

SHUT DOWN ANTI-ABORTION CENTERS

WHAT IS AN AAC?

AAC stands for Anti-Abortion Centers. These unlicensed clinics are often referred to as Fake Clinics or Crisis Pregnancy Centers. These centers are Christian-based, anti-abortion organizations that use taxpayer dollars to manipulate and deceive pregnant people considering abortion.



LIES AND DECEPTION

They manipulate pregnant people.

- They pay to be the first resource when Googling "abortion clinic"
- They have **no medically licensed staff** yet their websites claim to offer free abortion counseling and services
- Staff will tell outright **lies** about the risks of abortion, stating it causes: infertility, increased risk of future miscarriages, links to breast cancer, mental health problems and more.
- They use **delay tactics** by lying about the gestational stage of the pregnancy to delay people from seeking medical help - it makes getting abortions **more difficult and more expensive**



WHITE SUPREMACY

They are rooted in anti-Blackness.

- They believe Black pregnant people are incapable of making decisions over their own body in choosing to get an abortion. They shame their decision to get an abortion then punish and ridicule how they raise their child
- Black birthing people have been subjected to **reproductive regulation** throughout the history of the US. AACs are an **extension of this oppression.**



TARGET THE VULNERABLE

They prey on Black and Brown communities.

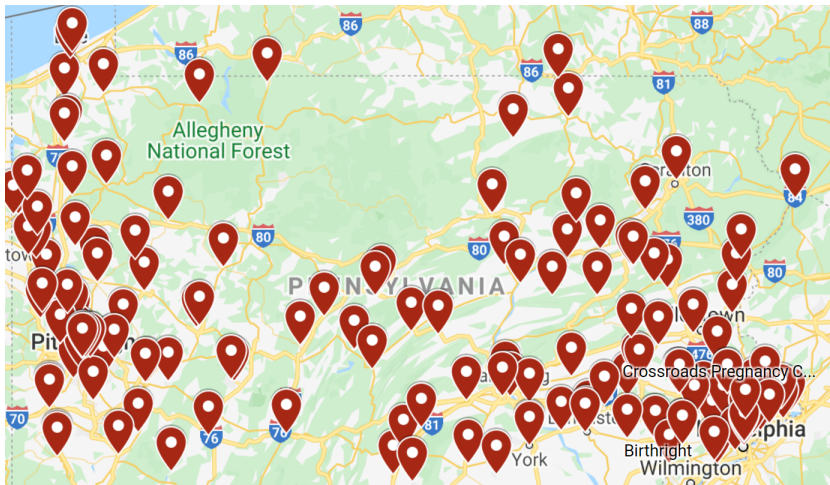
- They get PAID for offering pregnant people "free" resources like diapers and formula, but provide **no medical** or reproductive care.
- They steal money from poor people by getting TANF funding
- They are often located in low-income neighborhoods so they can appear to be a legitimate resource.
- They only provide **resources as manipulation**
- Many require pregnant people to attend classes to **"earn points"** before they get resources

HOW TO SPOT THEM:

You know it is an AAC if they:

- Have a **similar name** to an actual health center
- Advertise free services, especially pregnancy tests and ultrasounds or **requires them upon entrance**
- Offer **no other medical services** like birth control
- Publish **false medical information** about abortion and pregnancy
- Use a lot of **Christian messaging**, imagery, pamphlets, art, and use **shame tactics**
- List their facility under "**Abortion Alternatives**" - they use language around a "woman's choice" or "baby" or "womb"

When in doubt, ask if there is a licensed medical professional onsite



EVERY AAC LOCATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

FUNDING

AACs are funded with both State and Federal dollars. This means that **TAX PAYER MONEY** fund AACs.

In 2020, PA spent **over two times** more on AACs than on actual reproductive health care.

An organization called Real Alternatives receives money through the PA's TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) fund. AACs then *make money* by trapping and keeping people in their clinics.

AACs get paid:

- \$1.09 for each minute of counseling and referral provided
- \$10.90 for each pregnancy test per client visit
- \$10.90 for each food clothing or furniture pantry visit
- \$21.80 for each parenting class per client
- \$5.45 for administrative time spent in completing a RAPID billing form

TRUSTED RESOURCES:

Women's Medical Fund
Help Line: 215-564-6622
More resources: bit.ly/reproresources

Philadelphia Women's Center
(215) 574-3590

Maternity Care Coalition
(215) 972-0700

Planned Parenthood
Clinic locator: 1-800-230-PLAN