
EXPOSING FAKE CLINICS ACROSS RHODE ISLAND

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Introduction and Background: Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Definition and History

Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs), also known as fake clinics, are defined as nonprofit organizations whose “[true purpose is to prevent pregnant individuals from seeking abortion services at legitimate family-planning clinics.](#)”¹ Frequently, CPCs will misinform pregnant people in order to delay or prevent them from seeking abortion services.² Despite portraying themselves as medical facilities, there are typically no medically-licensed individuals who work there.³ They are also exempt for regulation and the licensure required of health care facilities because they often organize themselves as “educational facilities” to usurp Department of Health regulations.⁴ Anti-abortion ideology is prioritized over the health and well-being of pregnant individuals.⁵ In contrast, abortion providers are required to meet [extensive standards](#) in regards to their equipment and staff, and they are also highly regulated by the government.⁶

Despite the fact that the majority of CPCs do not staff medically licensed professionals, many offer services such as pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, and counseling.⁷ Sometimes, they offer supplies (e.g., diapers and baby clothes), housing/shelter referrals, and other free services and resources with the main goal of giving pregnant individuals what they need *during pregnancy* to prevent abortion.⁸ Often, CPCs specifically target low-income and pregnant people experiencing homelessness who need supplies for survival, essentially coercing them into giving birth.⁹ However, even though the services are “free,” they [sometimes require attending classes and participating in other programs](#) to obtain them.¹⁰

¹ <https://prochoicemd.org/choices/crisis-pregnancy-center/>

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ Amy G. Bryant and Jonas J. Swartz, “Why Crisis Pregnancy Centers Are Legal but Unethical,” AMA Journal of Ethics (March 1, 2018), <https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/article/why-crisis-pregnancy-centers-are-legal-unethical/2018-03>.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ “State Facts About Abortion: Rhode Island,” Guttmacher Institute, https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/state-facts-about-abortion-rhode-island?gclid=CjwKCAiAriH_BRB2EiwALfbH1PtFEmvHJa1grqLHAWQ-7VnHICto3bT_IRFrPFHAHWacYqBk6MvWWBoCP0MQAvD_BwE#1.

⁷ See *supra* n.4

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ Anna North, “What ‘Crisis Pregnancy Centers’ Really Do,” Vox (Vox, March 2, 2020), <https://www.vox.com/2020/3/2/21146011/crisis-pregnancy-center-resource-abortion-title-x>

¹⁰ *Id.*

The birth of the first CPCs is directly related to the legalization of abortion. For example, once Hawaii legalized abortion, [Robert Pearson](#) founded one of the first CPCs in the United States in Hawaii in 1970.¹¹ He worked from home to provide many of the same services provided by CPCs today (counseling, housing, financial support, etc.).¹² The majority of the pregnant individuals who visited him decided not to go through with abortion.¹³ Even prior to the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, faith-based, anti-abortion groups set up centers and hotlines, and soon, the organization Heartbeat International was formed.¹⁴ Eventually, more CPCs developed and spread across the country.¹⁵

A CPC's goal is to prevent abortion, and they are designed for subterfuge. For example, some CPCs utilize neutral wording in regards to their names, for example, "Pregnancy Resource Center," "Pregnancy Center," or "Women's Health Center," and they are often located near or adjacent to abortion providers to create confusion.¹⁶ CPCs are more accessible to pregnant individuals of all backgrounds since they are "disguised" under these names, greatly outnumber abortion providing facilities, and advertise that they provide free services.¹⁷ These strategic choices by the CPC conceal the fact that these facilities do not provide referrals for abortion and do not always provide medically accurate information.¹⁸

Rhode Island CPCs Directory (Table 1)

Name (Name of Incorporation) ¹⁹	Address	Contact	Website	Year of Formation
Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center (Rhode Island Right to Life, Inc.)	266 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908 (also mobile)	401-602-2504	http://www.ancoraoptions.org/	2017
Bethany Christian Services	30 Martin Street Unit 3D, Cumberland, RI 02864	401-467-1395	https://bethany.org/locations/us/rhode-island/cumberland	2005 (RI branch), 1944 (National organization)

¹¹ Hayley E. Malcolm, Note, *Pregnancy Centers and the Limits of the Mandated Disclosure*, 119 COLUM. L. REV. 1133 (2019) <https://columbialawreview.org/content/pregnancy-centers-and-the-limits-of-mandated-disclosure/>

¹² *Id.*

¹³ *Id..*

¹⁴ *Id..*

¹⁵ *Id..*

¹⁶ Crisis Pregnancy Centers Lie: The Insidious Threat to Reproductive Freedom," NARAL Pro-Choice, 2015, <https://www.prochoiceamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/cpc-report-2015.pdf>.

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.*

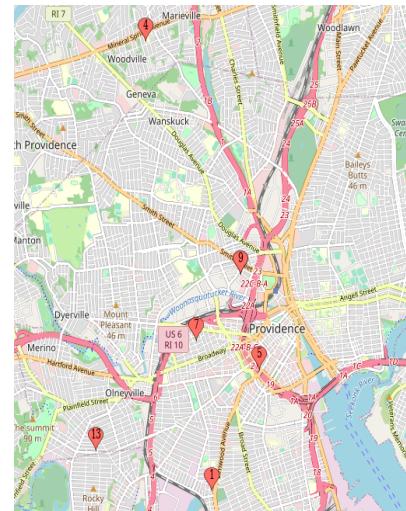
¹⁹ Many CPCs operate using fictitious names. We have tried to identify the actual corporate name of the CPCs by reviewing the Rhode Island Secretary of State's Business Search Portal and the IRS Charitable Organization search.

Choices Women's Pregnancy Center	101 Franklin St, Apt 1B Westerly, RI 02891	401-596-2880	https://choicesrhodeisland.com/	2020
(Deborah K. Fallacaro) Pregnancy Center of Westerly	111 High Street Westerly, RI 02891 44 Elm Street Westerly, RI 02891	401-596-2880; westerlypregnancy@yahoo.com	https://www.facebook.com/immcon.org/ https://www.saintpiuswesterly.org/pro-life/	Not located
Harmony Women's Care Center (Care Net - Rhode Island)	35 Greenwich Street, Providence, RI 02907	401-270-2928; info@carenetri.org	https://harmonycareri.org/	1987
Holy Family Home - St Anthony Church	979 Branch Ave Providence, RI 02904	401-277-4316	https://saintanthonychurch.org/holy-family-home	2015
Little Flower Home	PO Box 40216 Providence, RI 02940	401-625-5929; george@littleflowerhome.org	https://littleflowerhome.org/	1984
Maternity Hope Chest (Rhode Island Right to Life)	266 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02908	401-521-1860; services@irtl.org	http://www.irtl.org/site/page.php?s=04_02_00	1979
Mother of Life Center (Problem Pregnancy Center of Providence, Inc.)	400 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02909	401-421-0820	https://www.motheroflife.org/	1984
My Child...My Gift (The Diocese of Providence)	1 Cathedral Square Providence, RI 02903	401-278-2518; lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org	https://dioceseofprovidence.org/documents/2018/5/Gabriel%20Brochure.pdf	Not located
St Gabriel's Call (The Diocese of Providence)	1 Cathedral Square Providence, RI 02903 (Has seven satellite locations throughout Rhode Island)	401-278-2518; lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org	https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/support-during-pregnancy	Not located

