

# West Virginia 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.**

**West Virginia** 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:** 2023

**Current Funding:** \$1,000,000

## Supporting Deceptive Practices:

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

In an attempt to attract people seeking abortion, many AACs have deceptive names for their centers, intentionally misleading people to believe they will be provided information on all reproductive health options.

### Woman's Choice      Women's Care Center

504 Washington St W  
Charleston, WV 25302

3007 Dudley Ave  
Parkersburg, WV 26104

Materials from Woman's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center of Charleston peddles medical disinformation about abortion including advertising "abortion pill reversal", a dangerous and medically unproven procedure.

#### Abortion Pill Reversal

Many women later regret taking the abortion pill. There is hope of reversing the effects and thus protecting the health of the mother and the life of the baby. [19]

If you regret your decision, contact

24/7 Helpline 1-877-558-0333

or

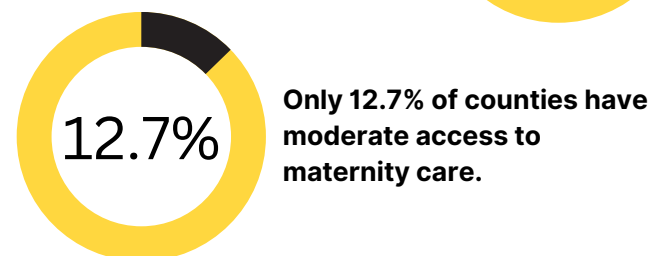
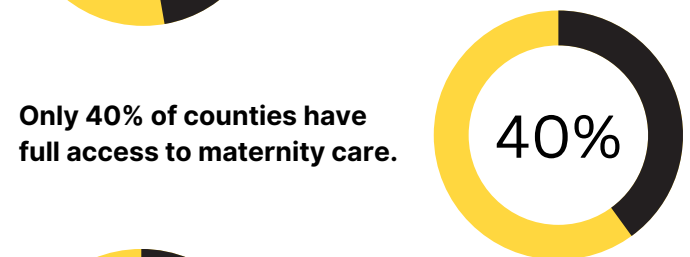
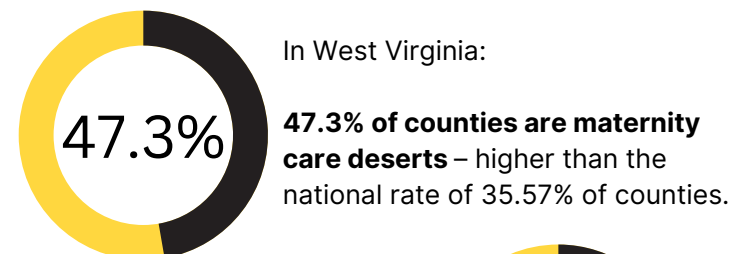
AbortionPillReversal.com

[Woman's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, accessed 6/26/23].  
[University of Georgia Crisis Pregnancy Center Map, accessed 6/26/23]

## 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.



[March of Dimes Maternity Care Deserts Dashboard, accessed 10/25/23]

## 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.

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