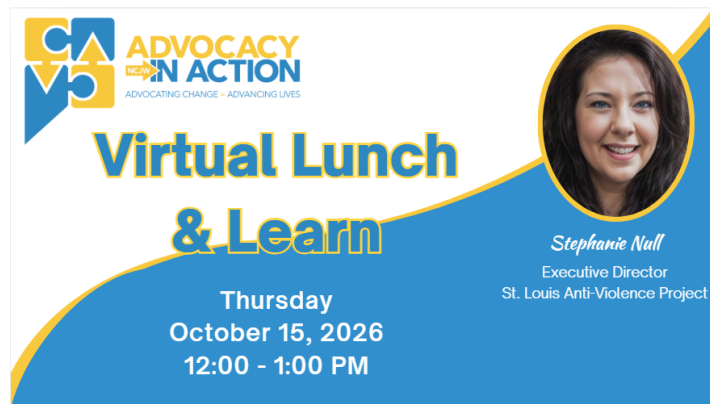




**ADVOCACY
IN ACTION**
ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

NCJWSTL has NO on Amendment 3 yard signs ready for pickup! Swing by the office during business hours and get yours to boost visibility right away.

October Lunch and Learn: Relational Violence Within and to LGBTQ+ Community with Stephanie Null



When: Thursday, October 15 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Where: Zoom

[Register Here](#)

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The LGBTQ+ community is often overlooked in domestic violence awareness, even though many LGBTQ+ survivors face high rates of abuse and significant barriers to support. When their experiences are left out of the conversation, it reinforces stigma and leaves critical gaps in safety, resources, and visibility. Centering LGBTQ+ voices is essential to creating a truly inclusive response to domestic violence.

For our October Virtual Lunch and Learn, NCJWSTL is thrilled to welcome Stephanie Null, Executive Director of the [St. Louis Anti-Violence Project](#). The St. Louis Anti-Violence Project is dedicated to increasing awareness of relational violence to and within LGBTQ+ communities. The organization does this through education, advocacy, and outreach.

Please [click here](#) to register for the NCJWSTL Advocacy Series October Lunch & Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call [314.514.4974](tel:314.514.4974).

**THIS WEEK! Voter. Voting. Voted! Preparing for the
2026 Elections in the US and Israel**



When: Wednesday, September 16 | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Zoom

[Register Here](#)

With consequential elections on the horizon in both the United States and Israel, the stakes for gender equity, women's rights, and democracy are higher than ever. In the United States, discriminatory voter ID laws and other attacks on voting rights continue to disproportionately impact women and other marginalized groups. In Israel, women remain vastly underrepresented in the Knesset while proposed legislation threatens to deepen gender segregation and roll back decades of progress for women's rights.

Join Yael Yechieli, Founder and CEO of the 5050 Initiative; Celina Stewart, League of Women Voters CEO; Jody Rabhan, NCJW CEO; and Kalela Lancaster, NCJW Israel Director; for a critical conversation on the elections in both countries. Together, they will examine what's at stake in these elections for democracy, gender equity, and women's political participation in both countries.

Please [click here](#) to register for this important event.

Statewide Phonebank - Talk to Voters About Voting NO on Prop A



When: Thursdays (ongoing) | 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Where: Zoom

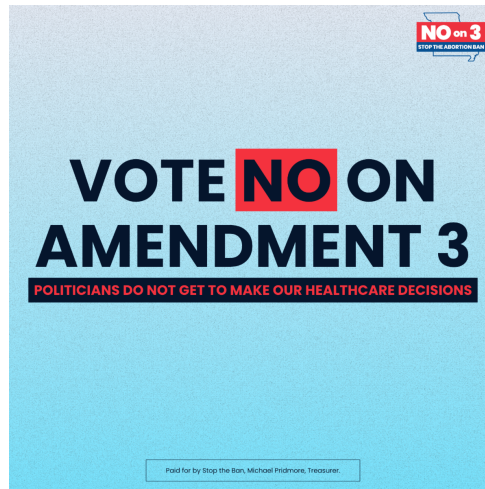
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We're supposed to choose our representatives, but [Proposition A](#) takes away Missouri voters' power and lets politicians choose their voters to guarantee their own re-elections. **Missouri voters will have the final say on politicians' power grab.**

Join People Not Politicians Missouri for a phone banking shift to help educate Missouri voters about the referendum process and ensure community members have the information they need.

No prior phone banking experience is required. Volunteers will receive training before making calls. You'll phone bank with support from the team, talk with voters, and help share accurate information about the referendum.

Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



We're organizing 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 will appear on the ballot on November 3, 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 over 1,200 individuals and 103 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



As children around the country return to the classroom for a back-to-school season that typically runs between late July and early September, public health officials are helping families navigate how best to prepare for the surge of back-to-school illnesses. But they're doing so while countering misinformation from the Trump administration about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines, which medical groups worry is contributing to declining vaccination rates among school-aged children.

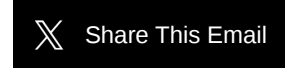
[Click here](#) to read Barbara Rodriguez's article from *The 19th*, "Kids are Back in Classrooms. Health Misinformation Could Shape the School Year."

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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