By searching and compiling information from the [Crisis Pregnancy Center Map](#) and the “[Rhode Island Right to Life](#)” websites, we have identified 11 CPCs in the state of Rhode Island (see table 1).²⁰ These CPCs include centers, homes, churches, and even a mobile clinic. Comparatively, Rhode Island only has [two facilities](#) that provide surgical abortion (the health care clinic operated by Planned Parenthood of Southern New England and Women and Infants Hospital).²¹ Nationally, [CPCs outnumber abortion clinics](#), and Rhode Island follows this same trend.²²

The CPCs are dispersed across the state of Rhode Island, though many are concentrated in Providence. [Rhode Island CPC Map (*left*), Providence CPC Map (*right*)]:

[Link](#) to interactive map of Rhode Island CPCs



We classify The Holy Family Home - St. Anthony Church and Little Flower as CPCs because although they do not provide traditional CPC services such as pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, they function to prevent pregnant individuals from seeking abortion services, which is the very definition of a CPC. Both centers focus on providing services, such as shelter and guidance on government social services. In the case of the Little Flower Home, this center specifically “serves pregnant homeless women” by providing them with shelter, instead of focusing on their long-term needs and options or just housing homeless women. The Holy Family Home - St. Anthony Church incorporates a similar approach with an emphasis on homeless mothers with children. By requiring the homeless individuals to either be pregnant and/or have children, these facilities disincentivize abortion. Their approach could coerce a pregnant individual to continue the pregnancy in order to no longer be homeless. Specifically, individuals experiencing homelessness may not have other options, thus eliminating their freedom to have complete autonomy and control of their bodies. Therefore, these centers are correctly classified as CPCs.

Racism and CPCs

²⁰ “Crisis Pregnancy Center Map & Finder,” CPC Map, <https://crisispregnancycentermap.com/>; see also <https://crisispregnancycentermap.com/>; Reproaction Education Fund: Anti-Abortion Fake Clinic Database, accessed April 28, 2021 from <https://reproaction.org/fakeclinicdatabase>. “News & Press Releases,” RIRTL, accessed February 8, 2021, http://www.rirtl.org/site/page.php?s=04_06_00.

²¹ <https://www.womenandinfants.org/services/gynecology/early-options-clinic>; <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-southern-new-england>.

²² “Crisis Pregnancy Centers Lie: The Insidious Threat to Reproductive Freedom,” NARAL Pro-Choice, 2015, <https://www.prochoiceamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/cpc-report-2015.pdf>.

When examining CPCs, it is important to acknowledge and consider the deeply rooted role of racism in the anti-abortion movement.²³ CPCs have long targeted Black people and Black neighborhoods—which CPCs call “underserved”—through methods like advertising on the public transportation that runs through predominantly Black neighborhoods.²⁴ In a similar vein, Care Net, a national network of CPCs with a branch in Providence, launched an “Urban Initiative” in the early 2000s with the goal of turning “abortion in the Black community [into] history” by increasing the number of CPCs in “urban” areas.²⁵ Anti-abortion advocates have also claimed that abortion is akin to slavery and co-opted the language of anti-racist movements with rallying cries like “Black Pre-Born Lives Matter.”²⁶ These tactics deny Black persons their autonomy:

CPCs view women of color as passive victims of abortion, rather than individuals exercising their own volition, justifying the need for these “urban initiatives.” This reproductive paternalism, and presumption that Black women are not competent decisionmakers regarding their own reproduction, reflects the most abhorrent and stereotyped notions about Black women’s humanity and competency.²⁷

Services and Referrals

Rhode Island CPC services vary greatly but share the unifying goal of making sure a pregnant individual stays pregnant. To get a sense of the specific services, see Table 2 below.

CPC Services, Costs, and Referrals (Table 2)

Clinic Name	Pre-Natal Services	Post-Natal Services	Referrals
Ancora Women’s Mobile Care Center (Rhode Island Right to Life)	* Pregnancy test (free) * STD testing (free) * Ultrasound (free) * Confidential “counseling” (free)	* Material assistance (free)	* Medical Care and Social Services (free) *Will NOT refer for abortion services

²³ Jill C. Morrison, *Resuscitating the Black Body: Reproductive Justice as Resistance to the State’s Property Interest in Black Women’s Reproductive Capacity*, 31 YALE J.L. & FEMINISM 35 (2019). Available at: <https://digitalcommons.law.yale.edu/yjlf/vol31/iss1/3>

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ “Time for Abortion in the Black Community to Be History, Care Net Says,” *Care Net*, February 1, 2006, <https://www.care-net.org/press-release-020106>.

²⁶ Emily Davies, “Two Protesters Arrested While Chalking ‘Black Pre-Born Lives Matter’ on Sidewalk,” *The Washington Post*, August 1, 2020, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/two-protesters-arrested-for-chalking-black-pre-born-lives-matter-on-sidewalk/2020/08/01/6d966d90-d41f-11ea-9038-af089b63ac21_story.html.

²⁷ Supra n.22 at 45.

