

Ohio Anti-Abortion Center Funding

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.**

Ohio 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. **Ohio** has historically used TANF block grants to fund AACs.

Period of Funding: **FY 2014 - Present**

Current Funding: **\$7,000,000**

FY 2025 of the 2023-2025 Fiscal Biennium

Estimated Funding Over Time: **\$35,933,737.27**

[Equity Forward A2A + AAC State Funding Database, updated 3/13/25]

Diverting Support Away From Families:

Anti-abortion centers get tax dollars that should go directly to people.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) dollars are supposed to give direct assistance to families working to make ends meet. Ohio instead gave \$3 Million in TANF funds to AACs.



Supporting Deceptive Practices:

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

There are 124 AACs in Ohio, outnumbering the 11 clinics providing in-person abortion care in the state.

[Crisis Pregnancy Center Map, accessed 3/5/25]
[AbortionFinder.org, accessed 3/5/25]

Funding Propaganda:

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

In Ohio, records show that during 2022-23 an AAC that got federal and state funds spent:

98% on salaries, marketing, and overhead and only 2% on participant education and supplies

Elizabeth's New Life Center
Program Budget
SFY 2023
July 2022 through June 2023

Program Budget Items	Totals
Personnel	\$609,301.00
Fringe Benefits	\$121,861.00
Staff Mileage/Other Travel	\$ 7,200.00
Office Supplies	\$ 9,800.00
Marketing and Media Activities	\$38,695.00
Contracted Services	\$0
Participant Education	\$ 4,635.00
Participant Support (material items, incentives, etc)	\$ 7,643.00
*Equipment (shall not exceed 5% of the budget)	\$10,593.00
Other: Cell Phone charges	\$ 2,400.00
Other: Occupancy expenses	\$120,400.00
Total Program Costs:	\$932,528.00
**Indirect Costs (shall not exceed 10% of direct costs):	\$93,253.00
TOTAL:	\$1,025,781.00

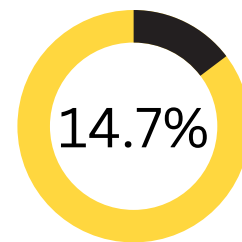
[Public Records, obtained by Equity Forward, 3/30/23]

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

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

Nationwide, Ohio has the 17th-highest maternal mortality rate and the eighth-highest infant mortality rate.

Of all Ohio counties, 14.77% 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]

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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Ohio Organizations To Support

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

- [Abortion Fund of Ohio](#)
- [Abortion Forward](#)