



Reproductive Health & Rights Lobby Day 2012 is Monday, January 30th

What Is Reproductive Health & Rights Lobby Day?

This is a yearly event that NARAL Pro-Choice Washington co-sponsors with Planned Parenthood Votes Northwest. It is an opportunity for pro-choice activists to gather at the State Capitol during the 2012 legislative session, and ask their representatives to support important pro-choice issues.

What is the day like?

In the morning, we will gather at United Churches of Olympia [110 11th Ave SE, Olympia 98501]. Coffee and snacks will be provided, followed by an issues and how-to-lobby training. You will be grouped with other activists from your legislative district, and will have time to practice meeting with your legislators during lunch. [There will be very limited parking available; your best bet is to give yourself enough time in the morning to find street parking.]

Around noon we will head up to the Capitol (just one block away) for a Pro-Choice Rally on the North Steps of the State Capitol. Bring your camera!

Following the rally you will meet with your legislators in a group with other Lobby Day participants from your district (<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder/default.asp>). Meetings will range from 5-20 minutes, depending on your legislators' availability. You can expect some down time between meetings. Afterwards, we will have a large group debrief and you can report back on how your meetings went.

How can I learn more about the issues we will be lobbying on?

We will host an in-depth issues training prior to the event, as well as send out fact sheets and talking points- please RSVP for a pre-event training if you are interested. There will also be a training on Lobby Day, where you will be able to ask the NARAL and Planned Parenthood lobbyists about any questions you may have.

I am not an expert on reproductive health issues – can I still lobby?

Absolutely! Your voice is important. You will be joining moms, dads, teens, college students, and other reproductive health care activists from across the state. We will provide you with training and materials. You will also have a Team Captain with you at all times- he or she will also be trained on the materials, and can assist you as needed. Remember- this day is about you! And the pro-choice message that you bring to your representatives.

I would like to be the Team Captain for my legislative district. What do I need to know?

Team Captains play a very important role during Lobby Day. You will:

- ✓ Act as a liaison between Lobby Day organizers and participants.
- ✓ Assist fellow participants in preparing for and getting to appointments.
- ✓ Take the lead on planning your group's meetings with legislators during lunch.
- ✓ Schedule carpooling for your group!

Select the "Team Captain" option when you register online, and Rosa McLeod will contact you with more information. We will provide you with a special training and materials in advance. Thank you!

Do you actually get to meet with legislators?

You will meet with legislators and/or their aides in a group setting, with other Lobby Day participants from your area.

What should I bring?

Please bring a pen. We will supply you with lunch, water, snacks, and materials for the training and your meetings. It's also a good idea to check the weather- extra layers or an umbrella may be in order. Also, cameras are always welcome!

Is there any dress requirement?

As you will be meeting with legislators, please dress in professional attire. Also, it is always a good idea to wear comfortable shoes!

Transportation Options:

Bus transportation is available from the designated locations, below. * Please note* The bus reservation fee is \$5.00. You must pay the \$5.00 fee at the time of your registration in order for us to reserve your seat.

Bus options:

- Bellingham/Everett to Olympia
- Seattle/Tacoma to Olympia
- Spokane/Ellensburg to Olympia
- Vancouver to Olympia

We also encourage you to put carpools together- help us get as many pro-choice activists to Lobby Day! Contact Rosa McLeod to find out if there are other activists in your area.

For more information on a training in your district, or to put a carpool together, please contact Rosa McLeod at (206) 624-1990 or RosaMcLeod@ProChoiceWashington.org.

Thank you for taking action on behalf of all Washington women!