	* A hotline to speak to someone about pregnancy concerns (free)		
Bethany Christian Services	* Provides infant adoption services	* Post-adoption "counseling" (costs unclear)	*Information not publicized
Choices Women's Pregnancy Center	* Pregnancy test (free) * Confidential "counseling" (free)	*Information not publicized	*Information not publicized
(Deborah K. Fallacaro) Pregnancy Center of Westerly	* Lab-certified pregnancy test (free) * "Options and spiritual counseling" (free) * Education offerings on topics such as adoption, abortion, abstinence and parenting (free)	* Material assistance, including baby clothes, diapers, toiletries, baby furnishings, layettes, car seats, cribs, and gift cards (all free) * Postpartum education (free)	* Physician referrals (free) *Will NOT refer for abortion services
Harmony Women's Care Center (Care Net - Rhode Island)	* Pregnancy test (free) * Online pregnancy test (free) * Ultrasound (free) * STI testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea (free)	*Information not publicized	* Medical and community referrals (free) *Will NOT refer for abortion services *Will NOT provide birth control for unmarried individuals
Holy Family Home - St Anthony Church	* Provides housing for women with children (free)	* Provides housing for women with children (free)	*Information not publicized
Little Flower Home	* Provides temporary housing for pregnant people experiencing homelessness (free) * Guidance on social services such as medical insurance, food stamps, etc. (free) * From Form 990 : "Providing confidential support and counseling regarding alternatives to abortion"	*Information not publicized	* From Form 990 : Referrals to "medical care and church and other agencies" * Will NOT refer for abortion services
Maternity Hope Chest (Rhode Island Right to Life)	* Provides expecting parents with materials such as diapers, toiletries, clothing, and bassinets (free)	* Provides new parents with materials such as diapers, toiletries, clothing, and bassinets (free)	* Medical, housing, adoption, food program, and post-abortion counseling

			referrals *Will NOT refer for abortion services
Mother of Life Center (Problem Pregnancy of Providence, Inc.)	* Pregnancy testing (free) * Confidential “counseling” (free) * Ultrasounds (free) * Parenting classes (free) * Individual and group post-abortion counseling (free)	*Information not publicized	* Medical care and social service referrals * Website states “This center does not offer abortion services or refer for abortion.”
My Child...My Gift (The Diocese of Providence)	*Trained peer ministers and volunteers available to counsel parents after they receive a prenatal diagnosis of a medical problem or disability (free)	*Trained peer ministers and volunteers will provide support up to one year after birth (free)	*Information not publicized *Will NOT refer for abortion services
St Gabriel's Call (The Diocese of Providence)	* Mentoring/confidential intervention program (free) * “The mission of St. Gabriel’s Call is to respect all life and to reach out to women who are pregnant, desperate, and in need, through a confidential intervention program to help make things easier for mothers-to-be during and beyond pregnancy in a local and personal way.”	* Items including diapers, baby toiletries, wipes, bottles, crib blankets, crib sheets, strollers, gift cards, etc. (free)	* Referrals to “social services provided through the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence’s Social Ministries” and “other agencies” *Will NOT refer for abortion services

Almost all identified Rhode Island CPCs offer some kind of counseling, mentoring, or education programs (see the following section for more discussion of staffing and counseling). Aside from counseling, pregnancy tests are the most frequently offered resource, provided by five of the 11 identified Rhode Island CPCs. When it comes to the material post-natal provisions, CPCs do not specify how long such support lasts.

A CPC’s choice of the services provided directly correlates with its end goal to prevent pregnant individuals from seeking abortions. For example, Ancora Bus provides ultrasounds. In 2017, Susan Baker, the sonographer for the Ancora Bus, stated “[a]t 10 weeks, you can see arms, legs,

we can sometimes count fingers and when women see that, it makes a huge impact.”²⁸ We deduce that she believes that ultrasound images will make a “huge impact” on influencing a pregnant person’s decision to remain pregnant.

Unlike Rhode Island abortion providers that operate out of two physical locations in Providence, multiple CPCs provide mobile services or have facilities available across the state. The Ancora Women’s Mobile Care Center, operated by Rhode Island Right to Life, parks outside of abortion clinics and other pregnancy resource centers.²⁹ The Little Flower Home houses pregnant people in homes throughout the state. St Gabriel’s Call is based in Providence, but has seven satellite locations in churches and ministry offices throughout the state in Newport, Providence, Cranston, Wakefield, Warren, West Warwick, and Woonsocket.

Providers & Staff

Through our research, we have found that most of these clinics are not staffed by medical professionals, but rather by volunteers, specifically those connected to the Roman Catholic Church. Many still provide services they are unqualified to give, such as counseling and ultrasound readings.

The majority of the CPCs do not list information regarding their staff on their websites, indicating the possibility that the staff are uncertified and unlicensed. The implications of having unlicensed professionals providing medical information and medical services include the possibilities of misleading patients and providing exaggerated and/or false information.³⁰

CPC Staff Information (Table 3)

Clinic Name	Providers and Staff (certifications/licens
Ancora Women’s Mobile Care Center (Rhode Island Right to Life)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No info on staff certifications/licens
Bethany Christian Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed mental health counselor Master’s degree in social work
Choices Women’s Pregnancy Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No info on staff certifications/licens
(Deborah K. Fallacaro) Pregnancy Center of Westerly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered nurse
Harmony Women’s Care Center (Care Net - Rhode Island)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurse Medical Doctor holds position of M Report)

²⁸ Lauren Clem, “Mobile Ultrasound Clinic to Bring pro-Life Care to Women across Rhode Island,” Rhode Island Catholic, June 15, 2017, https://thericatholic.com/stories/mobile-ultrasound-clinic-to-bring-pro-life-care-to-women-across-rhode-island_9032.

²⁹ Ibid.

³⁰ “What Is a Crisis Pregnancy Center?,” NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland, accessed February 8, 2021, <https://prochoicemd.org/choices/crisis-pregnancy-center/>.

Holy Family Home - St Anthony Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No info on certifications/licenses
Little Flower Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-volunteer organization • No info on certifications/licenses
Maternity Hope Chest (Rhode Island Right to Life)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers • No info on certifications/licenses
Mother of Life Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No info on certifications/licenses
My Child...My Gift (The Diocese of Providence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No info on certifications/licenses
St Gabriel's Call (The Diocese of Providence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No info on certifications/licenses

Funding and Analysis

Organization Types and Details of Funding

Most CPCs fund their activities through a combination of fundraising, donations, and government grants.³¹ We have summarized the available funding information for each identified Rhode Island CPC.

- **Ancora Women’s Mobile Care Center:** The Ancora Women’s Mobile Care Center is the fictitious name for Right to Life Services, Inc.³² Its stated mission is not to provide health care services, but to provide “direct material assistance to mothers with newborns and young children.”³³ Right to Life Services, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization.³⁴ It cost \$150,000 to purchase and outfit the van, plus an additional \$50,000 to staff the van.³⁵ In September 2015, RI Right to Life received a \$100,000 grant to put towards the bus from the North American Catholic Educational Programming Foundation.³⁶ Additional costs were covered by donations from the Knights of Columbus and other individuals.³⁷
- **Bethany Christian Services:** Bethany Christian Services is an international 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in Michigan with a branch in Cumberland, RI. In 2019, the

³¹ Under federal law and Rhode Island law, federal and state monies may only be used to provide abortion services for individuals whose pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, or the individual’s health and life is at risk because of the pregnancy. https://www.guttmacher.org/fact-sheet/state-facts-about-abortion-rhode-island?gclid=CjwKCAiAriIH_BRB2EiwALfbH1PtFEmvHJa1grqLHAWQ-7VnHICto3bT_IRFrPFHAHWacYqBk6MvWWBoCP0MQAvD_BwE#1

