

Ohio 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.

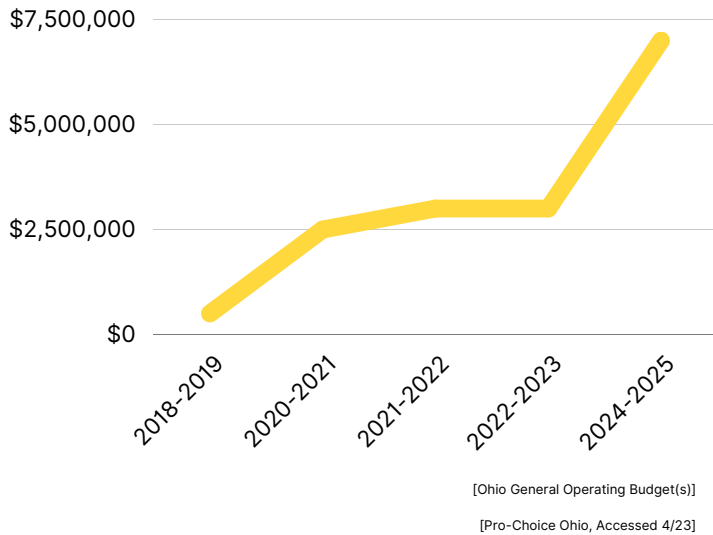
Anti-abortion centers (AACs) do not support pregnant people and families. Instead, they serve as a barrier to parental support and legitimate health care, including abortion access.

Ohio is one of at least 17 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. Ohio has historically used TANF block grants for its Alternatives to Abortion (A2A) program.

State Funding Began: 2013

Current Funding: \$6,000,000

Funding Over Time:



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 6/23]

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.

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There are over 120 AACs in Ohio alone, outnumbering the 9 clinics providing actual abortion care. That's 18:1.

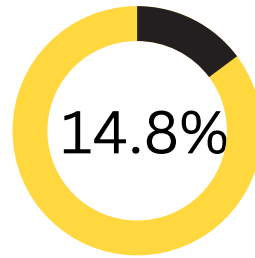
[Crisis Pregnancy Center Map, Accessed 4/23]

Funneling Dollars Away From Care:

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

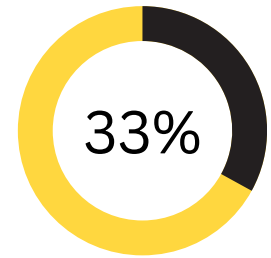
States are investing in anti-abortion propaganda when money could be going to programs that address the multiple crises in our communities.

In Ohio, Black women are two and a half times more likely to die from a cause related to pregnancy than white women. These disparities begin during pregnancy and continue through the first year after delivery.



14.8% of Ohio counties are maternity care deserts and 33.0% of counties have only low or moderate access.

[March of Dimes, Peristats]
[Ohio Department of Health, Accessed 4/23]



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 HB 33 — 135th General Assembly Main Operating Budget Bill (FY 2024-FY 2025)

HB 33 will allocate \$7,000,000 for 2024 and \$7,000,000 for 2025 of general funds toward AACs.