

# North Carolina Anti-Abortion Center Funding

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.

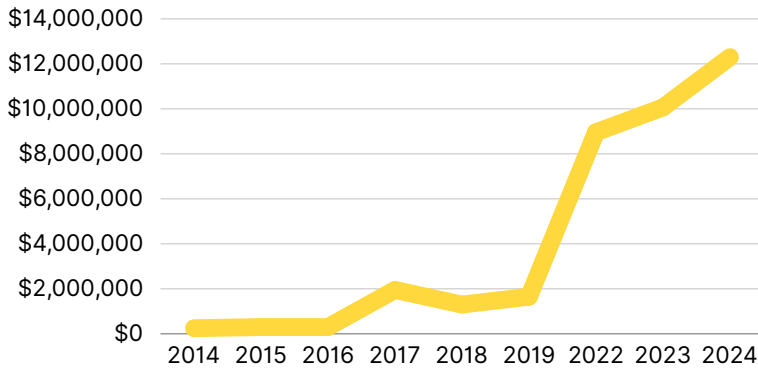
**Anti-abortion centers (AACs) do not support pregnant people and families, but, instead, serve as a barrier to parental support and legitimate health care, including abortion access.**

North Carolina 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.

State Funding Began: **2013**

Current Funding: **\$20,650,000**  
2023-2025 Fiscal Biennium

### Funding Over Time:

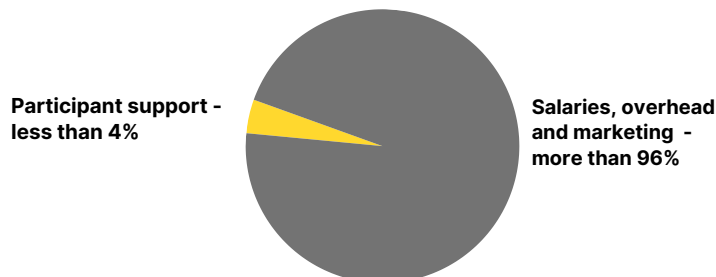


[Session Law 2013-360] [Session Law 2014-100] [Session Law 2015-241] [Session Law 2016-94] [Session Law 2017-57] [Session Law 2018-5] [\*2020 & 2021 - NC did not pass a budget for the 2019-2021 biennium.\*] [Session Law 2021-180] [Joint Conference Committee Report on the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2021] [Session Law 2022-74] [Joint Conference Committee Report on the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2022] [Session Law 2023-134] [Joint Conference Committee Report on the Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2023] \*See page 2 for information on 2023, 2024, and 2025 funding

### Funding Propaganda:

**Anti-abortion centers often spend more on marketing and propaganda than on support.**

In 2020, Mountain Area Pregnancy Services, an AAC receiving tax dollars, had a budget that looked like this:



### Failing To Meet Maternity Care Needs:

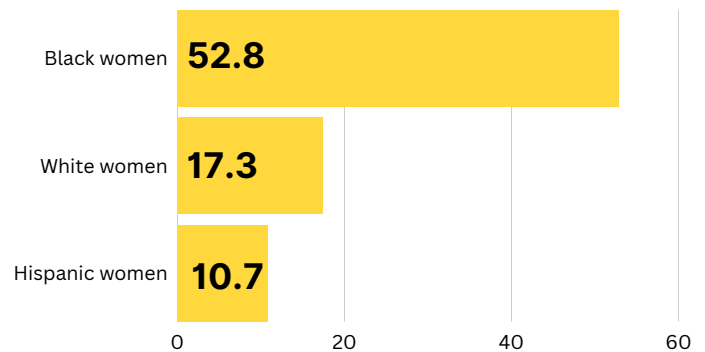
**Anti-abortion centers funnel money away from programs that families need.**

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 North Carolina, 56% of counties have no hospital or birth center offering maternity care.

From 2016 to 2020, North Carolina's Black maternal mortality rate was 52.8 deaths per 100,000 live births. This is more than three times the rate of 17.3 deaths for white mothers and nearly five times higher than the rate of 10.7 deaths for Hispanic mothers.

### Maternal Deaths Per 100,000 Live Births



[March of Dimes PeriStats, accessed 7/6/2023] [North Carolina Medical Society, 4/24/23]

## Supporting Deceptive Practices:

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

Many AACs use “choice” or “women’s health” in their names to intentionally deceive and mislead people seeking abortion and reproductive health care.

**In North Carolina there are 89 AACs. None of them provide abortions but many use deceptive names such as:**

### The Center for Women

39 E Jordan St  
Brevard, NC 28712

### Your Choices Randolph

110 E Walker Ave  
Asheboro, NC 27203

### The Women's Clinic

4237 Louisburg Rd, Ste 105  
Raleigh, NC 27604

[Crisis Pregnancy Center Map]

## 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.

### Clarity on FY2023-2024 & FY2024-2025

As Equity Forward compiled this information, we noticed an unaccounted increase in funding from \$6.25 million per year for Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship in Session Law 2023-134/HB 259 to \$6.8 million per year in the corresponding Joint Conference Committee Report where net appropriations were revised.

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