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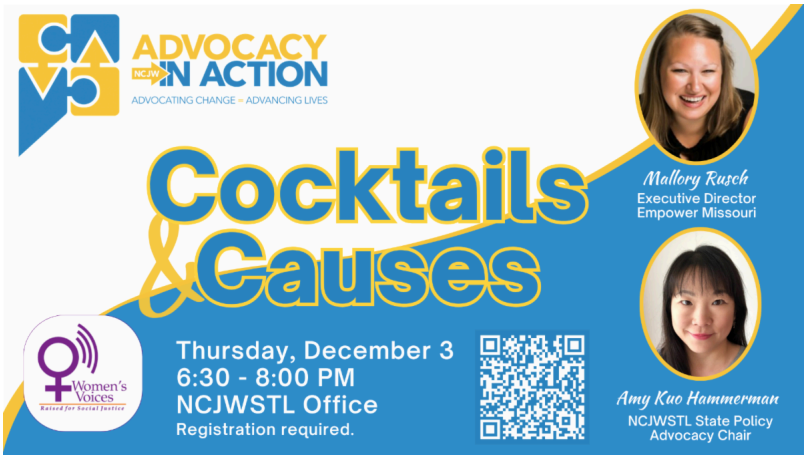
December Cocktails and Causes: Join us for a 2027 Missouri Legislative Session Preview



When: Thursday, December 3 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Where: NCJWSTL | 311 N. Lindbergh Blvd.
Register Here

The 2027 Missouri Legislative Session is right around the corner, and there's a lot to talk about. Join NCJWSTL and Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice for a preview of what's ahead in Jefferson City.

Mallory Rusch, Executive Director of Empower Missouri and Amy Hammerman, NCJWSTL State Policy Advocate will discuss the bills likely to make headlines, the issues that could affect our communities, and how you can make their voices heard when it matters most.

This is your chance to get a jump on the session before it begins and leave with a better sense of what's at stake and how you can get involved. Whether you're a longtime policy watcher or new to legislative advocacy, you'll come away informed, energized, and ready to take action.

Light refreshments will be served, and plenty of time will be set aside for questions and conversation with Mallory and Amy.

*Please **click here** to RSVP. This event is free of charge, but you must register in advance.*

Save the Date - Repro Shabbat 2027!

REPRO SHABBAT

February 5-6, 2027

National Council of Jewish Women

Mark your calendars! National Council of Jewish Women invites you to join our annual Shabbat celebration honoring the Jewish value of reproductive freedom on February 5th and 6th, 2027.

Repro Shabbat is an annual Shabbat celebration that honors the Jewish value of reproductive freedom. It takes place annually on *Parshat Mishpatim*, which contains the verses commonly referenced as the foundation of Judaism's approach to reproductive health, rights, and justice. Individuals and communities across the world gather to celebrate Repro Shabbat and the Jewish traditions it honors. Participation can take many forms, from a private study or hosting a Shabbat dinner to participating in a communal event. However you choose to celebrate, we have resources to support you.

*Please **click here** for more information about Repro Shabbat.*

Sign the Pledge and Take Action Against Hunger



Right now, millions of Americans are facing hunger, and the crisis is growing.

Children. Seniors. Veterans. People with disabilities. Working families. Our neighbors are making impossible choices every day between buying groceries, paying rent, filling prescriptions, or keeping the lights on. No one should have to wonder where their next meal will come from.

Yet across our communities, too many people are struggling to access the nutritious food they need to live healthy, productive lives. Hunger affects every corner of our country, impacting physical health, educational outcomes, economic stability, and overall well-being.

Join the movement to end hunger and support those in need. Together, we can create a future where no one in America goes hungry.

*Please **click here** to add your name today and be part of the change.*

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



An anti-abortion operative is moving up the ranks at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Natalie Dodson, a contributor to Project 2025, was promoted in October to counselor in the Immediate Office of the Secretary, according to her LinkedIn profile. That means she is in a position to advise Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. directly on programs and policy.

Click here *to read Garnet Henderson's article from Autonomy News, "RFK Promotes Activist Who Called Mifepristone 'High-Risk' as FDA Weighs Restrictions."*

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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