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https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSummary.aspx?FEIN=000031324&SEARCH_TYPE=1

³³ *Id.*

³⁴ https://apps.irs.gov/pub/epostcard/cor/050413808_201912_990_2020101517377705.pdf

³⁵ Lauren Clem, *Mobile Ultrasound Clinic*, Rhode Island Catholic, [Mobile ultrasound clinic to bring pro-life care to women across Rhode Island](#)

³⁶ *Id.*

³⁷ *Id.*

national organization received \$1,379,186 in government grants.³⁸ That same year, the organization's total revenue was reported as \$14,373,065.³⁹

- **Choices Women's Pregnancy Center:** Choices Pregnancy Center is a non-profit corporation incorporated in June 2020 that received its IRS determination letter of its tax-exempt status in November 2020.⁴⁰ Because Choices has not had to file its tax returns yet, no financial records were identified for this center.
- **(Deborah K. Fallacaro) Pregnancy Center of Westerly:** Because this CPC is operating by Catholic parishes governed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, no financial records were located for this CPC.
- **Harmony Women's Care Center (990 filed under Care Net - Rhode Island):** Harmony Women's Care Center is a 501(c)(3) organization.⁴¹ In 2018, the organization's total revenue was reported at \$292,194 with \$244,583 coming from fundraising events and \$42,191 from membership dues.⁴² The organization did not report the receipt of any government funds.⁴³ Care Net identifies itself as only an "educational agency" in its annual report.⁴⁴
- **Holy Family Home - St Anthony Church:** Holy Family Home is a 501(c)(3) organization whose 2019 total revenues were reported as \$150,157.⁴⁵ They reported receiving \$25,750 in government grants, and \$124,407 in "other contributions."⁴⁶ The organization classifies itself as a "Religious Organization."⁴⁷ In its entity summary via the Rhode Island Secretary of State's Business Portal, the Holy Family Home states that its purpose is "to provide shelter and services to woman and their children organized exclusively charitable religious education and scientific purposes including for such purposes, the making of distribution

³⁸ 990 Form (2019), Bethany Christian Services, p. 9, Part VIII, line 1e. <https://bethany.org/media/about-us/990s/Group-Return-2019-SIGNED-Public-Copy.pdf>

³⁹ *Id.* at p. 9, Part VIII, line 1h.

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http://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSummary.aspx?FEIN=001709212&SEARCH_TYPE=1;

<https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/detailsPage?ein=850900357&name=Choices%20Womens%20Pregnancy%20Center&city=Westerly&state=RI&countryAbbr=US&dba=&type=CHARITIES,%20DETERMINATIONLETTERS&orgTags=CHARITIES&orgTags=DETERMINATIONLETTERS>

⁴¹ CareNet-Rhode Island - Form 990 for Period Ending Jun 2018 - Nonprofit Explorer, ProPublica, May 9, 2013, https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display_990/50439164/02_2019_prefixes_04-11%2F050439164_201806_990_2019020916078345.

⁴² *Id.* at p. 9, part VIII, lines 1b, 1c, and 1g.

⁴³ *Id.* at line 1e.

⁴⁴ <https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSearchViewPDF.aspx>

⁴⁵ Holy Family Home for Mothers and Children - Form 990 for Period Ending Jun 2020 - Nonprofit Explorer, p. 9, Section XIII, line 1h. ProPublica, May 9, 2013,

https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display_990/474758057/09_2020_prefixes_46-47%2F474758057_202006_990_2020092917338156.

⁴⁶ *Id.* at p. 9, Section XIII, lines 1e and 1f.

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https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSummary.aspx?FEIN=001481131&SEARCH_TYPE=6

to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under section 501(C)(3) IRS Code.”⁴⁸ It includes that it incorporates “scientific purposes,” despite being grounded in religious beliefs and without having licensed professionals who work there.

- **Little Flower Home:** Little Flower Home is a 501(c)(3) organization that reported a total revenue of \$66,017 in 2018.⁴⁹ In that same year, they received \$24,047 in government grants, \$2,718 from fundraising events, and \$39,252 from “other contributions.”⁵⁰
- **Maternity Hope Chest (affiliated with RI Right to Life, Inc):** Maternity Hope Chest’s address and PO Box match those listed on RI Right to Life Inc.’s 2018 990 form (226 Smith St, Providence RI 02980; PO Box 28285).⁵¹ In 2018, RI Right to Life Inc. reported a total revenue of \$225,116, with \$1,000 coming from government grants, \$51,514 from fundraising events, \$5,811 from federated campaigns, and \$166,791 from other contributions.⁵²
- **Mother of Life Center (990 filed under Problem Pregnancy of Providence RI):** Mother of Life Center is a fictitious name for Problem Pregnancy of Providence, Inc., which is a 501(c)(3) organization.⁵³ In 2017, they reported \$131,440 in total revenue, with \$47,875 coming from government grants and \$83,565 coming from other contributions.⁵⁴
- **My Child...My Gift and St Gabriel's Call (The Diocese of Providence):** Because this CPC is operating by the Diocese of Providence, no financial records were located for this CPC.

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https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSummary.aspx?FEIN=001481131&SEARCH_TYP_E=1

⁴⁹ Little Flower Home, Inc. Form 990 for Period Ending Jun 2019 - Nonprofit Explorer, p. 9, Section XIII, line 1h, ProPublica, May 9, 2013,

https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display_990/222576431/10_2019_prefixes_20-22%2F222576431_201906_990_2019102816787929.

⁵⁰ *Id.* at Section XIII lines 1c, 1e, 1f.

