

Indiana 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.

Indiana 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. **Indiana** has historically used TANF block grants for its Alternatives to Abortion (A2A) program.

State Funding Began: 2015

Current Funding: \$3,000,000

Funding Propaganda:

Anti-abortion centers often spend more on overhead and propaganda than they do on services.

Anti-abortion centers spend a significant amount of tax dollars on marketing, including deceptive internet advertising. When people look for abortion care online, anti-abortion centers ads often find them. Millions of dollars go to aggressive anti-abortion propaganda efforts, often on the taxpayers' dime.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars are supposed to give direct assistance to families working to make ends meet. Indiana instead gave TANF funds to AACs.



Supporting Deceptive Practices:

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

As of August 21, 2023, Indiana has a complete abortion ban. While Hoosiers are unable to access care, there are 94 AACs currently operating in the state.

AACs are often not required to be transparent about who they are and what services they do and don't provide, leading to confusion and delays for people who are seeking abortion care or other health services.

AACs often use deceptive names such as::

Pregnancy Choices Medical Clinic

74 W Vincennes St
Linton, IN 47441

The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana

2803 Boilermaker Crt, Ste 2D
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Women's Care Center

419 E Wayne St
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

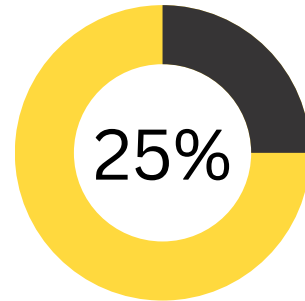
[Crisis Pregnancy Center Map, accessed 11/10/23]
[Abortion Finder, accessed 11/10/23]

Failing To Meet Maternity Care Needs:

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

AACs don't contribute to ameliorating health inequities. States are investing in anti-abortion propaganda when money could be going to programs that address the multiple crises in our communities.

- In 2020, 531 infants died before their first birthday, an infant mortality rate of 6.8 per 1,000 live births.
- Between 2018-2020, Black infants were about 3x as likely as Asian/Pacific Islander infants to die during the first year of life.



25% of Indiana counties are maternity care deserts.

[March of Dimes PeriStats, accessed 11/27/23]
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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.

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