

# OLDER ADULT ISSUES

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST. LOUIS



**1 in 5** seniors struggle with hunger.



It is **5x** more expensive to live in a nursing home than your own home.



There are **2x** as many 85+ year-old citizens as there were ten years ago.

## WHAT TO DO

### CALL YOUR REPS

Tell your state legislators that you support Missouri Medicaid expansion.

### VOLUNTEER AT THE CROWN CENTER

The Crown Center is a senior living community launched by NCJW STL in 1967.

Sources: AARP, Seniors Count STL

## NCJW STL BELIVES IN...

### EXPANDING MEDICAID IN MISSOURI.

Medicaid (MO HealthNet) covers almost 10% of all seniors over age 65 in Missouri. Although most people enrolled in Medicaid are families and children, the majority of expenditures pay for services to aged, blind, and disabled Missourians. Seniors fall into these categories en masse, and need the supports and services provided by Medicaid that aren't available elsewhere. Expanding Medicaid would allow more seniors to qualify for much needed medical care.

### INCREASING FUNDING FOR SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

Seniors often rely on programs and services. For example, the Home Delivered Meals program delivers a nutritionally-balanced meal to individuals 60 years of age or older who are not able to leave their homes. This program is kept running by state funding, federal funding, client contributions, and donations. Cutting funding for programs like these leaves individuals 60 years or older without food or the ability to get food. At NCJW STL, we believe that maintaining or increasing funding from government entities for programs and services that support seniors is crucial.

### PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY.

As nation-wide discussions take place about the privatization of social security, NCJW STL stands firm in our belief that Social Security should be kept a federally-run and administered program. Privatizing Social Security would have devastating and unjust consequences for people who have already made lasting contributions to this country's economic well-being.

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