



Crisis Pregnancy Centers - The Facts

What are Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs)?

CPCs are pro-life clinics masquerading as women's health centers. They provide free services like pregnancy testing, sonograms, and "counseling" about abortion, adoption, and parenting. Using deceptive tactics, they often discourage patients from abortion and contraceptive use.

Whatever decision individuals choose to make about their pregnancy, it is critical that they receive accurate information and proper medical care so they can make a fully informed choice.

What kind of lies do CPCs tell?

Below are some quotes from our investigative report which demonstrate the medically inaccurate information about abortion that CPCs spread.

"I'll get breast cancer, life starts at conception and that my baby can already survive in the womb because it has all it needs. My two-week old baby already had toes"

"I was told that abortion greatly increases my risk of partaking in risky behavior and suicide because women "want to die too" after the procedure. Emphasized that the harmful emotional effects of abortion would continue with me for life, not just immediately after the procedure. I was told abortion increases my risk of pregnancy because the hormones need somewhere to go after the baby is removed."

"If you have an ectopic pregnancy and have an abortion you will remain pregnant after the abortion because they won't have actually gotten rid of the pregnancy, and won't check before they perform your abortion - the side effects of an ectopic pregnancy won't be recognized after an abortion and you will die."

What's NIFLA v. Becerra?

In 2015, California passed the Reproductive Fact Act, which mandated two things: first, that licensed CPCs post signage indicating that the state has low-cost options for services including abortion, and second, that unlicensed facilities post signage indicating that they are not licensed medical facilities. Soon after, anti-choice groups filed suit, citing free speech, to strike down this law. On June 26, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the anti-choice group NIFLA. Now, advocates will have to consider new and creative approaches to addressing CPCs, which may include public education, eliminating state public funding of fake health centers, and addressing unethical behavior of licensed healthcare professionals who work in them.