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National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda

July 2016 Newsletter

WOMEN WIN!

SCOTUS Decision on *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellestadt* marks a victory for women

The U.S. Supreme Court had several important cases to decide during this 2015-16 session directly related to our work in the Reproductive Justice movement. In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda along with our colleagues and partner organizations were front and center for all of them.

On July 29th we celebrated the SCOTUS decision, reaffirming a woman's constitutional right to make her own decisions about her health, family and future, voting 5-3 in *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*. By striking down the Texas law, HB2, the Court kept current clinics open in Texas, and set a precedent so that more clinics can open or reopen in the future.

"This was a win not just for women in Texas, but for women across the country," stated Marcela Howell, founder and executive director for In Our Own Voice. *"This decision sends a clear message to politicians set on denying women's constitutional right to an abortion that these baseless and deceptive laws are unacceptable."*

Click [here](#) to read our press release.



Lifting the Voices of Black Women

In Our Own Voice and our strategic partner organizations continue to bring the lived experiences and realities of Black women to the forefront through op-eds, blogs and statements, print media and radio. In recent weeks we have spoken out on everything from the impact of the SCOTUS decisions on Black women, experiences

accessing PrEP for HIV prevention, and the most recent killings of Black men at the hands of police officers.

Here are a few of the most recent media highlights:

- SCOTUS Whole Woman's Health print media-[Texas Observer](#), [Reuters](#), [Vice News](#), [Bustle.com](#), [American Constitution Society for Law and Policy](#) and [Washington Post](#)
- Safe abortion access radio shows-[The Bev Smith Show](#), featuring Nourbese Flint and Jan Robinson Flint, Black Women for Wellness. [Sista's Time](#) and [WomanSpeak](#) featuring Marcela Howell, In Our Own Voice, Marva Sadler, Whole Woman's Health, Michele Jawando, Center for American Progress, Yamani Hernandez, National Network for Abortion Funds, Jan Robinson Flint, Black Women for Wellness and Kwajelin Jackson, Feminist Women's Health Center in Georgia
- PrEP access for women of color on [Beta Blog](#), featuring Dazon Dixon Diallo, SisterLove, Inc.
- Police brutality blog-[Black Women's Health Imperative](#)



Organizational Partner Updates

SisterReach will host Vacation Body School (VBS) for faith communities and faith-based organizations that recognize the need for young people to have the most accurate and complete information about their bodies, in order to make the best decisions for themselves. VBS is a three day comprehensive sexual and reproductive health, healthy relationships and self-management learning community for rising 7th-12th graders. To learn more about this event click [here](#).



SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW! will host the Fyre Media Justice Camp for queer and trans youth of color and young black women July 21-24. This program centers the voices and experiences of Queer & Trans individuals and focuses on Reproductive Justice and Social Justice related issues effecting our Queer and Trans communities of color as well as our black communities. For more information on this event click [here](#).

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