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Abstract

West Virginia Focus: Reproductive Education and Equality, commonly known as WV FREE, is an organization based in Charlestown, West Virginia that advocates for reproductive health access and education in West Virginia. Prominent subject matters include reproductive rights and contraceptive access in West Virginia between 1993 and 2010.

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Biographical / Historical

West Virginia Focus: Reproductive Education and Equality, commonly known as WV FREE, is an organization based in Charlestown, West Virginia that advocates for reproductive health access and education in West Virginia. Formed in 1989 in response to increasing threats to reproductive healthcare and abortion access under former President George H.W. Bush's administration, one of WV FREE's earliest activities involved the establishment of a fund to support women getting abortions after a period of uncertainty about Medicaid funding abortions in West Virginia. This resulted in the Choice Fund in 1993, which still exists as of 2022.

The organization was, and continues to be, focused on combating legislative threats to abortion access in West Virginia through the use of grassroots activism and lobbyists. Some actions taken by WV FREE include: hiring lobbyists for legislative sessions to combat anti-reproductive healthcare legislation, organizing Student for Choice groups at high schools and colleges throughout West Virginia, hosting conferences to educate high schoolers about teen pregnancy, hosting annual Roe v. Wade commemoration and gala fundraisers, hosting the Back Up Your Birth Control Campaign, and participating in national protests supporting reproductive rights.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains materials collected or created by WV FREE between 1993 and 2010. Prominent subject matters include reproductive rights and contraceptive access in West Virginia. The collections mostly consists of newspaper clippings and newsletters.

Keywords

Abortions

Nonprofit organizations

Reproductive rights

West Virginia Feminist Activist and Women's History Collection

Women's rights

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Description of Subordinate Components

Abortion Rights

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Abortion Rights

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Breastfeeding

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Choice Fund

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March for Women's Lives in Washington, D.C.

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Victories and Accomplishments

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