

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST. LOUIS

By the numbers....



56% of youths say they did not receive information about any form of birth control from sex-ed or from their parents.

There has been a **900%** increase in people seeking IUDs since Trump was elected.



#1 St. Louis has the highest rate of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) per capita of any independent city or county in the U.S.



30% of women will have an abortion in their lifetime.

<99% of people who have abortions experience absolutely no complications.

WHAT TO DO

SUPPORT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood provides STI testing, comprehensive sex-ed, cancer screening, and is the sole provider of abortions in Missouri. Donate, volunteer, show up to protests. Get involved!

CALL YOUR REPS

Contact your local representatives and tell them that you support the right to choose.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Work to ensure comprehensive, evidence-based, inclusive sexual health education in your local district.

Sources: Planned Parenthood
Resource List: <http://www.prochoicemissouri.org/about-us/resources.shtml>

NCJW STL BELIEVES IN...

THE SEPARATION OF RELIGION AND STATE.

The religious beliefs of some should not dictate public policy for all.

KEEPING ABORTION SAFE, LEGAL, AND ACCESSIBLE.

Access to abortion has been eroded by legislation both locally and nationally, often targeting low-income people. For example, the Hyde Amendment prohibits Medicaid from paying for abortion services except in cases of rape, incest, or severe danger to life; these measures make it difficult for low-income people to choose to end a pregnancy. Similar amendments have cut off abortion coverage for the military, federal workers, and inmates in federal prisons.

COMPREHENSIVE SEX-ED.

NCJW STL supports comprehensive and medically accurate sex education and supports the elimination of federal funding for misleading abstinence-only programs. We also fight to end sex education that prioritizes straightness as standard, and support LGBTQ+ inclusive curricula.

IN MISSOURI...

WE HAVE SOME OF THE HARSHTEST RESTRICTIONS ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACCESSIBILITY.

Missouri has some of the nation's most restrictive reproductive health policies, including state-directed counseling discouraging abortion, a 72-hour waiting period, parental consent for minors, and no insurance coverage for abortion services except in life-threatening situations. Missouri requires abortion providers to have admitting privileges at local hospitals and to physically upgrade their facilities to meet the standards of ambulatory surgical centers – provisions found unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court.

THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE YOU CAN HAVE AN ABORTION.

The Planned Parenthood-Central West End in St. Louis is the *only* place in Missouri that provides abortion services. Because of the required 72-hour waiting period, people traveling to St. Louis to have an abortion are often forced to take at least 3 days off from work and find housing. These unreasonable impositions adversely affect low-income and rural women.

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