



Reproductive Health & Rights Lobby Day 2010 FAQ

What is Reproductive Health and Rights Lobby Day?

Reproductive Health and Rights Lobby Day is a yearly event co-sponsored by NARAL Pro-Choice Washington and Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington. It is an opportunity for hundreds of Washington voters to come to Olympia to talk with their representatives about important reproductive health and rights issues, and to ask the State Legislature to prioritize them during the 2010 legislative session.

Who goes to Lobby Day?

Everyone is welcome to participate in Lobby Day! This is your chance to meet with your legislators in person and tell them why reproductive health and rights issues should be a legislative priority in 2010.

What happens at Lobby Day?

NARAL Pro-Choice Washington and Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington will schedule meetings with your legislators on February 1st. We will host an issues and lobbying 101 training in the morning, and then you will meet with your representatives for 10-30 minutes with other voters from your legislative district. Each group of Lobby Day participants will have a team captain who will guide you throughout the day.

What will we be lobbying for?

This year we will lobby to reinstate \$3 million for family planning services, which provides family planning coverage for low-income people in our state. Twenty-five percent of Washington family planning clinics could potentially close if this money isn't reinstated; we must show our legislator why this funding needs to be restored! We will also be lobbying for a bill that protects women seeking pregnancy testing from false and misleading information.

How do I know which legislative district I vote in?

Visit the Legislative District Finder on the Washington State Legislature home page at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>. Type in the address where you are registered to vote to see what district you are in and who your legislators are.

How much does Lobby Day cost?

Lobby Day is FREE. NARAL Pro-Choice Washington and Planned Parenthood Votes! Washington will provide you with all of the materials you'll need, as well as light refreshments in the morning and lunch. Lobby Day organizers help to arrange carpools to Olympia, and we will also provide bus rides from Bellingham, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Vancouver or Yakima to Olympia and back.

How much does it cost to ride the bus to Lobby Day?

Bus transportation to Olympia is free, however there is a \$5 fee to reserve your spot. This helps event organizers plan for the number of bus riders on the day of, and also offsets some of the costs of Lobby Day. You will not be turned away if you are unable to pay! Please contact Rosa McLeod at (206) 624-1990 or at RosaMcLeod@ProChoiceWashington.org for more information.

What is the Women's Legislative Reception?

The reception is sponsored by member organization of the Washington Alliance for Reproductive Choice coalition, and will immediately follow Lobby Day. It is not a required part of Lobby Day, but it is an opportunity for you to meet and mingle with your legislators in a less formal environment. Light refreshments will be provided. If you are planning on traveling to Olympia by bus, there will be buses available to take you home after the reception.

For more information, please contact Rosa McLeod at RosaMcLeod@ProChoiceWashington.org