

Kansas 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.**

Kansas is one of many states that funds AACs with taxpayer dollars. Equity Forward estimates that since 1995, states have allocated a combined total of **more than \$1.13 billion in tax dollars to AACs** through state-run Alternative to Abortion programs or via other funding streams. In several places, millions of federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars, which are meant to support families working to make ends meet, instead get diverted to AACs.

Period of Funding: **FY 2000 - Present**

Current Funding: **\$2,677,692**

Estimated Funding Over Time: **\$12,773,350**

[Equity Forward A2A + AAC State Funding Database, updated 2/20/25]

Funding Propaganda:

Anti-abortion centers require people to sit through propaganda before getting needed support.

AACs only provide a sliver of the financial and material goods parents truly need and, in order to get these scant supplies, people must sit through biased counseling.

One AAC, Family Life Services of Southern Kansas, was granted nearly \$30,000 in tax dollars through Kansas' "Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative" A2A for FY 2023. Family Life Services operates an Earn While You Learn program, which awards "mommy money" to people based on how many stigmatizing, faith-based modules and courses they sit through to receive basic parenting essentials, such as diapers.

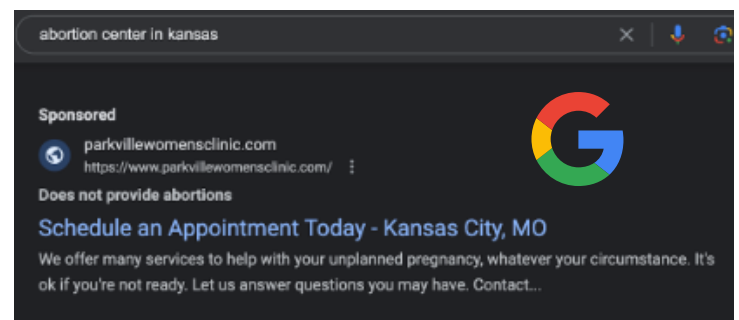
[Public Records, obtained by Equity Forward, 2/6/23]
[Family Life Services of Southern Kansas, accessed 3/6/25]

Supporting Deceptive Practices:

Anti-abortion centers engage in deception to delay or deter pregnant people from getting abortion care.

When people look for abortion care online, anti-abortion center ads often find them. Millions of dollars go to aggressive deceptive anti-abortion ads, often using taxpayer dollars.

A Google search for "abortion center in Kansas" results in a listing for an AAC, deceptively named "Parkville Women's Clinic."



[Google Search for "abortion center in Kansas," performed 6/9/23]

Lack of Oversight:

Anti-abortion centers face next to no oversight when it comes to medical privacy.

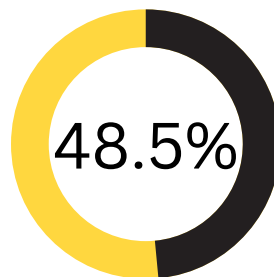
Many AACs collect people's information including STIs, past pregnancies, and number of partners. Since most AACs are not health care centers and therefore, not bound by medical privacy laws, there is real concern about how this information may be used against people, especially as states pass more laws criminalizing abortion care.

Anti-Abortion Centers Do Not Address The Maternal Care Crisis:

Anti-abortion centers don't contribute to ameliorating health inequities.

Nationwide, Kansas has the 22nd highest maternal mortality rate and the 25th highest infant mortality rate.

48.5% of Kansas counties are considered maternity care deserts.



[Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 2/21/25]
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accessed 2/21/25]
[Deloitte, accessed 2/21/25]

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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Kansas Organizations To Support

Take action by supporting these organizations that ensure comprehensive reproductive health care access or work to hold anti-abortion centers accountable.

- [Kansas Abortion Fund](#)
- [Kansas for Constitutional Freedom \(KCF\)](#)