

New Report



CRHLP has released a new report, [*The Promise of Reproductive Freedom Amendments: An Analysis of State Constitutional Protections and Their Impact on Anti-Abortion Laws.*](#)

After the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* eliminated the federal constitutional right to abortion, voters in ten states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New York, Ohio, and Vermont) ratified state constitutional amendments codifying the right to abortion and reproductive rights more broadly. These reproductive freedom amendments represent a powerful shift in the state constitutional landscape, and for state court litigation to protect abortion rights. They also offer a new approach to constitutionalizing a wider array of reproductive and bodily autonomy rights.

The new report, linked [here](#), provides a comparative overview of these amendments, including their specific guarantees, constitutional scope, and the standards of judicial review they create. Additionally, the report details dozens of abortion restrictions in these ten states that pose conflicts with the new amendments and summarizes early court decisions reviewing the constitutionality of those laws.

To learn more about the report and hear from advocates leading litigation to secure the protections guaranteed under these new amendments, join our upcoming webinar: **Realizing the Promise of State Reproductive Freedom Amendments**. The date, time,

and speakers for this event will be announced soon.

Pre-register for the webinar at this [link](#) and read the full report [here](#).

New Research Director



We are pleased to introduce our incoming Research Director, Subasri Narasimhan, PhD, MPH.

In this role, Suba will play a vital part in building the vision for CRHLP’s research program, expanding and managing our scholarly work, and strengthening strategic collaborations with reproductive health researchers nationwide.

Before joining CRHLP, Suba was an Assistant Professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health at Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health, where she also served as Program Director and Endowed Faculty Scholar for the Global Elimination of Maternal Mortality from Abortion (GEMMA) program. A public health social scientist with expertise in sexual and reproductive health, Suba has dedicated her career to advancing reproductive justice, reproductive autonomy, and research justice through teaching, service, and policy-relevant scholarship.

Her research spans contraception, abortion, gender equity, and adolescent sexual health topics, and she centers a deep commitment to engaging community partners as co-researchers to shift power in the research landscape. Suba was Principal or

Co-Investigator on The Abortion Bans Project, the Teen and Loved Ones' Knowledge on Dual Prevention Study (TaLKS), and the Georgia Doula Study. In 2019, she received the Society of Family Planning Fund's Emerging Scholar Award for her work documenting misinformation in abortion legislation across the U.S. Southeast.

Suba received her Ph.D. from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University's Center for Reproductive Health Research in the Southeast (RISE).

Events



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Pamela Merritt
Executive Director of
Medical Students for
Choice

Join us for a moderated discussion that will
bring together experts to examine how state
policies are shaping medical education, care
provision, well-being, and decision-making
among medical students and residents.



Leslie Serrano
Research Data Analyst,
Center on
Reproductive Health,
Law, and Policy



Dr. Jody Steinauer
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Global Reproductive Health and
Director, Kenneth J. Ryan Residency
Training Program in Family Planning



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Senior Scholar with the Center on
Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy and
Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies and
International Programs at UCLA Law



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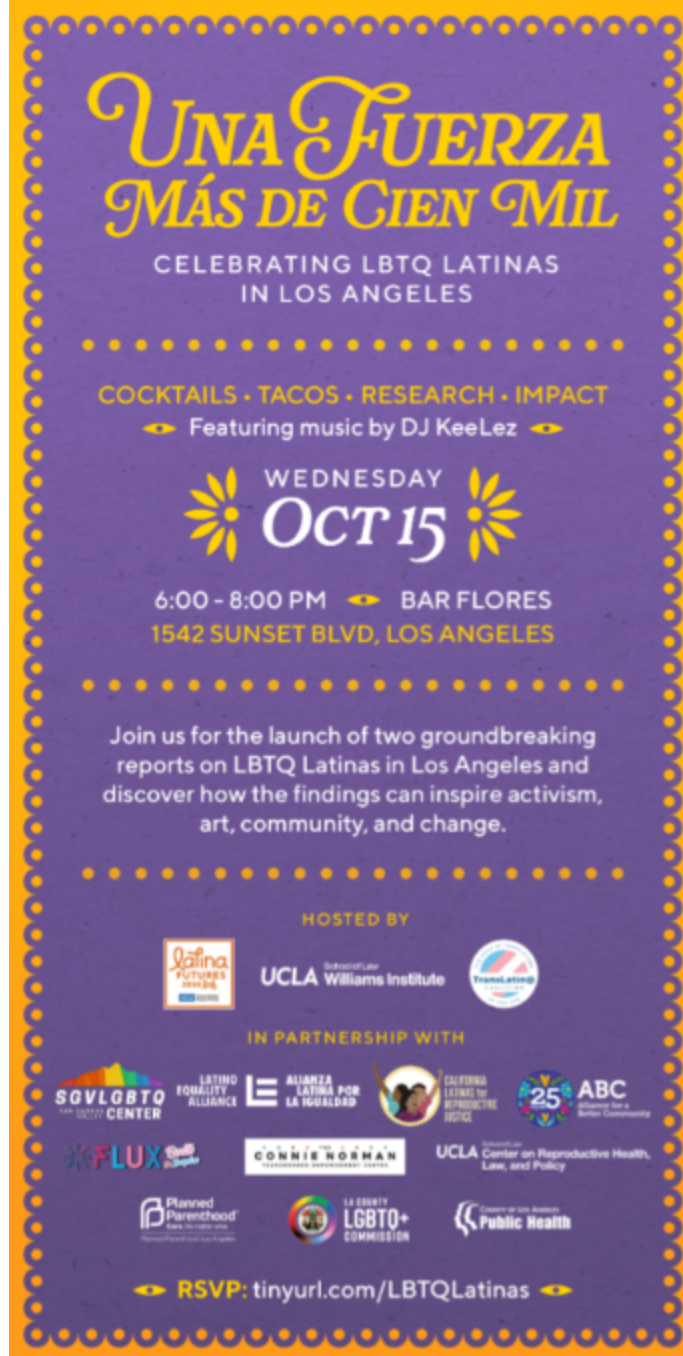
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Register Now: <https://bit.ly/FuturePhysWebinar>

