It's an exciting time for our organization. We continue to grow in our statewide membership, continue to diversify our geographic reach throughout Colorado, and continue to expand our mission of increasing abortion access with the Women's Freedom Fund. At the same time, we face new challenges in a Trump Administration that is overtly hostile to abortion rights, has declared its intent to overturn Roe, and is increasing its attacks on access to care in Colorado. **We are seeing the most serious and immediate threat to Roe v. Wade now - as our national president, Ilyse Hogue, says, "This is not a drill." If we don’t act to protect abortion rights now, we could lose them.**

We hope you will view this newsletter as way to stay informed about what we’re doing - and a way to engage with us and bring some pro-choice allies with you. Because powerful, engaged activism matters now more than ever.

Karen Middleton, Executive Director NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado
NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado moved into a bright new office space in March of 2018 in Southeast Denver. We dedicated two of the community spaces to ardent supporters Dr. Warren Hern as well as Melissa Johnsen and Rob Noel at the Open House in July. Flush with interns, room to grow, meeting space to share, and a fresh start, NARAL was made for moments like these and are we are ready to rumble.

Upcoming Events

APRIL 13, 2019
NARAL Gala & Auction at the Hilton Denver City Center. If you are interested in getting involved in the planning process, please let us know.

AUGUST 23, 2018
Boulder Women’s Leadership Council Luncheon at the Embassy Suites on Canyon Blvd. featuring a prestigious panel of presenters and an opportunity for stigma-busting storytelling.

AUGUST 26, 2018
Day of Action:
We’re building a movement to fight Donald Trump’s Supreme Court nominee in all 50 states to demand that our representatives in Washington MUST act now to protect our most fundamental rights and freedoms. Roe v. Wade, voting rights, workers’ rights, LGBTQ rights, immigrant rights, environmental rights and much more are all in danger by this Supreme Court nominee. With so much at stake, we cannot back down. Are you in?

Women’s Freedom Fund

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Regional Roundup

NARAL’s team of Regional Organizers are active statewide engaging our supporters and developing new members. Kristen Van Norman leads the efforts from Buena Vista covering Salida, Crested Butte and Gunnison. Kiera Hatton Sena is based in Pueblo and Amanda Carlson leads the efforts in Jefferson County. All of them are active in their respective communities, establishing partnerships and engaging our pro-choice population! If you live in any of the above mentioned areas, let us get you connected! info@prochoicecolorado.org.

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2018 Gala & Auction Summary
Thank you to everyone who made the 2018 Gala & Auction a success. Over 700 people came to the Hilton Denver City Center and helped raise more than $166,000 for NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado. Nevertheless, We Persist Awards went to Faith Winter, Holly Tarry, and Cassie Tanner for their bravery at the Capitol, and their persistence in the fight for bodily autonomy. Together with our community partners, we continue to Persist and Resist in an ever-changing political and social climate. Thank you for being a part of this movement.

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Growing Support in Boulder Valley
In August, NARAL will host a Boulder Women’s Leadership Council Luncheon featuring a panel of three generations of women sharing their personal stories regarding reproductive rights. We are building towards a Boulder Valley Regional Council of community leaders who can continue the fight.

Regional Liaison Lara Lee Hullinghorst has been instrumental in gathering interest and support for NARAL throughout the Boulder Valley in 2018. Multiple people have offered to host informational “Wine, Cheese, and Choice” gatherings in their home, featuring guest speakers, or a summary of the issues and calls to action.

Protect Reproductive Freedom Forever with a Choice Guardians Legacy Gift
• The easiest way is to add NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado as a beneficiary on your retirement accounts.
• A stock gift is a powerful way to make an impact and avoid capital gains.
• Your estate planning attorney can help you add NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado to your will.
• Our Tax ID is #84-6050191.
• Stay tuned in 2019 for an announcement about our Endowment.
• If you already have NARAL in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can thank you!
• Please contact jaime@prochoicecolorado.org if you have any questions.