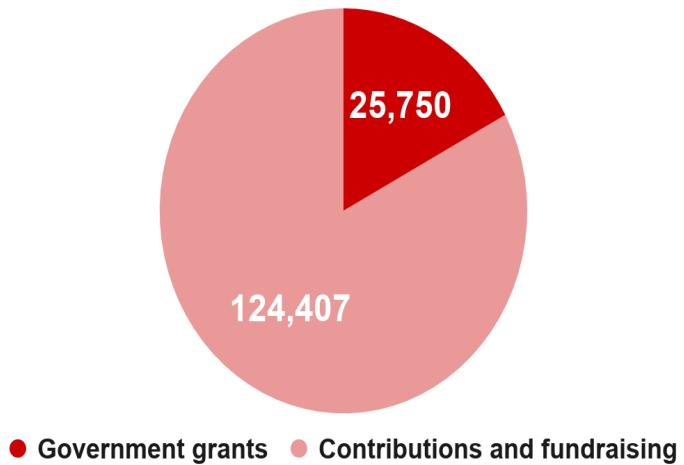
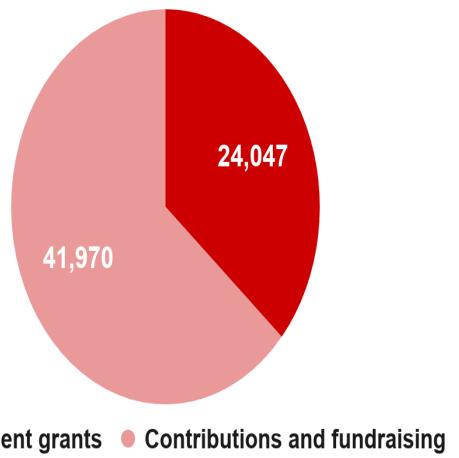
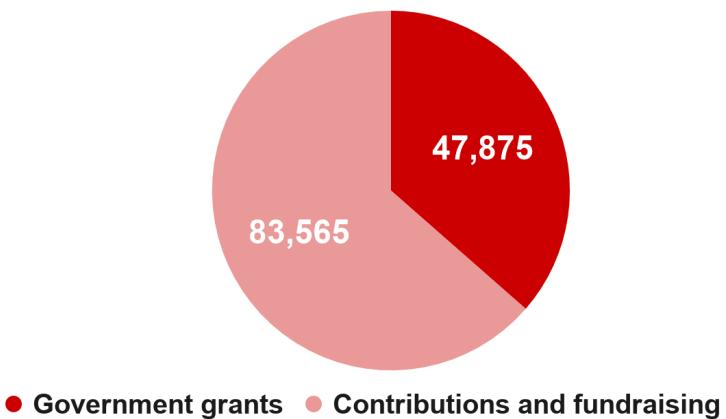
⁵¹ Maternity Hope Chest is specifically listed on page 13 of Right to Life Services Inc.’s Form 990: https://990s.foundationcenter.org/990_pdf_archive/050/050413808/050413808_201812_990.pdf?_gl=1*al esj6*ga*MTY2ODYxMjEyNC4xNjEwMzE4OTQz*ga_5W8PXYYGBX*MTYxMjY2MDgxMy44LjEuMTYxMjY2MDgzNS4w

⁵² *Id.* at p.9 Section XIII lines 1a, 1c, 1e, 1f, 1h.

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https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSummary.aspx?FEIN=000033706&SEARCH_TYP_E=1; <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/222579761/201832579349300128/full>

⁵⁴ <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/222579761/201832579349300128/full> at p. 9 Section XIII lines 1e, 1f, 1h.

Holy Family Home 2019 Revenue Sources (dollars)**Little Flower Home 2018 Revenue Sources (dollars)****Mother of Life Center 2017 Revenue Sources (dollars)**

As illustrated by the pie charts, many Rhode Island CPCs receive a significant percentage of their funding from government institutions. Financial details are murkier for CPCs directly tied with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, such as the (Deborah K. Fallacaro) Pregnancy Center of Westerly or St Gabriel's Call.

Advertising & Websites

Website Analysis

One common characteristic among most of the websites for CPCs is that they fail to provide enough information regarding their services. With vague phrases and difficult-to-navigate and

outdated website formatting, it is easily possible to get confused and struggle finding the correct information.

For instance, the [Harmony Women's Care Center](#) states “pregnant and considering abortion? Harmony is your first step,” on its homepage.⁵⁵ However, in significantly smaller italicized text at the bottom of the page, it states “in keeping with our non-profit, pro-woman mission, Harmony Women’s Care Center does not provide nor refer for abortion services.” Also, there are two separate websites for Harmony Women’s Care Center, one of them being a [Care Net Rhode Island-affiliated](#) website.⁵⁶

Additionally, because information about the ([Deborah K. Fallacaro](#)) [Pregnancy Center of Westerly](#) is on the website of St. Pius X Church, a Roman Catholic Church located in Westerly, Rhode Island, there is an anti-abortion quote at the top of the page and information about “pro-life” advocacy throughout the website, such as information about the March for Life, as well as a “pro-life newsletter.”⁵⁷ Its Facebook page contains posts from April 2012 through December 2020 of articles, images, and videos promoting anti-abortion opinions, in addition to religious videos.⁵⁸ There is even a post from June 2018 which states "Congratulations!" while promoting an article from *Politico* titled "Supreme Court sides with crisis pregnancy centers in fight over California law." Many of the posted articles also come from [lifenews.com](#), which is considered a "pro-life news source." Simultaneously, the header image reads "Pregnant and need help? You are not alone!" highlighting its services and contact information.

Many CPC websites state that they provide “objective” information about pregnancy options and abortions, for example, [Choices Women’s Pregnancy Center](#), yet the websites frame abortion negatively, emphasize adoption, and do not state whether or not there are health care professionals who provide this information.⁵⁹ Few websites explicitly state that they do not offer abortion services or do not refer for abortion.

Furthermore, CPCs that are affiliated with national CPC networks have more professional websites with cleaner, easier-to-navigate designs. Two examples include the website for [Harmony Women's Care Center](#), which is part of Care Net, as well as [Bethany Christian Services](#), which is one of the clinics of the international Bethany Christian Services network.⁶⁰

⁵⁵ “Harmony Care RI,” Harmony, July 7, 2020, <https://harmonycareri.org/>.

⁵⁶ “Contact: CareNet Rhode Island,” Contact | CareNet Rhode Island, accessed February 8, 2021, <https://www.carenetri.com/contact/>.

⁵⁷ <https://www.saintpiuswesterly.org/pro-life/>.

⁵⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/immcon.org/>

⁵⁹ “Choices Pregnancy Center,” Choices Pregnancy Center, accessed February 8, 2021, <https://choicesrhodeisland.com/>.

⁶⁰ “Harmony Care RI,” Harmony, July 7, 2020, <https://harmonycareri.org/>; “About Bethany,” Bethany, accessed February 8, 2021, <https://bethany.org/about-us>.

