

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS IN WISCONSIN AND BEYOND

The **primary mission** of crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs) is to convince pregnant people not to have an abortion.

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS ARE



Anti-abortion nonprofits, **NOT** medical clinics; can be hard to tell the difference



Mostly run by volunteers, **NOT** medical providers



Places that target people undecided about their unplanned pregnancies



Mainly funded and supported by Christian anti-abortion networks

CPCs CAN CAUSE HARM



- ✗ Many CPCs provide **misleading or false** information. *Example:* Patients may be misled about how far along they are in a pregnancy or about the risks of abortion.
- ✗ CPCs **misrepresent or lie** about what services they provide. *Example:* Some CPC ads and websites falsely suggest they offer medical services or abortions.
- ✗ CPCs **do not protect** client information and privacy. *Example:* Some CPCs share medical information with clients' emergency contacts without their permission.

These dishonest practices:



Prevent people from making fully informed decisions



Undermine pregnant people's health, wellbeing, privacy, and autonomy



Delay care; delays in seeking abortion care can lead to:

- A later, more costly, and difficult-to-access abortion procedure
- Exceeding the legal time limit for abortion under state law

HOW LAWS AND REGULATIONS AFFECT CPCs



CPCs are **NOT** subject to laws that protect your rights and privacy



States have little authority to regulate CPCs, as compared to medical clinics



Taxpayer funding for CPCs is on the rise across the U.S.



In Wisconsin, funds raised through Choose Life license plates support CPCs

SERVICES CPCs PROVIDE



Pregnancy tests and counseling that emphasizes continuing the pregnancy



DO NOT provide or refer clients for abortion services (see harms ↑)



Limited medical services, like ultrasounds (sometimes done by non-medical staff)



Pregnancy-related resources (such as diapers), often in exchange for requirements like attending classes

CPCs help meet some pregnant people's needs that are unmet by existing health and social service programs.

~60 CPCs throughout Wisconsin

What services CPCs do and do not provide **may not be clear** from their signs, buildings, or websites — or from the people who work there.

