

# Nevada Youth Action Council Newsletter

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## THE YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL STANDS IN SOLIDARITY WITH REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Last month, the Supreme Court of the United States overturned the nearly 50-year historical precedent of *Roe vs. Wade* which federally guaranteed a right to abortion for the first two trimesters of a pregnancy. Now in an increasing number of states people are losing access to safe abortions and reproductive healthcare.

As of the creation of this newsletter, the State of Nevada still protects reproductive rights for it's people. This continued protection of body autonomy rights is critical to the health and wellbeing of Nevadan youths with disabilities. The disability community disproportionately contends with sexual violence and a lack of access to medical care. This combination of pervasive ableist forces only raises the stakes for community members in the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision. If Nevadan youths with disabilities lost access to safe abortions, we would see a horrific increase in physical and mental harm as well as unnecessary deaths throughout the state. This increase in deaths would heartbreakingly include an increase in suicides.

If you are interested serving on a council by and for youths with disabilities, please visit:

<https://www.nvsilc.com/get-involved/join-the-youth-group/>

***"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***