While each CPC provides basic information on their websites, some of them are outdated, seem unprofessional, and/or lack important details. Below is a list of each CPC's website (or associated websites/pages), as well as important points about their formatting, content, and other details:

- **Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center (Rhode Island Right to Life)**

- Professional website design
- Multiple tabs and services displayed
- Advertises a phone number and address
- Include 24/7 chat box

- **Bethany Christian Services**

- Professional website design
- Section of the website dedicated to describing the CPC in Cumberland, RI only includes info about staff, location, phone number, and general information
- Resources and support section includes a variety of categories including "adoption," "advocacy," "church," "emergency care," "family," "foster care," etc.
- Searching the term "abortion" results in three short articles that frame it in negative ways

- **Choices Women's Pregnancy Center**

- Limited information
- States that it answers questions about abortion procedure and risks
- Provides support to women after abortion (frames abortion negatively)
- No information about staff
- Provides phone number, address, and appointment scheduling information

- **(Deborah K. Fallacaro) Pregnancy Center of Westerly**

- Church website
- Header image is quote from Pope Benedict XVI about the "extermination of millions of unborn children..."
- Limited information
- Provides address, phone number, and email
- Provides "pro-life advocacy" info
- Outdated 2018 newsletter
- Describes basic services/referrals
- CPC also has a Facebook page

The image contains three side-by-side screenshots of website interfaces for different pregnancy centers.
 1. **Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center (Rhode Island Right to Life):** The top half shows a mobile phone displaying a live video chat with a woman. The main website below features a large photo of a pregnant woman, a prominent anchor logo, and sections for pregnancy tests and ultrasounds.
 2. **Bethany Christian Services:** Shows a mobile phone interface with a live video call and a main website featuring a COVID-19 update banner, a photo of a woman holding a child, and contact information for Cumberland office.
 3. **Choices Women's Pregnancy Center:** Features a woman looking down, with text overlay 'YOU HAVE CHOICES.' and a description of free services. Navigation links include PREGNANCY TESTS, YOUR OPTIONS, MIXED FEELINGS, MEN, VISIT US, and DONATE.

The screenshot shows the homepage of Saint Pius X. It features a quote from Pope Benedict XVI about the extermination of unborn children, a large image of a baby in an adult's hands, and a sidebar for finding the church.

St Pius X Respect Life committee Mission Statement was adopted March 16, 1999

"To defend and uphold the sacred value of human life from its beginning until its end and to affirm the right of every human being to live this always good respecting the highest degree." The St Pius X's life committee exists to promote the sanctity of human life through education, social support, advocacy, social action and prayer and to encourage each member of the parish family to give witness to this teaching of the Church.

New to Saint Pius?



- **[Harmony Women's Care Center \(Care Net - Rhode Island\)](#)**

- Professional website design
- Mission statement on the main page states “Harmony is your first step when facing an unplanned pregnancy and considering abortion. In a quick and easy one-hour appointment, we will give you the crucial answers you need as you consider your options. All our services are FREE and Confidential.”
- Provides phone number, address, and appointment request form
- States “in keeping with our non-profit, pro-woman mission, Harmony Women’s Care Center does not provide nor refer for abortion services.”



- **[Holy Family Home - St Anthony Church](#)**

- Church website
- Includes brief description of mission
- Provides phone number and address
- Limited information

- **[Little Flower Home](#)**

- Simple website
- Limited information
- Five tabs: “home,” “about us,” “services,” “volunteer”
- Asks “pregnant and homeless?” and provides a 24/7 number to call or text

- **[Maternity Hope Chest \(Rhode Island Right to Life\)](#)**

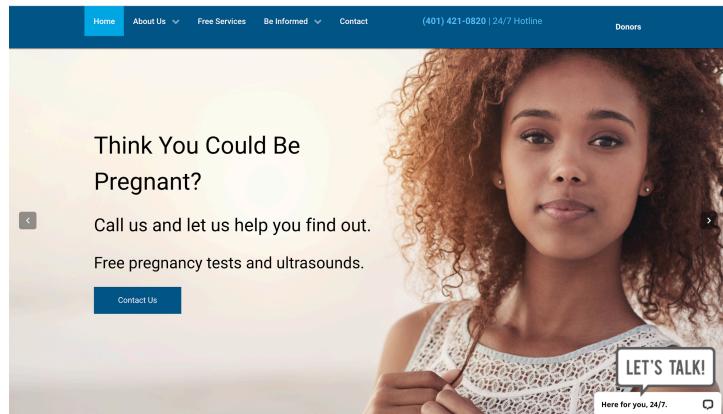
- Rhode Island Right to Life — statewide organization but has simple/updated website format
- Provides limited information for Maternity Hope Chest
- Brief description included
- Has page that lists multiple other CPCs in Rhode Island
- Provides phone number and other contact info

- **Mother of Life Center**

- Provides 24/7 support agent on website
- Provides address and phone number
- Professional, more detailed website
- “Abortion” is listed as one of the options on that “Your Choices” page, and it states that “We can help you understand your choices and your pregnancy, discuss your health and explain your abortion options.”
- Explicitly states at the bottom of page “This center does not offer services for abortion or refer for abortion”

- **My Child...My Gift and St. Gabriel's Call
(The Diocese of Providence)**

- Church website
- Brief description of program
- Provides contact info and address



Misleading Information

While a variety of the websites fail to mention abortion as an option, some of the websites include exaggerated information about abortion. For instance, [Choices Women's Pregnancy Center](#) states on its website, “Abortion is far more complicated than many women and men understand. It is not like deleting a file. There are often physical, emotional, and spiritual consequences from abortion” under the header, “Abortion Considerations and Healing.” Additionally, few of the websites describe medical considerations, but rather, focus more on convincing pregnant individuals to visit their respective centers or to consider the emotional and spiritual consequences of abortion. However, abortions are considered safe, and have been found to have “[no long-term consequences on women's physical and mental health.](#)”⁶¹ Additionally, a congressional study said that [87% of CPCs](#) present inaccurate information to the individuals who visit, including lying about how far the pregnancy is in order to influence someone’s decision to receive an abortion.⁶²

⁶¹ Alison Kodjak, “Landmark Report Concludes Abortion In U.S. Is Safe,” NPR (NPR, March 16, 2018), <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2018/03/16/593447727/landmark-report-concludes-abortion-is-safe>.

⁶² Kristen Dold, “The Truth About Crisis Pregnancy Centers,” Women’s Health (Women’s Health, June 18, 2019), <https://www.womenshealthmag.com/health/a19994621/crisis-pregnancy-centers/>.

Self-Portrayal on 990 Financial Forms

The discrepancy between how CPCs portray themselves on their websites and how they portray themselves on their 990 forms is revealing. For example, the Mother of Life Center operates under the name “Mother of Life Center” but files their 990 forms under the name Problem Pregnancy of Providence Inc. On Mother of Life’s website, they write that “You have options … We can help you understand your choices and your pregnancy, discuss your health and explain your abortion options.”⁶³ However, their mission as stated on their 990 form centers around “counseling pregnant women on the alternatives to abortion assisting women during pregnancy.”⁶⁴ In a similar vein, the Little Flower Home’s mission, as described on their 990 form, is to provide “confidential support and counseling regarding alternatives to abortion.”⁶⁵ However, there is no clear mention of this organization’s anti-abortion ideology on their website.⁶⁶ These patterns suggest that CPC websites are not always forthcoming about their organizations’ true mission and motives.

