

Reproductive Freedom Day 2010: Breakout Sessions

Walk in My Shoes: Women's Voices Guide Our Path and Policy (Room 104)

Kim Robinson, Vanessa Hoffman and Vanessa Church, Women's Health Specialists

This workshop will use video, a board game based on real women's life events, and discussion to illustrate the barriers to reproductive health and justice in California and share insights, ideas and strategies for change. We will raise our consciousness about the condition and reality of women's everyday lives, share tips for working in politically conservative communities, and gain knowledge of the different obstacles women face in gaining control over their bodies and lives, including access to abortion, birth control, adoption and a variety of sexual health information and services.

Respect! (Room 201)

Janette Robinson-Flint and Julie Grigsby, Black Women for Wellness.

Participants will learn application of a social justice framework to reproductive health and rights, as well as the service challenges, racism and gender issues faced by Black women and girls in current models of reproductive health service delivery. Black Women for Wellness will share video highlights from their conference, *Respect: Inclusion with Integrity of African American Women* and offer insight into how social determinants of health influence decision making, access to health services, and health outcomes for African American and Black women and girls, especially those living in resource poor communities.

Youth Strategies to Improve Sexual Health (Room 205)

Maria Fuoco, Bandu Konneh, Kristina Richmond, Andrea Hader & Alexis Kelley, YWHLP

Join this workshop to hear from youth participating in the California Center for Civic Participation's Young Women's Health Leadership Program (YWHLP) team in Sacramento. The team will share their efforts to improve the health of young women in their high school, community and across the state. The workshop will demonstrate the importance and necessity of a youth voice in improving sexual and reproductive health, invite participants to share examples of youth-led efforts in their own community, and conclude with discussion and brainstorm on strategies to support and mobilize more youth in this movement.

Dignity for Pregnant Women in Prison (Ballroom – Room 202-203)

LeaJay Harper, Center for Young Women's Development and Women's Policy Institute Criminal Justice Team; Karen Shain, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

Did you know that California has the third largest population of incarcerated women in the country? Learn more about the prison system in California, the issues facing incarcerated women, and specific concerns for women who are pregnant. You will hear about current and past advocacy to pass legislation that would improve treatment of pregnant women in the criminal justice system by limiting the use of restraints and the practice of shackling during labor, delivery and transport throughout pregnancy. This year's Women's Policy Institute Criminal Justice team will provide opportunities for you to get involved in efforts to pass AB 1900 (Skinner).

Pesticide Poisoning and the Intersection of Environmental & Reproductive Justice (Ballroom – Room 202-203)

Tam Nguyen, Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice; Juana Rosa Cavero, Women's Policy Institute EJ/RJ Team

What does it mean to work at the intersection of Environmental Justice and Reproductive Justice? Participants in this roundtable will gain a better understanding of environmental and reproductive justice concepts and learn about successful policy efforts on EJ/RJ issues. The Women's Policy Institute's EJ/RJ Team will introduce you to AB 1963 (Nava), which will strengthen current law to ensure that farmworkers in California are tested and protected from overexposure to pesticide contamination. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in activities in support AB 1963 and to discuss strategies for advocating on EJ/RJ issues.

Crisis Pregnancy Centers (Ballroom – Room 202-203)

Alexa Cole and Dani Moulia, NARAL Pro-Choice California; Lupe Rodriguez, ACCESS

"Free pregnancy testing and advice on all pregnancy options!" That is how many so-called Crisis Pregnancy Centers (a.k.a. Community Pregnancy Centers or Pregnancy Resource Centers) advertise their services to young women all over California. In reality, most CPCs are unlicensed and unregulated anti-abortion organizations simply posing as comprehensive reproductive healthcare clinics. CPCs target women with unplanned pregnancies and use misinformation and deception to dissuade them from considering abortion or contraception. In this roundtable discussion you will learn how to recognize a CPC in your area, find out about opportunities to help expose them, and hear real women's stories about visiting CPCs in California.