

Georgia Anti-Abortion Center Funding

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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.

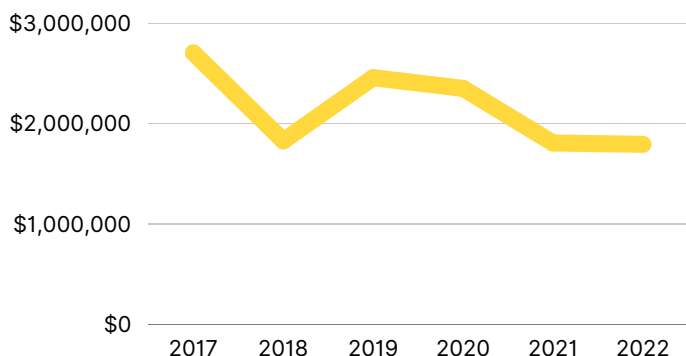
Anti-abortion centers (AACs) do not support pregnant people and families. Instead, they serve as a barrier to parental support and legitimate health care, including abortion access.

Georgia 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: **2017**

Current Funding: **\$1,981,009**

Funding Over Time:



[Georgia Department of Public Health, accessed 6/26/23]

Funding Propaganda:

Anti-abortion centers require people to sit through propaganda to get support.

AACs only provide a sliver of the financial and material goods parents truly need and only after people attend biased counseling. One Georgia AAC that received \$225,313 in tax dollars during FY 2022 runs a “mommy money” program that awards “earn while you learn” incentives only after attending classes that use, “scripture to assist in parenting and decision making.”

FREE ONLINE CLASSES!

Classes gratis!

Earn-as-you-learn incentives for each class.

Class descriptions from Pregnancy Aid Clinic, a tax-payer funded AAC.



[Pregnancy Aid Clinic's donor website, accessed 6/26/23]

Supporting Deceptive Practices:

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

Under "medical services," Pregnancy Aid Clinic advertises “abortion pill reversal,” a treatment that is not medically safe or supported by science.

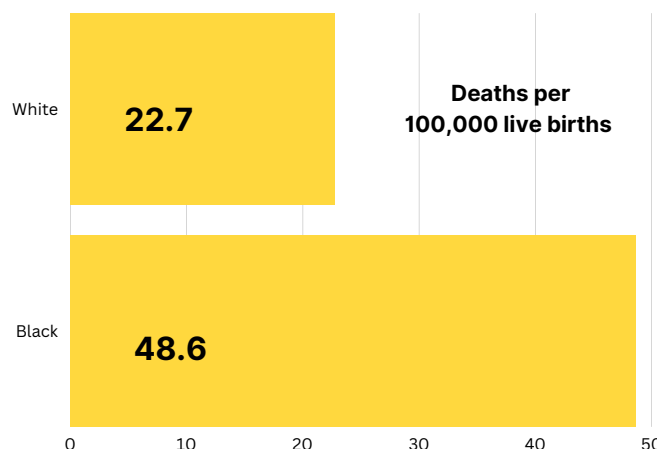
Abortion Pill Reversal Hotline

[Pregnancy Aid Clinic, accessed 6/26/23]

Funneling Dollars Away From Care:

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

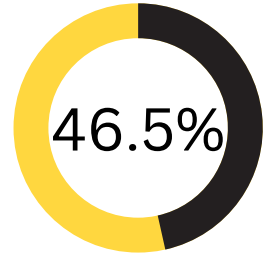
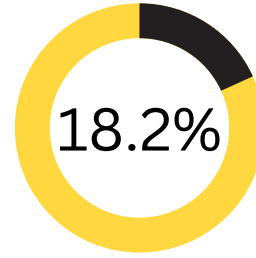
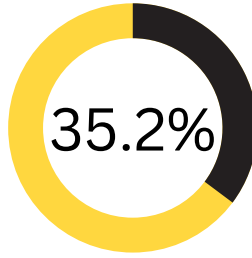
Georgia has not expanded Medicaid, failing to provide needed health care for those working to make ends meet. Georgia ranked 48th maternal mortality and Black women are more than 3x more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than white women.



[Yale Global Health Justice Partnership, 2/8/18]
[Center for Reproductive Rights, accessed 6/26/23]
[Georgia Department of Public Health, accessed 6/26/23]
[Kaiser Family Foundation, 5/24/23]
[March of Dimes PeriStats, accessed 6/26/23]

Need for Maternity Care & Support:

- 35.2% of Georgia counties are maternity care deserts – on par with the national rate of 35.57% of counties.
- 18.2% of Georgia counties are classified as low-access for maternity care compared to the national rate of 11.88% of counties.
- Only 46.54% of Georgia counties have full access to maternity care.



[March of Dimes PeriStats, accessed 7/26/23; March of Dimes Maternity Care Deserts Dashboard, accessed 6/20/23]

Take Action - End Tax Dollars From Flowing to Anti-Abortion Centers

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.

Future Funding

2024 Appropriations Bill HB 19 passed and indicates an increase in funding, but it's unclear by how much.

[<https://legiscan.com/GA/bill/HB19/2023>]

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