On September 30th at 12 pm PST, join CRHLP for State Policy & the Future Physician: Impacts on Education, Care, and Well-Being, a moderated discussion bringing together experts to examine how state policies are shaping medical education, care provision, well-being, and decision-making among medical students and residents.

Register here: https://ucla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9ph6HhA TT6HAnth0d2TIA#/registration



Join us at Bar Flores on October 15, 2025, at 6 pm PT for a celebration of LGBTQ Latinas in Los Angeles County hosted by The Williams Institute in partnership with CRHLP. The evening will highlight two groundbreaking reports from Latinas Futures 2050 Lab, the TransLatin@ Coalition, and the Williams Institute, and explore how the findings can strengthen activism, art, and community for LGBTQ Latinas across the county. This event is generously supported by Latinas Futures 2050 Lab, Margarita Gandia, and Anthony Pritzker Family Foundation. Cocktails, tacos, and music will be provided. RSVP here: tinyurl.com/LBTQLatinas.

Policy News



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Two new studies highlight the health and economic benefits of Rx Kids, a citywide unconditional cash transfer (UCT) program launched in Flint and now expanded to eleven Michigan communities. A study published in the American Journal of Public Health [analyzed](#) survey data from over 1,000 mothers and found a nearly 91% decrease in evictions among mothers who were a part of the program when compared with data from 2023. The study also found that the program reduced average debt and improved access to nutritious food. A second study, released by the Social Science Research Network, [examined](#) more than 450,000 births statewide and found that Rx Kids led to a 13 -18% drop in preterm births, a 22-27% reduction in low birthweight, and a decline in NICU admissions. To learn more about UCT programs, read our policy brief exploring UCTs as a promising new avenue address economic, racial, and gender-based disparities in health and well-being: [Unconditional Cash Transfer Programs as a Promising Reproductive and Racial Justice Policy Intervention](#).



Illustration by Paru Ramesh

Abortion-related content is reportedly being disproportionately [removed](#) from social media platforms, even when posts are factual and legal. The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) [collected](#) nearly 100 reports from providers, advocates, and individuals in the U.S. and Latin America whose posts were taken down or accounts suspended on platforms including Meta, TikTok, and LinkedIn. Examples range from TikTok creator Brenna Miller, whose educational video about abortion pills was removed and later reinstated without explanation, to Minnesota's Red River Women's Clinic, which was repeatedly penalized for posting about its legal medication abortion services, and Emory University's RISE Center, which briefly lost its Instagram account after sharing an evidence-based post about mifepristone. Experts attribute the removals to reduced investment in human content moderation and growing reliance on automated systems that misclassify reproductive health information as restricted drug sales. However, even temporary suspensions [may](#) have a chilling effect, silencing medically accurate information at a time when access to reproductive health resources is increasingly under threat.

Legal News



Photo credit: Jeff Roberson/Associated Press

A Missouri judge has [struck down](#) the ballot summary for a Republican-backed constitutional amendment that would repeal existing state constitutional protection for abortion, finding the language misleading and insufficient. The court ruled that the summary failed to inform voters that the measure would overturn Amendment Three, a constitutional right to reproductive freedom adopted last year, and directed the secretary of state to draft new language. The court rejected abortion-rights advocates' request to block the measure altogether and allowed lawmakers to combine abortion restrictions with provisions limiting gender-affirming care under the title of reproductive health care. If the revised language satisfies the court's order and legal requirements for ballot summaries, the proposed amendment will appear on the 2026 ballot.



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On September 19th, [Louisiana moved to join Missouri v. FDA](#), a federal lawsuit before Judge Kacsmaryk in Texas, in which several ban states are demanding that the FDA impose new restrictions on mifepristone and prohibit the use of telehealth for medication abortion. In a [letter issued the same day](#), the Department of Health & Human Services and FDA told state Attorneys General that the agencies will conduct their own "study of the safety of the safety of the current [regulations] in order to

determine whether modifications are necessary.” [Advocates warn](#) that both moves signal a stepping up of conservative attacks on abortion pills. To keep up to date on efforts to protect or restrict access to Mifepristone, use our [Mifepristone Litigation and Federal Action Tracker](#).

Food for Thought



With so much going on in the world of reproductive health, law, and policy, every week we'll share articles, books, and media you might have missed.

[Texas Has A New Abortion Pill Law. But At Least One Provider Plans To Keep Shipping Them There.](#)

[While Talking About Public Health, Let’s Not Forget Contraception](#)

[The Latest In Maternal Health Fear Mongering? Tylenol](#)

[IVF Promises, Healthcare Cuts: The New Reproductive Hypocrisy](#)



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