

North Dakota 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, but, instead, serve as a barrier to parental support and legitimate health care, including abortion access.**

North Dakota 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. **North Dakota** has historically used TANF block grants to fund AACs.

Period of Funding: **FY 2006 - Present**

Current Funding: **\$1,000,000**
Total for the 2023-2025 Fiscal Biennium

Estimated Funding Over Time: **\$6,200,000**
[Equity Forward A2A + AAC State Funding Database, updated 2/20/25]

Supporting Deceptive Practices:

Anti-abortion centers exist in order to delay or deter pregnant people from getting abortion care.

The website of Dakota Hope Clinic in Minot, ND, an AAC that receives tax dollars, is just one example of how AACs uses language to appear that they provide abortion services when they do not.

WHAT IS ABORTION?

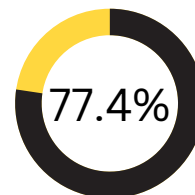
Abortion is a medical or surgical procedure that deliberately terminates a human pregnancy. There are several types of abortion procedures that are available, which have limitations depending on how far along you are in your pregnancy. We can talk with you about all your available options so you can make the best-informed decision for you. We're here for you just text [978.705.3421](tel:978.705.3421) or [make an appointment](#) today.

[Dakota Hope Clinic, "Abortion" accessed 3/6/25]

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

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

North Dakota's national ranking of maternal mortality rates is not reported, and has the 43rd-highest infant mortality rate.



Of all North Dakota counties, 77.36% are considered maternity care deserts.

[Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed 2/24/25]
[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accessed 2/24/25]
[Deloitte, accessed 2/24/25]

Funneling Dollars Away From Care:

Anti-abortion centers use tax dollars for marketing instead of support.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars are supposed to give direct assistance to families working to make ends meet. North Dakota's A2A program gave an AAC \$100,000 in TANF funds solely for marketing.



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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North Dakota Organizations To Support

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

- [Prairie Abortion Fund](#)