout the United States. Right now, one in three women of reproductive age in the US live in a state with an abortion ban. We urgently need federal protections to safeguard both patients and providers receiving and delivering this critical care, and WHPA provides this solution.

[Click here](#) to contact your lawmakers and urge them to support the Women's Health Protection Act today to restore and protect our reproductive freedom.

## 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.

[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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.\*\*](#)

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

## Interesting Reading



A Court of Appeals panel has ruled that one of three Jewish women suing the state has standing — the right — to challenge Kentucky's abortion ban.

Chief Judge Larry E. Thompson and judges Susanne M. Cetrulo and Jeff S. Taylor all agreed on Friday: two of the three women — Lisa Sobel and Sarah Baron — don't have standing, while the third, Jessica Kalb, does.

[\*\*Click here to read Sarah Ladd's article from the Kentucky Lantern, "Jewish Woman's Challenge of Kentucky's Abortion Ban Gets Green Light From Appeals Court."\*\*](#)

**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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