



Moral Mondays IOWA Mission:

To highlight the moral progress at work in the Iowa legislature by discussing legislation that spans a range of progressive issues working for the advancement of Iowa values like equality, fairness, and justice.

Moral Mondays IOWA is a collaborative project designed to highlight the progress at work in the Iowa legislature. A coalition of over 25 progressive Iowa organizations, MMI proactively supports the moral good sought through policies that span a range of progressive issues and works for the advancement of Iowa values like equality, fairness, and justice.

Date: January 23, 2017 | Noon – 12:45 p.m.

Subject: Women’s Reproductive Healthcare: Standing together and fighting back

Speakers: Senator Janet Petersen (D–Des Moines)
Representative Beth Wessel-Kroeschell (D–Ames)
Erin Davison-Rippey, Director of Public Affairs, Planned Parenthood of the Heartland

Description: As unintended pregnancy rates reach a 30-year low across the country, Iowa is at the forefront of robust programs to give Iowans the ability to prevent unintended pregnancies. Planned Parenthood of the Heartland is a respected and key healthcare provider in family planning services in our state. Conservative legislators and advocacy groups have their sights set on defunding Planned Parenthood from these critical state dollars, which will severely impact access to important healthcare for low income women across the state—and will cost the state more in the end. This along with many other attacks on women’s access to reproductive healthcare will be the focus of MMI. Please join Senator Janet Petersen, Representative Beth Wessel-Kroeschell, and Erin Davison-Rippey for this important conversation.

MMI After-Session: Special Advocacy Training!

For the first three weeks of MMI, Connie Ryan (Interfaith Alliance of Iowa), Erin Davison-Rippey, and ally lobbyists will provide a brief legislative advocacy training. We will talk about the legislative process, effective advocacy tips, and answer any questions you may have. MMI attendees will be encouraged to take what they have learned on the topic of the day along with skills learned in the advocacy training and go directly to speak with key legislators. Plan to stay, learn, and take action!

Location: Room 304, Iowa Capitol *(From the ground floor, go past the cafeteria in the north hallway. Take the elevator at the far end of the hallway to the third floor behind the House Chambers.)*

Sponsoring Organizations:

AFSCME Iowa Council 61
American Association of University Women,
Iowa Branch
Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace
Every Child Counts
Family Planning Council of Iowa
Interfaith Alliance of Iowa Action Fund
Iowa Alliance for Retired Americans
Iowa Behavioral Health Association
Iowa Citizen Action Network

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
Iowa Conference of The United Methodist
Church Legislative Advocacy Team
Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Iowa Organization for Victim Assistance
Iowa Safe Schools
Iowa State Education Association
Iowa Unitarian Universalist Witness/
Advocacy Network
Iowans for Gun Safety

League of Women Voters of Iowa
Methodist Federation for Social Action
National Association of Social Workers,
Iowa Chapter
One Iowa
Planned Parenthood of the Heartland
Plymouth UCC Peace Committee (Des Moines)
Progress Iowa
Soaring Hearts Foundation
Walnut Hills United Methodist Church
Social Justice Committee

Please note: The listing of an organizational name does not infer support or opposition to any particular issue or bill but is simply an indicator of the organization’s support of the broader mission of the Moral Mondays IOWA coalition.

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