

Oklahoma 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.**

Oklahoma 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 2007 - Present**

Current Funding: **\$18,000,000**

Estimated Funding Over Time: **\$28,358,935**

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

Funneling Dollars Away From Care:

Anti-abortion centers funnel money away from programs that families need.

States are investing in anti-abortion propaganda when money could be going to programs that address the multiple crises in our communities.

Anti-abortion centers are often poor stewards of money. An examination of the Oklahoma program shows a failure to provide the services it claimed it would.

Instead of funding programs that spend more on propaganda than support, reallocating funds to programs that directly support low-income families could be more impactful.



Lack of Oversight:

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

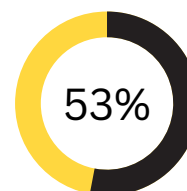
Many AACs collect people's information including STIs, past pregnancies, and number of partners. As most AACs are not health care providers and therefore, not bound by medical privacy laws, there is real concern about how this information may be used against people.

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

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

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Nationwide, Oklahoma has the 11th-highest maternal mortality rate and the 10th-highest infant mortality rate.



Of all Oklahoma counties, 53.2% 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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Oklahoma Organizations To Support

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

[Oklahoma Call for Reproductive Justice](#)

[Roe Fund of OKRCRC](#)

[Oklahoma NOW](#)