

CHOICE Remarks

FALL 2023

Virtual Leadership Circle Luncheon: JESSICA VALENTI

Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood is very excited to host this year's virtual Leadership Circle Luncheon with Jessica Valenti, renowned feminist writer, bestselling author, and advocate that the *Washington Post* called "one of the most successful and visible feminists of her generation."

Jessica Valenti – also called one of the Top 100 Inspiring Women in the world – is a UAlbany graduate whose most recent book, *Sex Object: A Memoir*, was a New York Times bestseller. Jessica's articles have topped the most-read lists at *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *the Guardian*, and *The Washington Post*. She's also written for *Salon*, *Bitch*, *Ms. Magazine* and *The Toast*. Her daily blog, *Abortion Everyday*, which launched after the fall of Roe, focuses on all things abortion, feminist commentary and community.

"Don't ever let anyone tell you that you're overreacting about abortion rights. Given the latest evidence that conservatives want to stop women from leaving their states for abortion care, I'd say we're not nearly 'hysterical' enough," said Valenti on September 1. On her daily blog, she shares information on the new trafficking laws to stop people from traveling to access abortion care, attacks on democracy, the fate of mifepristone and more. *"We can't afford to be overwhelmed or confused. We can't watch as women's experiences, their very lives, are written off as post-Roe statistics,"* she says.



"I am tired of the gaslighting, I am tired on behalf of all of us for simultaneously being held responsible to call out the landmines ahead, having to fight for anyone to look and see them too, and then having to pick up the pieces when we run right into them. I know I am not alone with my outrage and that is why I look forward to our conversation with Jessica who uses her platform to say this everyday," says Chelly Hegan, UHPP President and CEO.

We know we have a long fight ahead – one that will need all of us. Join UHPP at our virtual event and consider joining our Leadership Circle to take a public stand for Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood's mission and services. To learn more, visit uhpp.org.

2023 LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
VIRTUAL LUNCHEON

ABORTION, WHAT'S NEXT?

A CONVERSATION WITH JESSICA VALENTI
This is personal! What else is at stake?
What can we do?

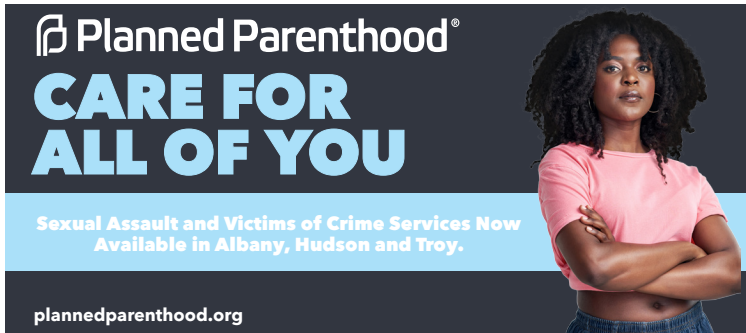
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Friday, October 20, 2023 • 12:30p.m. - 1:30 p.m. by ZOOM



UHPP Launching Counseling Services for Victims of Sexual Assault



In late 2022, UHPP received a three-year grant from the Office of Victim Services to create a Sexual Assault and Victims of Crime Services Program. Through this program, we offer counseling, education, and advocacy for survivors of sexual assault and other crimes in Albany, Columbia, Greene, and Rensselaer counties. Regardless of when or where the assault took place, UHPP can help.

To promote this new program, in late summer UHPP launched a marketing campaign that includes new posters in all three health centers, palm cards for outreach, new webpage, bus and billboard ads, and digital marketing including display ads, geo fencing and SnapChat.

For more information, visits uhpp.org.

UHPP Finished First Round of Summer Programs

For the first time, UHPP facilitated summer programming as part of our Extended School Day/School Violence Prevention Grant Program, funded through the New York State Education Department with the Albany JCC Summer Camp and the Liberty Partnership Program. At the Albany JCC Summer Camp UHPP facilitated sessions with young people ranging from six to 15 years old centered around social emotional learning. Each group was able to bring home the craft/coloring handout related to the topic to continue conversations on the topic at home with their families. At the Liberty Partnership Program, UHPP facilitated "How I Present Myself: Masking & Code-Switching." There were more than 60 students for the session, ranging from 15-19 years old. The session included a discussion on what it means and how it feels to have to mask and code-switch. Many students had experiences around masking and code-switching and were willing to share their experiences. This was followed by an art project that utilized the term 'masking' literally. The students were able to decorate paper mâché masks, having the inside reflect their inner self and the outside reflect what they choose to show the world. **For more information about these programs, email us at info@uhpp.org.**

UHPP Supports the Burdett Birth Center Coalition

In June, it was announced that Trinity Health was planning to close the Burdett Birth Center, the only maternity care unit in Rensselaer County. Following this announcement the community sprang into action in direct opposition to this decision, and the Save Burdett Birth Center coalition was formed. Chelly spoke at the very first rally the coalition hosted, and UHPP has had a presence at every event since then. The coalition, with the help of members of UHPP's staff, took on the task of writing its own Health Equity Impact Assessment, outlining the overwhelmingly negative affect that the closure of Burdett would have on the community, specifically women of color.



To find out more, visit uhpp.org or contact our Public Affairs team at info@uhpp.org.

SAVE THE DATE: UHPP's 90th Anniversary Gala, June 13th, 2024 Albany Capital Center. Stay tuned for more information in the new year.



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