#### Make Your Voice Heard

- Write a letter to the editor of your local paper about a specific legislative battle or the state of reproductive rights.
- Be visible with your pro-choice sentiments. Put a sticker on your car, wear a pro-choice button or t-shirt. Make stickers, buttons, and t-shirts to give to friends.
- File complaints about unprofessional behaviors by pharmacists, doctors, nurses, social workers, and others, with their professional regulatory bodies.
- ♀ Share your experiences and stories.

### Get Involved

- Raise money for an abortion fund, so all women can access safe abortions.
- Take part in public pro-choice events: local marches, rallies, speakers.
- ♀ Join your local pro-choice group, donate money, or volunteer your time.
- Help organize a pro-choice event: host a Choice Conversation with family and friends, organize a Rock 4 Choice concert, host a video night featuring reproductive rights.
- Investigate international charitable agencies to ensure they provide comprehensive family planning information overseas.
- ♀ Encourage family and friends to get involved with you!

#### Go Political

- Visit or contact pro-choice politicians and stress the importance of voting to protect reproductive rights. Thank them for the work they do.
- Lobby for improved access to abortion and reproductive health services, especially for women in Northern and rural areas and those who are from out-of-province or new to the country.
- Write letters, send emails, and call elected representatives when there is legislation affecting reproductive rights; tell them what you expect. Politicians figure that for every one person who bothers to communicate, ten more feel the same.
- ☐ Clearly question all political candidates on choice and then let their sentiments (and yours) be known.
- Learn how to do effective lobbying.
- Vote for pro-choice candidates, and encourage others to vote on election day.

# **Assess Community Concerns**

- Canvas your community to find out where local advocacy and education is needed. Hold a town meeting to report the results and invite the press.
- Organize a speaker, panel, or brown bag gathering to educate on current threats to reproductive rights.
- Find out what type of sex education program exists at the schools in your community and advocate for comprehensive sexuality education.
- ♀ Call the local pharmacies to find out whether they stock emergency contraception.
- □ Investigate if local employers provide contraceptive coverage in their insurance plans.
- Check if hospitals in your community provide abortions, tubal ligations, and emergency contraception.
- Monitor potential mergers between religiously affiliated and non-sectarian hospitals.
- ♀ Complain to the police about anti-choice protestors that harass abortion services in your community.
- ⊆ Expose your local fake 'crisis pregnancy centre' as being anti-choice.

## Review Your Personal Access

- Ask your doctor, gynecologist, and pharmacist if they know about emergency contraception.
- Ask your doctor if she or he provides abortion services. If not, ask why not and consider finding a doctor that does. If they do, thank them and ask how you can provide support.
- Call your local hospital and ask if they perform abortions. If not, ask why not and organize to pressure them to add this vital service.
- Speak up for women regarding: welfare, national health care, accessible child care, sexual freedom, and an end to racism, violence against women, and attacks on immigrants.
- Ensure your personal insurance plan covers all birth control methods equitably.
- Keep current and informed with pro-choice news: read the newspaper, get on pro-choice email lists, access websites.
- ♀ Be aware of your own rights: Abortion is legal and safe in Canada.