

AVOID Anti-Abortion Centers

What You Need to Know

Anti-abortion centers, often called “crisis pregnancy centers,” may purposefully try to look like medical clinics, but **do NOT offer comprehensive care.**

Anti-abortion centers can put your health at risk

- ✓ They may use **deceptive advertising** to look like they provide abortion services or referrals.
- ✓ Some anti-abortion centers offer free resources like pregnancy tests or ultrasounds, but then they may try to **delay your care** or **mislead** you about how far along your pregnancy is.
- ✓ Many have **untrained staff and volunteers** who are not licensed medical professionals or trained to read results of ultrasounds.
- ✓ They often provide **misinformation** about abortion to prevent you from making an informed choice.

There are more than 30 anti-abortion centers in Massachusetts.

Even if you're not looking for an abortion, these centers are not a safe or trusted place to go for reproductive health care.



Looking for abortion care? Want to learn about your options if you're pregnant?



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How to spot an Anti-Abortion Center

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Warning signs online

- The center name includes words like hope, options, or choice/choices.
- They use terms like pregnancy resource center, pregnancy help center, pregnancy care center, or women’s resource center.
- There are negative online reviews from previous patients that warn about the facility.
- They advertise free pregnancy tests or services like abortion counseling, pre-abortion screenings, and abortion education, but don’t say that they provide abortion services or referrals.
- They have information on their website or say they offer “abortion pill reversal.”



Warning signs when you call or visit

- When you call to ask about abortion care, they say they require you to come into the center before they can give an answer about the services they offer.
- When you call to ask for an appointment, they tell you that you can schedule one later, or they try to delay an already scheduled appointment.
- The facility waiting room has pictures of babies and children.
- They try to pressure you into continuing a pregnancy, for example, by providing a small plastic fetus, images of aborted fetuses, or baby clothes.

Learn more, including how to file a complaint if you’ve been harmed by an anti-abortion center, at [mass.gov/GetTrustedCare](https://www.mass.gov/GetTrustedCare)

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to file a
complaint