Medical Advisory Committee
The Medical Advisory Committee is made up of healthcare professionals who contribute their expertise and perspective to protect and defend reproductive rights in Colorado. Members of the Medical Advisory Committee are encouraged to raise their voices and share their concerns regarding NARAL’s advocacy work, especially as it directly applies to abortion providers, their practices and their patients. Members are also invited to participate in legislative outreach and direct-action opportunities (like testifying on a bill in committee), and to attend special events to further the cause. If you are a medical provider interested in learning more about NARAL’s Medical Advisory Committee, please contact kmiddleton@prochoicecolorado.org. Thank you!
Membership Growth is Powerful

NARAL membership has grown from 12,000 in 2013 to more than 56,000 in 2018. These are the informed voters who can impact the outcome of an election. The more people we reach, the more powerful we are together! Take action, spread the word, and help NARAL continue to build our membership.


Take Action Now

- **Give** - Every dollar makes a difference: https://prochoicecolorado.org/donate/
- **Spread the word** - Encourage others to become Members of NARAL: http://bit.ly/naralco
- **Volunteer!** https://prochoicecolorado.org/get-involved/volunteer/ or contact amanda@prochoicecolorado.org to get involved right away
- **Become a Community Advocate** and host an event in your area
- **Write Letters to the Editor** - NARAL can provide support and guidance
- **Call your elected officials**

**VOTE THIS FALL!**

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Legislative Update

Reproductive freedom faces unprecedented threats from the federal level. From President Trump’s dangerous policies out of Health and Human Services, to the dangerous precedent set by NIFLA v. Becerra and the very real possibility of an anti-Roe Supreme Court that will last for the next 50 years, it has never been more important to stand for reproductive freedom. In the legislative session of 2018, NARAL led the fight for the most progressive and pro-choice policy ever attempted, the “Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice Act.” Sponsored by Representative Daneya Esgar and supported in partnership with our Reproductive Justice sisters at the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR), HB18-1458 not only would have protected Colorado reproductive freedom from federal overreach, but it included provisions that would have expanded access to insurance coverage for abortion for all of Colorado. Including those in the most often dismissed communities. While HB 18-1438 was postponed indefinitely, the conversations it started will help continue the momentum towards true inclusion for all pregnant people in Colorado.

Supreme Court Decision on NIFLA v. Becerra and What It Means to Us

Fake clinics are the organizing front of the anti-choice movement. They set up nearby (or even directly across the street) from real medical providers, offering pregnant people free services to get them through the door. Often times, these organizing centers, do not have medical staff and will lie to desperate people seeking healthcare about false dangers relating to abortion. In California, the state passed the Reproductive Fact Act, a bill regulating these fake clinics into at least having to tell pregnant people where they can find information about all options relating to their pregnancy.

Small Donor Committee Community members have been busy hosting Small Donor Committee fundraising events to help spread the word about political organizing, especially in an election year. Each person can contribute a maximum of $50 per year to a Small Donor Committee, which works to elect pro-choice candidates and ensure that our elected officials represent our values. If you would like to host a Small Donor Committee event of your own, we are happy to help. Please contact Gena@prochoicecolorado.org to get involved. Endorsements have been announced; check out our website! Visit prochoicecolorado.org to stay up-to-date on other political events in your area.

**NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado, Inc. thanks our 501(c)4 Board for their dedication & determination! We THANK YOU for your support!**

**NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado Foundation thanks the hard work and efforts of our 501(c)3 Board and Local and Regional Staff!**

Donations can also be made online at prochoicecolorado.org/donate/
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**VOTE!**

- **Monday, October 15:** Ballots Mailed to Registered Voters
- **Monday, October 22:** In-Person Voting Begins
- **Tuesday, November 6:** General Election Day

Know someone who has recently moved?
Visit justvotecolorado.org to register or update any voter registration records.

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**Vision Statement:**
NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado is a leader in the reproductive rights movement for full access to reproductive health care - without fear or stigma.

**NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado Foundation Mission:**
NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado Foundation’s mission is to support and protect, as a fundamental right and value, a woman’s freedom to make personal decisions regarding reproductive health care.

**NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado, Inc. Mission:**
NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado’s mission is to develop and sustain a statewide constituency that uses the political process to guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding reproductive health care.

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