



# Monday *MONITOR*

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR...AND WELCOME BACK!**

For those of you who are new to the legislature, or new to this publication, the Monday *MONITOR* is a weekly publication of the Planned Parenthood affiliates in Missouri. The goal of the Monday *MONITOR* is to keep you updated on the status of state legislation we are monitoring – both bills that would restrict access to health services and information as well as those that promote good public policy on these issues. We will also share information about what is happening at the federal level and in the courts. We distribute the *MONITOR* to all elected officials in Jefferson City – House, Senate, and statewide – regardless of positions on choice, as well as to the Capitol press corps. In addition, we send this to our Congressional delegation, both US House and Senate so that they understand what is happening at the state level. We are providing contact information for our Public Affairs staff on the back of this edition of the *MONITOR*, but if you lose it you can always call Michelle at the number above.

## **A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WORTH KEEPING: PUT PREVENTION FIRST!!!**

Today, the opening day of session, Senator Joan Bray (D-24) and Representative Sara Lampe (D-138) will file the Prevention First Resolution. The resolution calls on the legislature to support greater access to truthful sex education and contraceptive services, including emergency contraception. And, Sen-elect Jolie Justus (D-10) and Rep-elect Mike Talbo (D-37) pre-filed companion Patient Protection bills to ensure pharmacies dispense birth control without discrimination or delay (**SB72 & HB156**)! *Stay tuned for more...*

## **IT'S BAAACK! SEX MIS-EDUCATION BILL RESUSCITATED (HB63)**

Despite the tremendous opposition she faced last year even from members of her own party, Representative Cynthia Davis (R-19) has re-filed the sex miseducation bill – **HB63**. Once again, Rep. Davis seeks to return sex education to failed and misleading abstinence-only programs and prohibit qualified, experienced health educators from teaching in public schools.

## **SEN.GROSS FILES FETAL ANESTHESIA BILL AS PARTING GESTURE (SB196)**

Sen. Chuck Gross (R-23), who has already announced his retirement from the Senate after this legislative session, filed **SB196** as a parting ideological shot across the bow [*SB196 is identical to SB56-2006*]. This bill would require the few women who present for a later term abortion be given scientifically unsubstantiated information about fetal development and would require the physician to administer fetal anesthesia or analgesia if she chooses – a procedure that could present increased health risks to the woman. Experts in fetal medicine are stunned that politicians would insert medically and scientifically unsubstantiated information in statute and potentially add risk to an otherwise safe medical procedure. A similar bill died in Congress.

## **ROE V. WADE: 34<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE STATE**

**St. Louis:** Thursday, January 18, 7:00—9:00pm. ‘How the Pro-Choice Movement Saved America’ author Cristina Page will keynote at Mad Art in Soulard. Call 314.531.7526 ext.334 for information and tickets.

**Springfield:** Monday, January 22, 7:00pm. ‘The Education of Shelby Knox’ movie at Moxie Cinema, 408 W Walnut, Springfield. For information and tickets, call 417.882.4668.

**Kansas City:** Tuesday, January 23, 5:30-7:00pm. ‘Trust Women: Looking Back and Moving Forward.’ Californos Restaurant, 4124 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO

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Michelle has been with Planned Parenthood for several years at both the affiliate and national levels. A social worker by training, Michelle has received extensive leadership training through the premier organizer training institute—the Midwest Academy—and the Gamaliel Foundation, a faith-based community organizing resource. Prior to joining Planned Parenthood, Michelle was active for several years in Metropolitan Communities United where she chaired the Legislative Strategy Committee.

Born and raised in St. Charles, Michelle has extensive knowledge of reproductive health issues, the legislative and electoral processes, and how to bring constituent voices into the heart of public policy discussions. *As Central States Regional Field Manager for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Michelle spearheaded Planned Parenthood's statewide GOTV effort in conservative South Dakota last fall that helped defeat the abortion ban ballot measure by a twelve-point margin.* Michelle will be working out of the Planned Parenthood office in Columbia and will be a full-time presence in the Capitol during the legislative session, exclusively representing the Planned Parenthood affiliates in Missouri.

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