Trends in Research

Religious Connections

Many of the CPCs have religious ties and, in particular, support from Roman Catholic churches. It is no surprise that the information and services provided by these CPCs adhere to anti-abortion Catholic tenets. There are several CPCs associated or directly linked to the Roman Catholic church in Rhode Island. For instance, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence, which governs all of the Roman Catholic churches in the State of Rhode Island, associates with and directly supports two CPCs— “[St. Gabriel’s Call](#)” and “[My Child...My Gift](#).“ The [Holy Family Home](#) is directly part of Saint Anthony Church in North Providence, Rhode Island.⁶⁷

The [\(Deborah K. Fallacaro\) Pregnancy Center of Westerly](#) and the Pregnancy Center of Westerly both appear to be affiliated with Catholic parishes in Westerly and appear to be the same CPC operating out of two parishes in Westerly, RI. Both of these CPCs share the same phone number and email address. Their addresses are listed as 44 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891 and 111 High Street, Westerly, RI 02891, respectively. According to the RI Secretary of State Corporation Registry, Saint Pius X Parish Corporation, Westerly is registered to 44 Elm Street and Church and the Church of the Immaculate Conception Westerly Rhode Island is registered to the 111 High Street address. No other corporations are registered with the Rhode Island Secretary of State at those addresses.

⁶³ <https://www.motheroflife.org/be-informed/your-choices>.

⁶⁴ <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/222579761/201832579349300128/full> at ,” p.1, part I, line 1.

⁶⁵ https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/display_990/222576431/10_2019_prefixes_20-22%2F222576431_201906_990_2019102816787929 at p. 9, Section XIII, line 1h.

⁶⁶ <https://littleflowerhome.org/>.

⁶⁷ <https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/support-during-pregnancy>; <https://www.saintpiuswesterly.org/pro-life/>; <https://saintanthonychurch.org/holy-family-home>.

Furthermore, even if the clinics are not directly affiliated with a church, many still reference “God,” “faith,” Christianity, or Catholicism on their website. For instance, the [Bethany Christian Services](https://bethany.org/about-us) website states “Our actions are inspired by faith” directly on the website, in addition to “We love God and we love people.”⁶⁸ Also, [Little Flower Home](https://littleflowerhome.org/about-us) states that it’s a “lay Catholic 501(c)(3) non-profit charity”⁶⁹ Another example, [Mother of Life Pregnancy Center](https://www.motheroflife.org/about-us/our-center), states that it’s a non-profit organization that provides free, confidential services. The website also describes, “Our information on life issues are presented from a Christian perspective, believing that every person is made in God’s image.”⁷⁰

Additionally, the [Ancora Women’s Mobile Care Center](https://www.ancoraoptions.org/) was featured in the publication, Rhode Island Catholic.⁷¹ The [article](#) describes that a Bishop performed a “blessing and dedication of the new clinic” following Mass at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, encouraging the pro-life movement.⁷²

These religious connections and affiliations have ethical and social implications, especially when it comes to the [ethics of healthcare and religion](#), and specifically, the idea of “the separation of church and medicine.”⁷³

National and State Network Connections

Several of the clinics are affiliated with greater national networks (e.g., CareNet) that provide resources to these CPCs. Additionally, some CPCs operate under well-funded organizations, including Rhode Island Right to Life and the Diocese of Providence. These networks and organizations provide resources for their affiliated CPCs. Nationally, the three most prominent national CPC networks include Heartbeat International, CareNet, and the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates. Affiliations to these networks impact resources and funding for each CPC. For instance, some national networks, for example, CareNet and Heartbeat International spend at least [\\$18,000 each month](#) to advertise their website and services (using pay-per-click keywords). Some keywords include “abortion” and “morning-after-pill,” possibly misleading pregnant individuals who initially search for such options.⁷⁴

⁶⁸ <https://bethany.org/about-us>.

⁶⁹ <https://littleflowerhome.org/about-us>.

⁷⁰ <https://www.motheroflife.org/about-us/our-center>

⁷¹ <https://www.ancoraoptions.org/>.

⁷² Lauren Clem, “Mobile Ultrasound Clinic to Bring pro-Life Care to Women across Rhode Island,” Rhode Island Catholic, <https://thericatholic.com/stories/mobile-ultrasound-clinic-to-bring-pro-life-care-to-women-across-rhode-island.9032>.

⁷³ Jr. Myrick C. Shinall, “The Separation of Church and Medicine,” Journal of Ethics, American Medical Association (October 1, 2009), <https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/article/separation-church-and-medicine/2009-10>.

⁷⁴ “Unmasking Fake Clinics: The Truth About Crisis Pregnancy Centers in California,” NARAL Pro-Choice California Foundation, 2010, <https://www.sfcityattorney.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Unmasking-Fake-Clinics-The-Truth-About-Crisis-Pregnancy-Centers-in-California-.pdf>

Delaying Abortion

CPCs often seek to delay a pregnant person's access to abortion services.⁷⁵ For example, on Harmony Care Center's website, the center advises that pregnant people ask themselves "Is my pregnancy potentially viable?" and add that "Statistically, 1 in 5 early pregnancies end on their own before 7 weeks."⁷⁶ By encouraging a pregnant person to wait and see if they miscarry before considering an abortion, CPCs harm pregnant people who may later decide to seek abortion services because "Abortions are least complicated and more accessible, both legally and medically, within the first trimester."⁷⁷

CareNet – Rhode Island/Harmony Women's Care Center – a Case Study

CareNet – Rhode Island has two fictitious names 1) CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island and 2) Harmony Women's Care Center.⁷⁸ Both CareNet – Rhode Island and Harmony Women's Care Center are listed as CPCs by reputable organizations that track CPCs.⁷⁹

CareNet – Rhode Island is a Rhode Island nonprofit that categorizes itself on its 2021 Annual Report as a "educational agency."⁸⁰ Most likely, it chose that designation to avoid being regulated as a health care facility or health care provider. It is an affiliate of Care Net, "a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that empowers women and men considering abortion to choose life for their unborn children and find abundant life in Christ."⁸¹ Care Net requires all of its affiliates to adhere to Standards of Affiliation and Commitment of Care and Confidence.⁸² The Standards of Affiliation specifically state that facilities do not provide abortions or abortion referrals, and they do not refer,

⁷⁵ Joanne D. Rosen, "The Public Health Risks of Crisis Pregnancy Centers," *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 44, no. 3 (2012): pp. 201-205, <https://doi.org/10.1363/4420112>.

