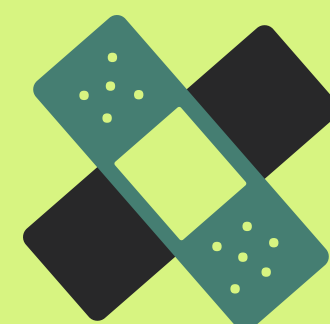
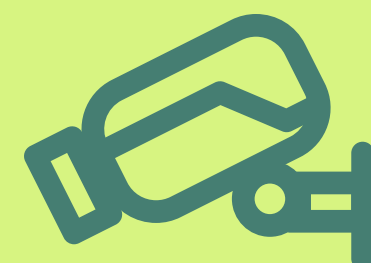


# YOUR NEED-TO-KNOW ON CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS:

**WHAT ARE THEY?** CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS GO BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT NAMES, LIKE “PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER” AND “PREGNANCY MEDICAL CLINIC,” BUT THEY’RE ALL THE SAME THING: ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS THAT MISLEAD AND SHAME WOMEN SEEKING ABORTION CARE.



IN FACT, THEY ACTUALLY ARE OFTEN HIGHLY FUNDED, LITIGIOUS, AND PROVIDE INACCURATE INFORMATION. THEY MAY PRETEND TO BE MOM-AND-POP OPERATIONS, BUT BASED ON RIGOROUS RESEARCH MAINTAINED BY REPROACTION, MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF THE FAKE CLINICS IN THE U.S. ARE AFFILIATED WITH LARGE NETWORKS WITH PLENTIFUL RESOURCES BEHIND THEM, PROTECTING AND ENHANCING THEIR EFFORTS TO STIGMATIZE AND DECEIVE PEOPLE THROUGH METICULOUSLY CRAFTED BRANDING AND ADVERTISING, IN STATE HOUSES AND COURTS, AND WITH THE HELP OF NUMEROUS PROMINENT CONSERVATIVE LEADERS.

THERE ARE ROUGHLY 2,700 IN THE UNITED STATES, MANY OF THEM MASQUERADING AS LOW BUDGET RESOURCE CENTERS WHERE KINDLY VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE MEDICAL HELP TO PEOPLE FACING UNEXPECTED PREGNANCIES.

**WHAT DO THEY DO?** ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS COAX PEOPLE IN THEIR DOORS WITH DECEPTIVE NAMES, SIGNS, [1] ONLINE ADS, AND SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZATION TOOLS [2] SO SOMEONE LOOKING FOR AN ABORTION CLINIC NEAR THEM WOULD SEE THEIR LISTING FIRST AND BELIEVE THAT THESE CLINICAL-LOOKING WEBSITES WITH WORDS LIKE “CHOICE” & “OPTIONS” WOULD PROVIDE A FULL SPECTRUM OF REPRODUCTIVE CARE.

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SEVERAL  
FAKE CLINIC  
NETWORKS, INCLUDING  
ONE IN CALIFORNIA, USED  
A TOOL THAT “GEOFENCED”  
WOMEN’S LOCATIONS, SENDING  
TARGETED ADS FOR AN ANTI-  
ABORTION FAKE CLINIC TO  
THE PHONES OF PEOPLE  
SITTING IN NEARBY  
ABORTION CLINIC  
WAITING ROOMS!

[3]

## HOW DO THEY DO IT?



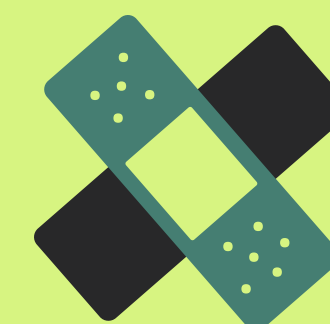
ONCE A  
PERSON GETS INSIDE  
THE FAKE CLINIC, THE  
DECEPTION DEEPENS. FAKE  
CLINICS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO LIE  
ABOUT GESTATIONAL AGE - TELLING  
PREGNANT PEOPLE THEY’RE EITHER  
TOO EARLY ALONG TO RECEIVE  
CARE, TOO LATE FOR A LEGAL  
ABORTION IN THEIR STATE, OR THEY  
INFLATE MISCARRIAGE RATES, WHICH  
COULD INFLUENCE SOMEONE  
WORRIED ABOUT THEIR ABILITY TO  
PAY OR ABOUT MEDICAL  
ISSUES TO WAIT FOR  
MISCARRIAGE.

