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?

Get care you can TRUST

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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

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