

MEDICAL STUDENTS FOR CHOICE

Legal Restrictions to Abortion Access in the U.S.

EVENT PLANNING GUIDE

One of the greatest tools that you have at your disposal is your status as a medical student and future physician. This position gives your voice weight in the political dialogue, so it's important for you to know what's going on and where you can express your opinions. Use these resources to plan an educational event on current reproductive health legislation in your state or country. Follow your presentation or discussion with concrete advocacy steps. Email students@msfc.org for more information and resources.

Event Ideas:

- Invite a speaker or lead a presentation on the current state of reproductive health legislation in your state or country, or on legislation historically. Contact students@msfc.org for speakers or look through the [Lawyering for Reproductive Justice Speaker Directory](#).
- Lead a discussion on the implications of current legislation on patients and physicians.

Presentations/Video Lectures:

- Restricting Abortion Access: Overview of Abortion Laws in the U.S. ([Presentation](#))
- [Waiting Periods Explained](#) (Video)
- [TRAP Laws Explained](#)
- Abortion in the US after Legalization ([Presentation](#))

Educational Resources:

- [Guttmacher Evidence You Can Use Policy Fact Sheets](#)
- [Guttmacher State Policies on Abortion in U.S.](#)
- [Who Decides? Status of Women's Reproductive Rights in the U.S.](#)

Useful Websites:

- [ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project](#)
- [Center for Reproductive Rights](#)
- [NARAL](#)
- [All Above All – Pro-choice Action Network](#)

A month prior to the event...

- Choose a date that works with your school schedule and with the schedule of a faculty member, practitioner, resident or experienced medical student who can lead the event.
- Reserve a room.
- Advertise!

After the event...

- Follow up with MSFC by sending photos, a testimonial, or a short write-up to students@msfc.org!