

# Texas 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.

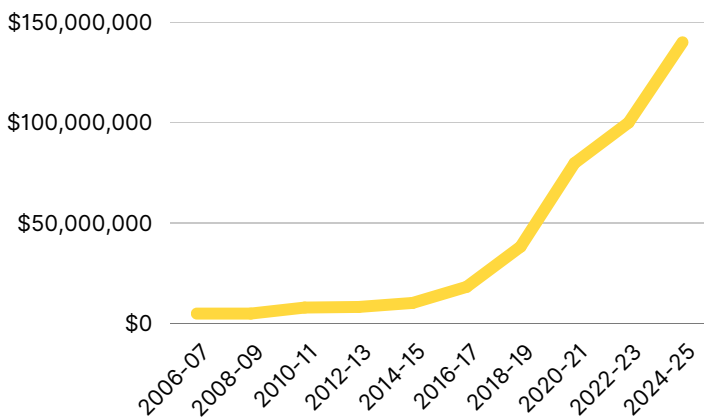
**Anti-abortion centers (AACs) do not support pregnant people and families. Instead, they serve as a barrier to parental support and legitimate health care, including abortion access.**

Texas 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. Texas has historically used TANF block grants for its Alternatives to Abortion (A2A) program.

State Funding Began: **2006**

Current Funding: **\$140,000,000**

Funding Over Time:



[Texas Health and Human Services A2A Report for FY 2022, 12/16/22]

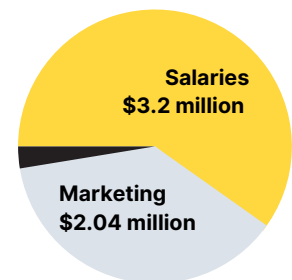
[Texas' HB1 (88th Leg.) General Appropriations Act, 2024-25]

Funding Propaganda:

**Anti-abortion centers often spend more on overhead and propaganda than they do on support.**

In FY 2023, Texas AAC contractor, Human Coalition's budget allocated more than \$5 million to salaries and marketing but only a sliver to diapers, formula, and other material goods.

Direct Client Support  
\$140,000



[Public Records, Obtained by Equity Forward, 2/17/23]

Failing To Meet Maternity Care Needs:

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

AACs don't contribute to ameliorating health inequities. States are investing in anti-abortion propaganda when money could be going to programs that address the multiple crises in our communities.

Texas has a higher prevalence of maternity care desert counties (49.2%) compared to the national average (35.6%). 22.8% of Texas counties have low or moderate, not full, access to maternity care.

**49%**

of TX counties  
are maternity  
care deserts

[March of Dimes PeriStats, accessed 4/21/23; March of Dimes, 2022]

Supporting Deceptive Practices:

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

AACs that receive state funds, such as Houston Pregnancy Help Center, promote "abortion pill reversal," an unsafe treatment not supported by medical evidence.



[Free Pregnancy Test, accessed 4/21/23]

## 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 for 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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