

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.

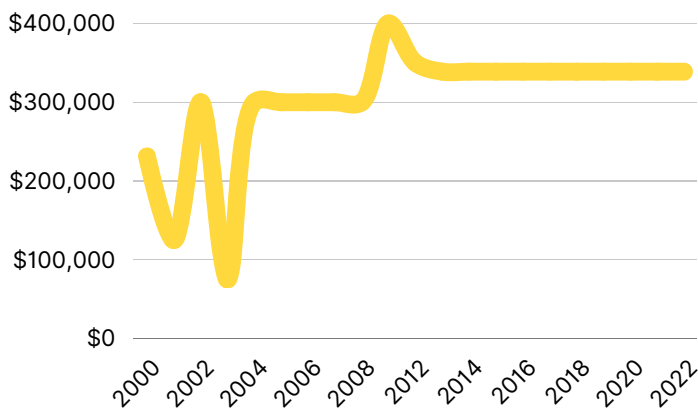
Anti-abortion centers (AACs) do not support pregnant people and families. Instead, they serve as a barrier to parental support and legitimate health care, including abortion access.

Kansas is one of at least 18 states that fund AACs with taxpayer dollars; more than \$89 million dollars were allocated toward AACs in 2022 alone. In at least seven of these states, millions of federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds, which are meant to support families working to make ends meet, instead get diverted to AACs.

State Funding Began: 1999

Current Funding: \$338,846

Funding Over Time:



[The Governor's Budget Report(s)]

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 Kansas AAC, Family Life Services of Southern Kansas, was given nearly \$30,000 in tax dollars to implement a "mommy money" program, which are awarded based on how many mandated, faith-based counseling sessions and courses people have endured.

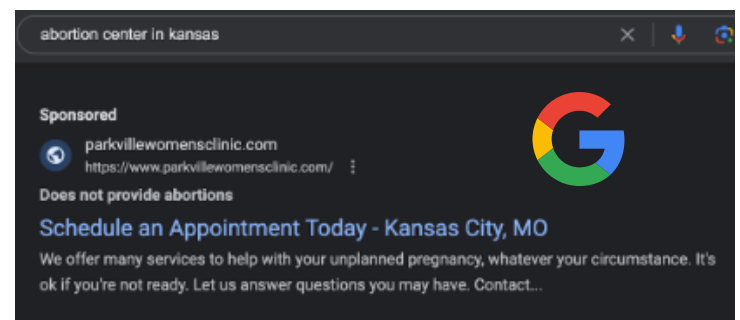
[Family Life Services of Southern Kansas, Accessed 6/9/23]

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.

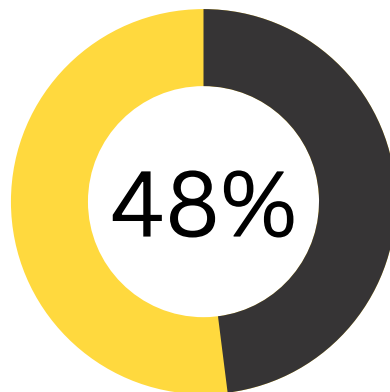
Funneling Dollars Away from Care:

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.

In Kansas, 48.6% of counties are maternity care deserts. For Kansas' 2016-2018 data, non-white minority women were nearly two times as likely to die within a year of pregnancy as non-Hispanic white women.

[March of Dimes, Peristats]
[Kansas Maternal Morbidity Mortality Report_Dec-2020]



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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