

Democratic Women's Information Network



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Women's Health Policy Report - Bush Administration Developing Rule That Could Limit Access to Birth Control - July 15, 2008

The Bush administration is developing a regulation that would define abortion as "any of the various procedures -- including the prescription, dispensing and administration of any drug or the performance of any procedure or any other action -- that results in the termination of the life of a human being in utero between conception and natural birth, whether before or after implantation," the New York Times reports. The draft proposal leaked to the Times also would require all recipients of aid from HHS to certify they will not refuse to hire health care workers who object to abortion and certain types of birth control. The proposal also expresses concern about state laws that require hospitals to provide emergency contraception to rape survivors who request it, according to the Times.

Mary Jane Gallagher, president of the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, said, "The proposed definition of abortion is so broad that it would cover many types of birth control, including oral contraceptives and emergency contraception." She added, "We worry that under the proposal, contraceptive services would become less available to low-income and uninsured women." To read more go to: <http://tinyurl.com/5zgt4a>

The **Fairness for All Families** Coalition is bringing Speaker Training to Jacksonville. Equality Florida, the ACLU, and Planned Parenthood are among the 240 coalition members that have teamed up to fight Amendment 2. The speaker's training will prepare you to be an effective **Vote NO on 2** spokesperson.

Make sure that you have the tools necessary to educate voters in your community about the harm posed by Amendment 2. Reach out to your circle of friends. Present to your organizations. Educate voters during the August primary.

Training will be held in Jacksonville on July 26
10:00 am - 12:00pm
Christ Church of Peace
1240 McDuff Ave South
RSVP to bobbienord@gmail.com

And you don't want to miss **Feminist Happy Hour!**

Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at River City Brewing Company

Join with the Jacksonville Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) for Happy Hour at the River City Brewing Company in downtown Jacksonville. Appetizers will be provided by Jacksonville Area NOW. Most beverages will be offered at \$2.50 for our guests.

Come by after work. We'll be discussing the upcoming elections – local, state and national – and some of the issues that Floridians will be voting on in November.