

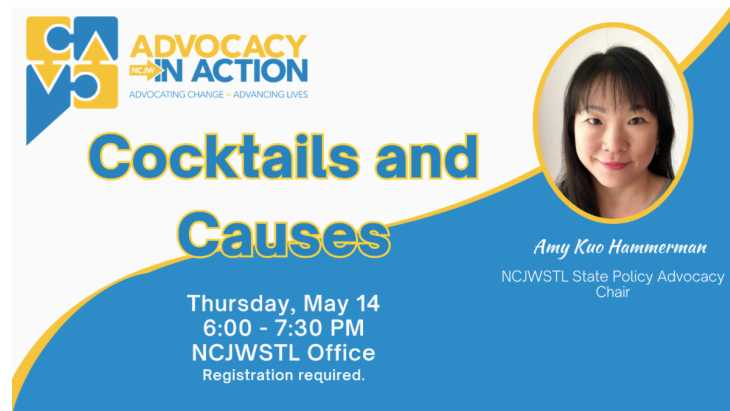


**ADVOCACY
IN ACTION**
ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

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.

May Cocktails and Causes: What Happening in Jeff City?



When: Thursday, May 14 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Where: NCJWSTL Office | 311 North Lindbergh Blvd.

[Register Here](#)

Join us for our next Cocktails and Causes for a timely look at the 2026 Missouri legislative session, just as it comes to a close. We'll break down what's happening in Jefferson City and what it means for our community.

Hear from NCJWSTL State Policy Advocate Amy Kuo Hammerman, who will share insider insight on key legislation, major developments, and where things stand as lawmakers head toward the May 15 adjournment. In a relaxed, conversational setting, she'll help cut through the noise and make sense of the policies shaping our state.

Whether you've been following along or are just looking to stay informed, this is a great opportunity to get up to speed, ask questions, and connect with fellow advocates.

Come for the cocktails and appetizers, stay for the conversation, and leave empowered, energized and ready to take action.

Take Action: Demand Equal Pay!

Despite passage of the landmark [1963 Equal Pay Act](#), women today earn only 81 cents for every dollar earned by men — and the gap is much wider for women of color, earning only 65 cents.

[The Paycheck Fairness Act](#) would deter wage discrimination by updating and strengthening the Equal Pay Act. This critical legislation would provide tools and protections for women to dispute pay discrimination in the workplace, strengthen anti-retaliation protections, require better data reporting, and help facilitate legal recourse for victims of discrimination.



With rising inflation and intense economic strain on families, passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act is critical to closing the wage gap and advancing economic justice.

[Click here](#) to urge your members of Congress to cosponsor and support the Paycheck Fairness Act today.

Let Us Vote: Rally Outside the MO Supreme Court



When: Tuesday, May 12 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Missouri Supreme Court

[Register Here](#)

Missourians did what the law requires. We organized, gathered signatures, and exercised our constitutional right to a referendum by turning in 305,000+ signatures in December 2025. Since then, politicians have continued to push forward this gerrymandered map as if the people have no power.

On May 12th, as [Maggard v. State of Missouri](#) is heard before the Missouri Supreme Court, we're coming together to show just how much this moment matters.

We need to show up, stand together, and make it clear that Missourians are paying attention and know our constitutional right to a fair path to the ballot.

Please [click here](#) to register for the rally. If you are interested in carpooling with NCJWSTL, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

Become a Court Watch Volunteer!

We are excited to announce that NCJWSTL is now coordinating the Domestic Violence (DV) Court Watch Program. Court Watch is a volunteer-powered initiative designed to bring transparency, accountability, and humanity to domestic violence and Order of Protection cases in St. Louis. This is an opportunity for individuals seeking to make a measurable difference in the lives of survivors of domestic violence and strengthen accountability in our justice system. No legal background is required. NCJWSTL will provide comprehensive training and ongoing support to all participants.



Are you interested in learning more? Watch for information regarding future trainings and volunteer registrations. For more information about Court Watch, please contact Rachel Bray, NCJWSTL Advocacy Manager, at rbray@ncjwstl.org or call [314-514-4955](tel:314-514-4955).

Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



As we persevere in our commitment to protect abortion rights in Missouri, we are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots.

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.

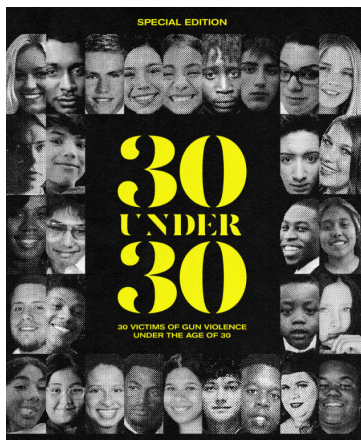
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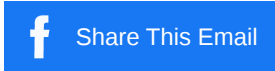
Every year, the world celebrates “30 Under 30” lists — celebrating youth success, wealth, and influence. But in a nation where gun violence is now the leading cause of death for young people, far too many never get the chance to reach thirty at all.

March For Our Lives worked with Change the Ref to create 30 Under 30 to honor them — thirty young lives lost to gun violence, remembered not as victims, but as vibrant individuals whose stories deserve to be seen and felt.

[Click here](#) to read the digital magazine edition of "The 30 Under 30 That Shouldn't Exist."

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!

Donate to Support NCJWSTL & Transform Our Community



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