1986
PACE founded in response to Bowers v Hardwick ruling

Promoted Newsweek poll in pamphlets:
74% of Americans believe states should not have the right to prohibit sex acts
57% should not have the right to prevent homosexual sex

Examining Issues of Privacy Rights (booklet created by St. Louis Privacy Rights Education Project, no date)
Bowers vs Hardwick created:
Fear of violence
Loss of employment, housing, child custody, educational policy, health care (AIDs), immigration rights
Also applied to bans on oral and anal heterosexual sex acts
“health ramifications” of oral and anal sex (AIDs)
“AIDs is not a gay disease”
“Many of us have gay members in our immediate or extended families”

Missouri “sexual misconduct law”
“government intrusion”
City of Ladue v Horn and Jones: municipalities have the right to prohibit unmarried people from living together (against heterosexual couple)
“governmental interest in marriage”

Seminar held by PREP

1989
June 28, 1989
National Day of Mourning
Bowers v Hardwick
Rally @ the old courthouse on Broadway st Chestnut

Sodomy Law Repeal
Fundamental Right to Privacy

1990
Senate Bill 694
Not all minority groups are represented in bill against hate crimes “motivated by bigotry”
Hate towards: sexual orientation, age, gender, and disability (not represented in bill)

April 25 PREP Press Packet
PREP focuses:
-sexual privacy rights (repeal of sexual misconduct law)
-freedom of choice in reproductive decisions, custody rights

-AIDs: anonymous testing; confidentiality; against discrimination for those with AIDs, HIV, ARC
-against cohabitation ordinances that prohibit people unrelated by blood or marriage to live together
-opposed routine gov collection of information about personal behavior

April 25, 1990 Press Conference
Senate Bill 649 discussed (Hate crimes)

PREP against House Bill 1221
Hate crimes because of sexual orientation, gender, disability, and age not protected
Disability was linked to AIDs
Began actively documenting evidence of hate crimes against gays and lesbians
Arlene mailed House of Representatives about her personal hate crime experiences

1991
June 3, 1991
Low Risk/No Risk Political Activism Seminar

Colorado for Family Values formed against protection for gay and lesbian rights
Focused on spreading misinformation about “special rights”
Set up African-American communities to support Amendment 2 in Colorado, “believing their constituency would suffer”
People against Amendment 2 said “Jobs and housing are not special rights”
“Minority” status for gay, lesbian, and bi people contested

1992
June 28, 1992
St. Louis Pridefest hate crime attacks
Police did not intervene or warn festival attendees
PREP members documented hate crimes, mapped out locations in Forest Park where they occurred
PREP members began actively documenting instances of hate crimes in Missouri

Oct 10 1992
Amendment 2 (approved Nov 3, 1992) - prevented anti-discrimination laws against LGBTQ+ communities
Colorado “anti gay initiative”
Going to US Supreme Court
Under “PREP Education Fund Inc” pamphlet

Family Diversity Committee
Societal recognition of all families

1993
Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) - discrimination against LGBTQ+ people based on religion

April 25, 1993
March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation

June 22, 1993
St Louis post dispatch: “Battle is joined over laws that protect gays”
Jeff Wunrow (nominee for board outreach committee)
In Jeff City trying to get amendment on ballot for Nov 1994 to protect people based on sexual orientation
Linda May, Kansas City Human Rights Commission
“We live in fear based simply on who we are.”
“Expressed concern about violence.”
Zuleyma Tang-Martinez, nominee for PREP board representative legislative committee
UMSL professor
Gay rights activist

<u>Fight the Right (FTR) house meetings</u>
Combating the spread of misinformation through televangelists and Christian right organizations
Information about the “agenda of the extreme right”
ACTION house meetings (Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Caucus)
House Meeting Network
Against Colorado for family values (amendment 2-denying protection against discrimination)
The State of Hate - “it's easier to nauseate than educate”
Far right using African-Americans against LGBTQ+ people to confuse civil rights issue
Who “deserves” civil rights
Spread of educational information deeply important in the fight for rights

<u>Center for Active Citizenship</u>
House meetings/petitions for minority status for “homoesexual, lesbian, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation” - Nov 8, 1994 election
There is a focus in these notes from the meetings on building community and support groups
They want to speed information about the amendment proposal but they know it's a task that requires support
There is a lot of fear
“Need an outlet for fear”
How to develop communication in rural communities, how to build relationships
PREP functions as a source for both information and community, a place to talk to an informed person who supports you through a difficult process
September 1993
PREP files lawsuit against ballot measure that “would prohibit letting gays demand ‘minority status, protected status…claim of discrimination’”

