

12 LIES ABOUT PREGNANCY CENTERS ... and What Is Really True



Pregnancy centers have recently come under attack from pro-abortion Colorado groups. Nearly all of what they assert is misinformation and lies about pregnancy centers like ours. Listed below are 12 of the falsehoods being spread, followed by what is true about Life Network's Colorado Springs Pregnancy Centers – and hundreds of other pregnancy centers nationwide which exist to empower and equip women with alternatives to abortion.

KNOW THE TRUTH ...

LIE #1. Pregnancy centers do not have the capacity and resources to help women and their babies.

TRUTH: Not only do we have the capacity to help women and their babies, but we also have *greater* capacity than local abortion providers. In the last six years, the number of clients we've served has doubled. Last year, 1,859 clients received professional, compassionate care at our three centers – and we provided a record 994 ultrasounds. We provide parenting mentors and classes for hundreds of women and men annually. With your help, we are committed to being there for all women and men facing unexpected pregnancies in El Paso County.

LIE #2. Pregnancy centers are not medical facilities nor do they have medical staff onsite.

TRUTH: We currently have eight staff Registered Nurses and 20 credentialed medical professionals who serve with us. All of our medical services are overseen by our medical director, an OBGYN who has delivered more than 6,000 babies in our community. Nationally, over 60% of Care Net affiliates (including Life Network's three centers) offer medical services staffed by licensed medical personnel. We abide by the regulations and guidelines imposed on other medical facilities. Our centers strictly adhere to HIPAA guidelines and other standard medical protocols.



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Medical Professionals
Who Serve With Us



994

Ultrasounds Given
Last Year



1,859

Clients Received
Care Last Year



97%

of Our Patients Provide
Positive Feedback

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... and What Is Really True (continued)

LIE #3: Services provided at pregnancy centers are poor-quality or fake.

TRUTH: We are recognized as a reproductive health care provider by the federal government and are protected under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (or FACE) Act. We are recognized as a reproductive health care facility in the eyes of the DOJ the same way an abortion clinic is. Our medical team administers medical grade pregnancy tests provided by a national medical and pharmaceutical supply company. Our ultrasound machines employ state-of-the-art technology and our ultrasound technicians are professionally trained by Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographers who are certified in Obstetrics. Recently a liberal academic journal, *Contraception* published an analytically rigorous study showing that pregnancy centers offer better and less costly pregnancy services than abortion facilities.

LIE #4: Pregnancy centers do not provide prenatal or postnatal care.

TRUTH: Our centers offer prenatal testing, STD testing, classes such as early pregnancy care, childbirth and breastfeeding support, and one-on-one emotional support through classes on postpartum depression. In March 2023 we are expanding our early pregnancy care services to offer initial prenatal exams which will include full panel STD testing, prenatal labs, pap tests and breast exams. These additional services are offered particularly for low-income or other marginalized individuals who cannot obtain prenatal care elsewhere.

LIE #5: Pregnancy centers are collecting HIPAA data sensitive and there is concern about how they will use that data going forward.

TRUTH: We have Sen. Elizabeth Warren to thank for this fiction. As stated previously, we abide by the guidelines imposed on other medical facilities and we comply with all HIPAA protocols. Here is our patient commitment we follow: "Your visit is confidential. Because your privacy is our top priority, we follow HIPAA national standards for privacy and will never disclose your visit without your permission."

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[They are] very professional, follow all guidelines of HIPPA, show that they care and provide all the resources needed for before and after. And even then they still support you, not to mention they have assistance to help. They try their best to go above and beyond.
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Google Review from 2022

LIE #6: Pregnancy centers pressure or intimidate women to keep their pregnancies.

TRUTH: Our policies and procedures dictate that we respect patient autonomy and share the *truth* about all options available to a woman when she is pregnant: abortion, making an adoption plan and parenting.



They don't try and push their beliefs on what you should do and they give you every option in the book for you. They don't perform any abortion procedures but they give you the information that you need ... And if you choose to have the baby they help out in so many ways that it blows my mind.

Google Review from 2020

LIE #7: Pro-abortion groups claim (but are unwilling to substantiate) that the majority of the women who went to pregnancy resource centers felt shame and were deceived by their advertising into visiting.

TRUTH: We do surveys after each appointment which show that over 97% of the patients we served provided positive feedback. Our three centers now have combined nearly 500 overwhelmingly positive Google reviews with center ratings of 4.9, 4.7 and 4.6. They would be higher still but for a few fake reviews from abortion supporters. Our clients testify that we are the furthest thing from shaming.



LIE #8: Pregnancy centers promote the "abortion pill reversal," a supposed treatment to stop the effects of a medical abortion which is a dangerous and unproven procedure.

TRUTH: Those of you who attended our Life Network Gala in October or have seen this powerful [patient testimonials](#), know first-hand Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) *does* work. Since last November we have administered the APR process to seven patients, with six of those babies being saved. National data from Heartbeat International indicates that APR is successful 64-68% of the time. So-called research used to show the dangers of abortion-pill reversal is faulty and misleading. For example, one study suggested that the treatment was dangerous because it induced heavy bleeding among some of the women. But another [study](#) challenged this assumption, pointing out that the women who experienced bleeding did not even receive the abortion pill reversal treatment. Another [case study](#) shows the efficacy of the treatment: 4 out of 6 participants in the case study went on to have a successful pregnancy after the reversal.

LIE #9: Pregnancy centers are not reporting STD/STI results to the health authorities and they aren't giving treatment to the infected patient.

TRUTH: We are certified and registered federally to do lab work through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. All STD testing is done in accordance with Colorado Public Health Department and Environment (CPHDE), and Colorado state law. Any positive test findings are reported to state as required by law, which then gets reported to the El Paso County Department. We offer treatment for chlamydia and gonorrhea, and any untreated patients are reported back to state health department as law requires. In short, we are following all guidelines set forth by the state.

LIE #10: They do not recognize modern family structures and therefore discriminate against providing treatment for single parent and LGBTQ parent homes.

LIE #11: Pregnancy centers only care about saving babies and do not provide ongoing support to help vulnerable mothers.

LIE #12: The majority of money given to pregnancy centers is going to salaries and overhead and not the material needs of the clients.

TRUTH: Provided it is a safe, healthy situation, we encourage female patients to include the father of the baby in her initial visits, so that both the woman and baby have that support. If the father is not involved, we serve and support that single mom during and after her pregnancy with a wide array of support, services and referrals for nearly three years until the child is two. We provide one-on-one parent mentoring – and beyond that, onsite professional counseling as needed. We provide pregnancy care to anyone. We do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, race, religion or disability. We provide pregnancy care to anyone, including LGBTQ patients. We would never isolate single parents; in fact, one of the assistant directors in our Motherhood program is a single mom herself.

TRUTH: Last year we provided 2,086 one-on-one parenting appointments, plus ongoing classes to equip parents with training and material resources until the baby turns two. We connect our moms – and their partners if they choose to be present – with community resources such as food and financial support. We provide cribs, car seats, clothing, diapers, wipes and other baby supplies. We also offer onsite professional counseling for clients who need support beyond their parenting coach.

TRUTH: Our most recent independent audit shows 79.9% of our funding goes directly to programs that benefit the women, men and the families we exist to serve.



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