⁷⁶ <https://harmonycarerri.org/considering-abortion-in-ri/before-an-abortion/>.

⁷⁷ See *supra* n.75 at 202.

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https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSummary.aspx?FEIN=000043684&SEARCH_TYPE=1 ; <https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSearchViewPDF.aspx> ;
<https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSearchViewPDF.aspx> ;
https://apps.irs.gov/pub/epostcard/cor/050439164_202006_990_2020121817576877.pdf

⁷⁹ Crisis Pregnancy Center Map & Finder," CPC Map, <https://crisispregnancycentermap.com/>;

Reproaction Education Fund: Anti-Abortion Fake Clinic Database, accessed April 28, 2021 from

<https://reproaction.org/fakeclinicdatabase>

⁸⁰ <https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSearchViewPDF.aspx>

⁸¹ https://resources.care-net.org/find-a-pregnancy-center/?_gl=1*cx63zo*_ga*MTIzNDgyMjAwNC4xNjE5NjE4NjY1*_ga_KMGKJZYJKH*MTYxOTYxODY2NC4xLjEuMTYxOTYxOTC1Ni42MA..#lp-pom-block-120 ; <https://www.care-net.org/about>

Care Net has over 1000 affiliates in North America. *Id.*

⁸² A Guide to Care Net Affiliation, page 6 https://www.care-net.org/hubfs/Affiliate_Icons_and_ads/A%20Guide%20to%20Care%20Net%20Affiliation%20UPDATED%2010.09.18%20.pdf?hsCtaTracking=95018527-cb63-4f5a-9706-264783b19f00%7C0e4ad0a1-b8a7-4f33-9351-b3917d6801ec

recommend, or provide contraception to unmarried people.⁸³ The “primary mission of the pregnancy center is to share the compassion, hope, and help of Jesus Christ — both in word and deed — with those facing pregnancy decisions.”⁸⁴

According to CareNet – Rhode Island’s most recently amended articles of incorporation, CareNet – Rhode Island “is a Christian, evangelical, outreach ministry committed to educating women and men and to helping them make informed, life affirming decisions in the areas of pregnancy, relationships, and sexual behavior.”⁸⁵ CareNet – Rhode Island’s website states it is “a community-supported Christian ministry.”⁸⁶ Donations “go towards programs that help educate and serve women at risk for abortion.”⁸⁷ Its Facebook page explicitly states that its “mission is to end the demand for abortion by offering women the support and resources they need to turn their fear into confidence. All our services are free because of donors like you.”⁸⁸ CareNet - Rhode Island relies heavily on churches to operate: “Many churches include us in their monthly or annual mission budgets. . . . Most of our staff and volunteers come from our church partners.”⁸⁹ The organization is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (“ECFA”),⁹⁰ which mission statement is “Enhancing Trust in Christ-Centered Churches and Ministries.”⁹¹

CareNet facilities clearly will **not** provide comprehensive reproductive healthcare in that they will not provide abortion referrals to anyone or contraception to unmarried people.

Harmony Women’s Care Center’s Website

Even though Harmony is committed to **not** providing abortions or referrals, you would not know that by its website. Its homepage states “Pregnant and Considering Abortion? Harmony is your first step.”⁹² Nowhere on the website does it state that Harmony does not provide abortion or referrals. What Harmony will provide is Christianity-informed advice about the gestational age of a fetus (who knows if it is provided by a health care professional), some STI screening, and some counseling advocating adoption. If Harmony is a pregnant person’s first step when seeking abortion, they will only be unnecessarily delayed from getting the medical care that they choose.

Conclusion

⁸³Care Net Standards of Affiliation

<https://cdn2.hubspot.net/hubfs/367552/Standards%20of%20Affiliation%202019.pdf>

⁸⁴ *Id.*

⁸⁵ <https://business.sos.ri.gov/CorpWeb/CorpSearch/CorpSearchViewPDF.aspx>

⁸⁶ <https://www.carenetri.com/get-involved/partner-with-us/>

⁸⁷ *Id.*

⁸⁸ <https://www.facebook.com/carenetri>

⁸⁹ <https://www.carenetri.com/get-involved/partner-with-us/>

⁹⁰ <https://www.carenetri.com/donate/>

⁹¹ <https://www.ecfa.org/Content/MissionStatement>

⁹² <https://harmonycarerri.org/>

CPCs endanger pregnant individuals and are unethical for a number of reasons. Most notably, there are privacy concerns because unlike licensed medical clinics, they do not have to follow the provisions of HIPAA,⁹³ and thus, do not have to maintain medical privacy standards. Additionally, although CPCs practice First Amendment Rights, allowing them to function with essentially no regulation, they endanger the health and bodily autonomy of pregnant individuals by providing harmful and/or inaccurate information. For instance, sometimes the “counseling” they provide frames abortion as an extremely risky procedure, even though it is considered safer than childbirth.⁹⁴

One of CPCs’ most powerful tools is their confusing messaging. By emphasizing words like “choices,” “confidential,” and “supportive,” CPCs portray themselves as a neutral resource for pregnant people when, in reality, their goal is to stop pregnant people from having abortions. If CPC websites do reveal that they operate on anti-abortion principles and will not refer for an abortion, they do so in small, difficult-to-find text.

There have been many unsuccessful attempts to require CPCs to state that they do not provide abortion referrals and that they are not medically licensed. Only California requires that CPCs must offer referrals to locations that provide all reproductive health services.⁹⁵ California also requires that CPCs that do not staff a physician must inform clients of their lack of licensure.

Spreading awareness about CPCs’ true motives is one tactic for combatting CPCs. This could be done through advocating for policy that requires CPCs to clearly, explicitly state that they will not refer for abortions on their website or on the outside of physical centers. Another, likely quicker, way to mitigate confusion around CPCs is to create visible online content about CPCs so that when a person searches the internet for specific CPCs, websites pop up with information that reveals clinics’ motivations and realistically describes what kind of experience an individual may have if they choose to visit that clinic. For concerned individuals who wish to take immediate action, the website www.exposefakeclinics.com provides a helpful guide to writing Google Reviews and Yelp Reviews that will pop up when one searches for information about specific clinics.⁹⁶ Through these and other actions, it is possible to work together to ensure that pregnant individuals receive ethical and medically accurate care that gives them the power to make the best choice for themselves.

⁹³ See supra n.4 at 269-277, <https://doi.org/10.1001/journalofethics.2018.20.3.pfor1-1803>.

⁹⁴ Genevra Pittman, “Abortion Safer than Giving Birth: Study,” *Reuters*, January 23, 2012, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-abortion-idUSTRE80M2BS20120123>.

⁹⁵ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB775

⁹⁶ <https://www.exposefakeclinics.com/callandreview>.