[4]



STAFF AT FAKE  
CLINICS HAVE ALSO  
OUTRIGHT LIED ABOUT THE  
RISKS OF ABORTION, STATING THAT  
IT CAUSES BREAST CANCER, INFERTILITY,  
DRUG ABUSE, AND SUICIDE - ALL OF  
WHICH HAVE BEEN DISPROVEN TIME AND  
AGAIN BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. [4-7]  
ALONG WITH THE SCARE TACTICS, THEIR  
VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF OFTEN SHAME  
WOMEN FOR THEIR DECISIONS, USING FAITH,  
FAMILY, OR THE JUNK SCIENCE THAT IS USED  
TO WRONGLY CLAIM FETUSES NEED PAIN  
MEDICATION DURING ABORTION TO GUILT A  
WOMAN INTO CHANGING HER MIND. [8] ONE  
EVEN FORCED WOMEN TO SIGN CONTRACTS  
SAYING THEY WOULD CARRY TO TERM,  
THEN SENT THEM TO NEARBY ABORTION  
CLINICS THREATENING LEGAL  
ACTION IF WOMEN RECEIVED  
SERVICES THERE!

[17]



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## WHO PAYS FOR ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS?

(AND WHEN MANY DEPEND HEAVILY ON VOLUNTEER LABOR AND DONATED SUPPLIES, WHY DO THEY NEED SO MUCH MONEY ANYWAY?)

REAL ALTERNATIVES, A FAKE CLINIC NETWORK IN PENNSYLVANIA, WAS FOUND TO HAVE MISUSED AT LEAST \$500,000 OF STATE FUNDS AS PART OF THEIR \$30 MILLION, FIVE-YEAR GRANT, AND WAS INVESTIGATED IN OTHER STATES, AS WELL. THEIR CONTRACT WITH THE PA STATE GOVERNMENT IS STILL IN EFFECT, AND THEY OPERATE IN AND CONSULT IN OTHER STATES. [10]

WHILE MANY FAKE CLINICS RECEIVE HEFTY DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE ENTITIES, [2] TAXPAYERS SUBSIDIZE THEM AT A SHOCKING PRICE. SEVEN STATES - INDIANA, MICHIGAN, MISSOURI, NORTH DAKOTA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, AND TEXAS - HAVE SIPHONED OFF \$30 MILLION IN FEDERAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) GRANTS OVER FOUR YEARS TO UNREGULATED, TAX-EXEMPT GROUPS. THAT MEANS WELFARE FUNDING INTENDED TO FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN GOES TO FAKE CLINICS THAT PROVIDE FLIMSY REASONS FOR THEIR USE OF FEDERAL MONEY, IF THEY JUSTIFY IT AT ALL. [9]

THEY DON'T ALL RECEIVE TANF DOLLARS, BUT FAKE CLINICS FIND OTHER WAYS TO PILFER PUBLIC FUNDS: THROUGH THE SALE OF "CHOOSE LIFE" LICENSE PLATES IN 32 STATES, TAXPAYERS ARE OFTEN DONATING PROCEEDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL FAKE CLINICS. [11] ONE LARGE CHAIN PROVIDES COURSES ON HOW TO APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT AND OTHER GRANTS IN A VARIETY OF TOPICS, INCLUDING PUBLIC SCHOOL SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION, FOR WHICH THEY GET MILLIONS IN STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS YEARLY TO TEACH ABSTINENCE-ONLY PROGRAMMING. [12, 13]



