When someone is making a decision about continuing or ending a pregnancy, they should be able to get accurate information about all their options so they can decide what is best for themselves. Anti-abortion centers (AACs) do not support pregnant people and families. Instead, they serve as a barrier to parental support and legitimate health care, including abortion access.

Florida is one of at least 18 states that fund AACs with taxpayer dollars; more than $89 million dollars were allocated toward AACs in 2022 alone. In at least seven of these states, millions of federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds, which are meant to support families working to make ends meet, instead get diverted to AACs.

**State Funding Began:** 2004

**Current Funding:** $25,000,000

**Funding Over Time:**

![Chart showing funding over time from 2004 to 2022]

**Supporting Deceptive Practices:**

Anti-abortion centers exist in order to delay or deter pregnant people from getting abortion care.

When searching “I need an abortion Florida,” AAC subcontractor, Hope Women’s Centers, that received $100,000 from Florida Pregnancy Care Network appeared among the Google results.

**Funding Propaganda:**

Anti-abortion centers spend tax dollars on marketing and propaganda.

The anti-abortion movement has invested millions in SEO (search engine optimization) to serve people ads that look like legitimate abortion providers but are instead AACs. Florida Pregnancy Care Network spent a quarter of million in tax dollars on SEO, paid advertising, and marketing strategy in its 2022-2023 budget to target people with deceptive ads.


**Funneled Dollars Away From Care:**

Anti-abortion centers funnel money away from programs that families need.

States are investing in anti-abortion propaganda when money could be going to programs that address the multiple crises in our communities. The health care system is failing to support Black and Hispanic Floridians who face a maternal mortality rate up to 4x that of white residents.

![chart showing maternal mortality rates by race]

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[Florida Department of Health Division of Public Statistics and Performance Management, accessed 6/6/23; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accessed 6/6/23]
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Funding AACs siphons money away from low-income individuals and those in need of quality health care, and instead places it in the hands of organizations that spread biased, false, and harmful information—and have been left unchecked far too long.

**Reallocation:**

*Tax dollars should go to programs that provide the support parents and pregnant people need.*

Instead of funneling money to programs that spend more on propaganda than services, states can fund people getting health care, accurate information, and access to all of their options, including abortion, adoption, and meaningful support for parents to raise children once they are born.

**Regulation:**

*States must engage in greater scrutiny, investigation, and regulation of AACs, especially those that rely on taxpayer dollars. AACs should not be allowed to engage in unscrupulous tactics and should be required to be transparent about their use of funds and operations.*

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2023 proposed amount: $25,000,000

Governor DeSantis approved SB 300, which allocated $25 million in recurring funds from the state’s general revenue fund for Florida’s A2A program.

[FLSenate.gov]