Worked with Show Me Equality, Secretary of State Judith Moriarty, Attorney General Jay Nixon

1995
Oct 1995 (OutSmart)
Amendment 2 rally
Rudy Nickens remarks on LGBTQ+ African-American community
“Plays the cards that they know will keep us hurting and make us act on the basis of our pain”--encouraged to come together and dismantle infighting and racism

Dec 3, 1995
State of the art benefit, annual art exhibit and fund raiser

1996
PREP celebrates ten year anniversary

Amendment 2 (Colorado) declared unconstitutional by the supreme court

Feb 1996
Refocus on repeal for sexual misconduct law
Tim Van Zandt first openly gay state rep in KC
Shared Living Bill promotion, against anti cohabitation ordinances
HIV oral testing
Events - stonewall prom benefit planning for 1997, state of the art at Elliot smith gallery, words of love poetry reading Feb 11
Ten year anniversary pledge campaign
Jeff Wunrow now executive director
Zuleyma Tang-Martinez vice president
Love knows no borders film produced by lesbian and gay immigration rights task force
Laura Ann Moore is PREP member, Laura Ann Moore defense team begins in 1996
Education for HIV transmission
Against abstinence only sex education

From Feb 1996 Press Release (Words of Love Benefit):

“The Privacy Rights Education Project (PREP) is a St. Louis based non-profit membership organization dedicated to working to ensure the right to privacy for everyone. PREP is a leader in the effort to prevent the radical right wing from imposing its extremist values on society. PREP works to counter the right wing and protect privacy rights through political, electoral, and educational efforts. PREP works to ensure the right to privacy in the following areas: sexuality, reproduction and parenting, AIDs, housing, collection of information, drug testing, and equal rights.”

June 22, 1996
Under the Rainbow Prom benefit

August 28
Missouri Legislature passed anti same sex marriage bill
Missouri first wave of states passing similar laws

1997
May 1997
LGBT parenting rights
HIV testing
Twilight of the Golds theater production
Zuleyma Tang-Martinez from village in Venezuela, presents bilingual poetry at words of love benefit

June 14, 1997
Stonewall prom at center of contemporary arts

1998
Missouri Nondiscrimination Act (MONA) - prohibits discrimination of LGBTQ+ people

Winter 1998
Jan 21/27 lobby at Jeff City
Parenting rights
Rene Upshaw hired for rural and suburban Missouri field program
Jeff Wunrow @ St. Louis City Schools task force meeting
State of the Art benefit - Midtown Arts Center

1999
Religious political extremists trying to re-establish same sex marriage ban (Senate Bill 744)

2001
PREP becomes PROMO

PROMO not an acronym
“for the Personal Rights of Missourians” is the new tagline
“More dynamic and forward thinking”

Passage of bill banning same sex marriage by Gov Holden
Met with Gov Holden, discussed options
Decided to focus on passing Missouri Nondiscrimination Act (MONA) rather than overturning marriage bills

September 2001
Location: suburban chicago
12 leaders, 100 people
Door to door canvasing about MONA
PROMO recruits/trains leaders
Power Summit
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
Federation of Statewide LGBT Advocacy

Kirkwood High Schoolers & teacher take part in lobbying in Jeff City for MONA (12 students)

Celebrating World Community Center
Housed PROMO since late 80s
Chartered in 1974 to assist community organizations in “effectiveness”
Fosters a sense of community

2002
Promoting Missouri Nondiscrimation Act
“prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employment, and public accommodations"
Fighting Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) - allows discrimination for LGBTQ+ people based on religious “burdens”

2005
Sep 9 2005
LGBT parenting rights
Foster care and adoption rights
Coordinated campaign through the equality federation

2006
Feb 25, 2006
Love Needs No Cure protest against Focus on the Family’s “Love Won Out” conference

Creating Change Conference
Jovan Sage, former intern
Wick Thomas, former intern
Both received award from National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

2007
LGBT Youth initiative
Making Schools Safe Coalition in St Louis
CYSEE in Kansas City

Rev Krista Taves
Queer minister from Emerson Unitarian Chapel
Sent donation and letter

2019
Conversations with legislators in Jeff City about anti-LGBTQ bills, defeated all 7 bills
Led organizations to develop inclusive LGBTQ internal policies
Increased access to culturally competent care across MO
Volunteers called from phonebanks to reduce prejudice against transgender community
SAGE Table in Springfield and St. Louis, combatted isolation and stigma for older LGBTQ adults

2020
Supported people sharing stories about being LGBTQ in Jeff City
Worked to improve community resilience and provide education for Covid 19 in LGBTQ communities
Volunteers texted Missourians about voting, made calls, Get Out the Vote