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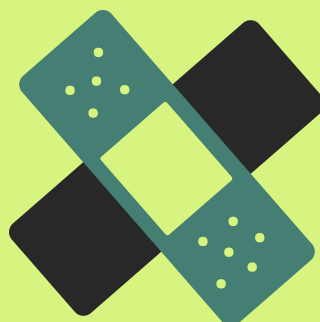
WOMEN OF COLOR, WOMEN EXPERIENCING POVERTY, AND RURAL WOMEN, WHO OFTEN HAVE LESS ACCESS AND FEWER OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE GENERALLY, AND ARE ALSO AGGRESSIVELY TARGETED FOR RECRUITMENT BY FAKE CLINICS. ONE LARGE CHAIN'S EFFORT TO REACH WOMEN OF COLOR WAS DUBBED THE "URBAN INITIATIVE."  
[14]

YOUTH, WHO ARE DOUBLY VICTIMIZED BY FAKE CLINICS: WHEN THEY MISTAKENLY GO TO ONE NOT KNOWING IT'S A SHAM, AND WHEN FAKE CLINIC STAFF COMES TO THEM AT SCHOOL ... MANY FAKE CLINICS OFFER ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, WHICH STUDIES HAVE FOUND TO HAVE DAMAGING PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. [8, 16]

## WHO IS HARMED BY ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS?

PEOPLE FACING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT, WHO NEED UNBIASED HELP AND RESOURCES, AND INSTEAD FACE STIGMA, DEVALUATION, AND CLINICAL INCOMPETENCE FROM STAFF WHO ARE OFTEN UNLICENSED AND NOT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. THIS MEANS THEY AREN'T MANDATED TO COMPLY WITH HIPAA PRIVACY STANDARDS, VITAL FOR SURVIVORS' PERSONAL SAFETY SO THEY CAN MAKE DECISIONS FOR THEMSELVES WITHOUT FEAR OF FURTHER VICTIMIZATION. [5, 15]

TANF BENEFICIARIES, WHOSE FUNDING POOL IS WHITTLED DOWN BY ANTI-ABORTION FAKE CLINICS USING AND MISUSING MONEY THAT SHOULD BE FEEDING THEIR HUNGRY FAMILIES.



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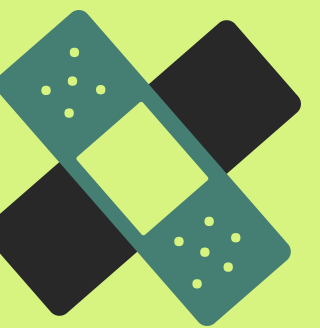


FAKE CLINICS ALSO HARM PEOPLE WHO ARE KEEPING THEIR PREGNANCIES BUT DESIRE COUNSELING OR MATERIAL RESOURCES WITHOUT A SIDE OF INACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT ABORTION. FAKE CLINICS PREY UPON PREGNANT PEOPLE, BUT THEY DO NOT EXIST TO HELP THEM OVER THE LONG HAUL OF SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES. THEY EXIST TO SHAME ABORTION, PERIOD. [18]



## IN CONCLUSION:

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR POLITICS OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS ARE, IT SHOULD BE A GIVEN THAT PEOPLE FACING IMPORTANT MEDICAL DECISIONS DESERVE ACCESS TO ACCURATE, UNBIASED, AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR HEALTHCARE, AND SHOULD KNOW IF THE PLACE THEY'RE SEEKING THAT CARE FROM ISN'T WHAT IT PRETENDS TO BE. FURTHERMORE, CENTERS THAT EXIST PURELY TO DISSUADE WOMEN FROM DECISIONS THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES SHOULD NOT RECEIVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS TO SHAME AND DECEIVE PEOPLE JUST BECAUSE THEY HAVE A BEEF WITH ABORTION.



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